

the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. The BLM Report, however, did not evaluate and respond to these public comments. Rather, it dismissed the concerns of these entities with a single line in a section entitled "Other Submissions" stating:

Likewise, the BLM received comments from some entities opposing any change in management or protections in the NPR–A, largely on procedural grounds.

This response does not comply with the requirement in 43 CFR 2361.30(b)(3) to "evaluate and respond to" public input on changes or additions to special areas. Not giving due consideration to opposing viewpoints calls into question the BLM's determinations in the BLM Report and the Interim Measures Guidance put in place to implement those determinations. This deficiency alone compels the BLM to rescind those documents.

Second, the policies contained in those documents conflict with the President's and the Department's national energy strategy that is articulated through E.O. 14153, "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential;" E.O. 14154, "Unleashing American Energy;" E.O. 14156, "Declaring a National Energy Emergency;" Secretary's Order 3417, "Addressing the National Energy Emergency;" Secretary's Order 3418, "Unleashing American Energy;" and Secretary's Order 3422, "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential." Consistent with the direction from the President and the Secretary, the BLM's policy is to efficiently and effectively maximize the development and production of the natural resources located on Federal lands within Alaska, consistent with the statutory requirements of the NPRPA to ensure protection of surface resource values, including "the maximum protection of such surface values to the extent consistent with the requirements of this Act for the exploration of the reserve." 42 U.S.C. 6504(a). The implementation of the BLM Report and Interim Measures Guidance would frustrate those purposes and would likely hinder the expeditious development of an oil and gas program in the Reserve as envisioned by the NPRPA. Additionally, the Interim Measures Guidance identified to protect subsistence as a significant resource value do not provide any substantive protection for subsistence use as a significant resource value and are unnecessary to effectively manage surface resources in the NPR–A.

Third, as noted above, E.O. 14153, "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential," (90 FR 8347)

directs the BLM to rescind the Bureau's guidance on the protection of subsistence resource values in the existing special areas and proposed new and modified special areas in the NPR–A that was issued on January 16, 2025.

For the reasons articulated above, the BLM is rescinding the BLM Report as well as the Interim Measures Guidance. This action is a rescission of an internal policy that was not subject to a notice and comment and does not constitute rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act. The BLM will continue to engage the public during project-specific National Environmental Policy Act processes and resource management planning to ensure that its decisions implement the dual mandate of the NPRPA including maximum protection of significant resource values in special areas. This change does not affect statutory obligations to conduct ANILCA sec. 810 analyses or to engage with Tribal governments and subsistence users as part of the land use planning and permitting process.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*

Kevin J. Pendergast,
State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: The University of Tennessee, Department of Anthropology, Knoxville, TN

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of Anthropology (UTK), has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after August 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Dr. Ellen Lofaro, University of Tennessee, Office of

Repatriation, 5723 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37996, email nagpra@utk.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of UTK, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. This individual was recovered from an unknown site in Osage County, Kansas, by an unknown person on an unknown date. Based on a past pattern of practice, it is likely that William Bass brought these human remains with him from the University of Kansas when he began working at UTK in 1971. To our knowledge, no potentially hazardous substances have been used to treat any of the Ancestral remains.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location of the human remains described in this notice.

Determinations

UTK has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and The Osage Nation.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
 2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.
- Repatriation of the human remains described in this notice to a requestor

may occur on or after August 29, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, UTK must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. UTK are responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: July 15, 2025.

Mariah Soriano,

Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Intended Repatriation: University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of California, Berkeley intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after August 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Alexandra Lucas, University of California, Berkeley, 200 California Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720, email nagpra-ucb@berkeley.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the University of California, Berkeley, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The

National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Between 1954 and 1955, various individuals with the University of California Archaeological Survey removed 16 lots of objects of cultural patrimony from CA–RIV–56 in Riverside County, CA. The objects of cultural patrimony include pottery, worked stone, worked bone, projectile points, crystals, and faunal remains.

In 1881 S. B. Parrish removed one object of cultural patrimony from “Whitewater Ranch on edge of Colorado Desert, Riverside, Co.” The object was donated to the University of California Museum of Anthropology (today the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology) by S. B. Parrish and W. A. Setchall in 1937. The object of cultural patrimony is a steatite bowl.

A.E. Michelbacher, a professor of entomology at the University of California Berkeley, gifted two objects of cultural patrimony from Thousand Palms, Riverside County, CA to the University of California Museum of Anthropology in 1943. The objects of cultural patrimony are pottery.

Collections and collection spaces at the Phoebe A Hearst Museum of Anthropology were treated with substances for preservation and pest control, some potentially hazardous. No records have been found to date at the Museum to indicate whether or not chemicals or natural substances were used prior to 1960.

Determinations

The University of California, Berkeley has determined that:

- The 19 objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, California.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or

Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 29, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of California, Berkeley must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The University of California, Berkeley is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: July 16, 2025.

Mariah Soriano,

Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Dr. Nicole Klarmann, Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615–1099, email kshs.nagpra@ks.gov.