

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Intent to Consult under Section 8 of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act on an Object of Cultural Patrimony in the Possession of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC, and in the Control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC.**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.8, of the intent to consult on affiliation with an object of cultural patrimony in the possession of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC, and in the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

DATES: Information and comments must be submitted by October 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments to the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, attention: Kevin Kilcullen.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mr. Kevin Kilcullen, Service Archaeologist, at (703) 358-2029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The object in question is a headdress that is allegedly associated with the Apache Chief Geronimo and the Commanche Tribe of Oklahoma. The headdress was forfeited to the United States Government in November 2001 as part of a guilty plea agreement resulting from an attempt to sell it in violation of Sections 703 and 707(a) of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. After consulting with various parties, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania ruled that the forfeited object would be turned over to the Department of the Interior for care and disposition under the NAGPRA. The headdress is ornamented with golden eagle feathers and is now under the control of the Department and in the possession of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

An initial assessment of the object indicates that it was likely manufactured during the first decade of the 20th Century. Documentation submitted to the Court during the trial alleges that the headdress was manufactured for use in "The Last Pow-Wow," a gathering of tribal chiefs,

which occurred in 1907 in Collinsville, Indian Territory, which is now the State of Oklahoma. The Commanche Chief Quannah Parker purportedly offered the headdress to the Apache Chief Geronimo for use during the event. Other documentation submitted for the Court's consideration alleges that Chief Geronimo took possession of the headdress and subsequently gave it to his Government escort, Jack Moore, as an act of friendship. After Geronimo's death in 1909, Jack Moore allegedly gave the headdress to an acquaintance, whose family retained the object until an attempt was made to sell it illegally in 1999.

The Department of the Interior is attempting to repatriate this object of cultural patrimony to the appropriate tribe or individual using the process found in Subpart C, 43 CFR 10.8 of NAGPRA's regulations.

In order for the Department to fulfill its legal obligations, we are requesting information on the following issues to help in determining the proper affiliation for this object.

1. With regard to affiliation, we are seeking to discover:
 - a. The appropriate tribal affiliation with this headdress;
 - b. the nature of that relationship; and
 - c. how the relationship was determined.
2. Recommendations on how the consultation process should be conducted.
3. The name and address of and appropriate methods to contact Tribal officials to act as representatives during the consultation process.
4. The names of any lineal descendants of individuals who may have an interest or association with this object.
5. The names and appropriate methods to contact traditional religious leaders who should be consulted regarding this object.
6. A description of the kinds of objects of cultural patrimony that your tribe believes to have been made exclusively for ceremonial and other uses.

Interested parties should be aware that this notice is advisory and for the purpose of gathering information to help the Department reach a determination of affiliation. Contact for the purpose of consultation is not recognition of affiliation. We are, however, interested in the views of tribes, individuals, and other interested parties that might be helpful in determining proper affiliation of the object in question.

A letter and a copy of this notice have been sent to officials of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Apache Tribe of

Oklahoma, and Commanche Indian Tribe. A similar public notice requesting comments has been published in major newspapers in the State of Oklahoma.

Dated: July 23, 2002.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Technology Transfer Act of 1986**

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Cooperative Research & Development Agreement (CRADA) Negotiations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with David Chereb Group, Inc. to develop an analytical software tool available on a CD that takes "aggregates" data ("aggregates" refers to crushed stone, sand and gravel, and slag) and provides a means to analyze it in ways useful to the construction industry and governmental planners—including the production of leading economic indicators.

Inquiries: If any other parties are interested in similar activities, please contact Valentin Tepordei, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 983, Reston, VA 20192, phone: (703) 648-7728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is submitted to meet the USGS policy requirements stipulated in Survey Manual Chapter 500.20.

Dated: August 26, 2002.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Application Notice Describing the Areas of Interest and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Education Component of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (EDMAP) for Fiscal Year 2003**

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Applications are invited for research projects under the EDMAP.

This program is a component of the National Geologic Mapping Program, which is designed to produce information on areas of scientific, social, or economic welfare in the United States. Funding is to support masters and doctoral students during geologic field mapping. Cooperative agreement awards will be on an equal cost-sharing basis; matched with funds from non-Federal sources.

Applications may be submitted by colleges and universities with accredited masters and doctoral programs in Geoscience or related departments only.

ADDRESSES: The program announcement is expected to be available on or about August 26, 2002. You may obtain a copy of Announcement No. 03HQPA0004 from the USGS Acquisition and Grants Information Site at <http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/EDMAP/index.html> or by writing to Kimberly Dove, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Grants, Mail Stop 205G, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, or by fax (703) 648-7901.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications will be on or about November 13, 2002. The actual closing date will be specified in Announcement No. 03HQPA0004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Orndorf, Educational Component of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program, Geological Survey, Mail Stop 908, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. Telephone (703) 648-4316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for this program is contained in the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1999, Public Law 106-148. The Office of Management and Budget Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 15.810.

Dated: August 20, 2002.

Carol F. Aten,

Chief, Office of Administrative Policy and Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the

Bureau of Indian Affairs announces that the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will hold its next meeting in Choctaw, Mississippi. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the impact of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 on Indian children with disabilities.

DATES: The Board will meet Thursday, September 26, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, September 27, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 28, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Golden Moon Hotel and Casino at Pearl River Resort, Highway 16 West, Choctaw, Mississippi 39350, Telephone (601) 650-1234; Fax (601) 650-1350.

Written statements may be submitted to Mr. William A. Mehojah, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-3512, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 208-6123; Fax (202) 208-3312.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Sherry Allison, Education Specialist—Special Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, Center for School Improvement, P.O. Box 1088, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103; Telephone (505) 248-7529.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board was established to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on the needs of Indian children with disabilities, as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-17, June 4, 1997).

The agenda for this meeting will cover public comments, approval of minutes, new business: annual report, comprehensive system of personnel development, new organizational information, procedures for complaint investigations, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Reauthorization. Meetings are open to the public.

The next Board meeting will be held on or about January 7-9, 2003. Location, date and time may be obtained from the Center for School Improvement, telephone (505) 248-7529 or 7544; Fax (505) 248-7545.

Dated: August 23, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for oil and gas development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, in La Plata and Archuleta Counties, Colorado.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations and other applicable statutes, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Oil and Gas Development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, in La Plata and Archuleta Counties, Colorado. The BLM, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Southern Ute Tribe, has prepared the FEIS to provide Tribal leaders and agency decision makers with comprehensive environmental impact information on which to base oil and gas leasing and development decisions.

The BLM also involved the local community in the collaborative process through the scoping effort; outreach efforts in conjunction with the Tribal Energy and Natural Resources Departments; meetings with the San Juan Citizen's Alliance, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted for 30 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their notice of availability of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will notify all parties on this project's mailing list of the dates when comments will be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Please address questions, comments or requests for copies of the FEIS to the San Juan Public Lands Center, Attn: Walt Brown, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walt Brown at the above address, or phone: 970-247-4874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Programmatic DEIS analyzes the potential impacts of future oil and gas development on approximately 200,000 acres of Tribal land within a 421,000-acre Study Area. Individual authorizations with appropriate NEPA