

Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Seventh Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana regarding Class III gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation which was executed on April 7, 2000.

DATES: This action is effective upon date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: May 25, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Utah Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Utah Statewide Resource Advisory Council meeting will be held on June 21-22, 2000. On June 21, the Council will focus on recreation issues in northwestern Utah. The RAC will participate in a field tour of the west half of Box Elder County and the northwest corner of Tooele County. Other resources such as minerals, range condition, and fire rehabilitation may be addressed as time allows. They will be departing from the Bureau of Land Management's Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, at 8 a.m. and concluding the tour in Wendover, Nevada.

On June 22, the RAC will continue working on the draft guidelines for recreation management. This meeting will be held in the Silver Room of the Silver Smith Hotel, Wendover, NV, at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. with a public comment period scheduled from 3:30-4.

All meetings of the BLM's Resource Advisory Council are open to the public; however, transportation, meals, and overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participating public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Utah BLM State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-130-1020-XU; GPO-0245]

Notice of the Meeting of the Eastern Washington Advisory Council; June 22, 2000, in Spokane, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will be held on June 22, 2000. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m., at the Spokane District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212-1275. The meeting will adjourn upon conclusion of business, but no later than 4 p.m. Public comments will be heard from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. If necessary, to accommodate all wishing to make public comments, a time limit may be placed upon each speaker. At an appropriate time, the meeting will adjourn for approximately one hour for lunch. The Topic to be discussed is the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212; or call 509-536-1200.

Dated June 2, 2000.

Joseph K. Buesing,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Recommendations Regarding the Disposition of Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Human Remains

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish and maintain an advisory committee composed of seven private citizens nominated by Indian tribes, Native

Hawaiian organizations, and national museum organizations and scientific organizations [25 U.S.C. 3006]. One of the review committee's responsibilities is to make recommendations regarding specific actions for developing a process for the disposal of culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains in the possession or control of museums and Federal agencies [25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(5)]. After lengthy deliberations, the committee makes the following recommendations.

A. Intent of NAGPRA

1. The legislative intent of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) is stated by the title of the statute. Repatriation means the return of control over human remains and cultural items to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

2. Specifically, the statute required:

a. The disposition of all Native American human remains and cultural items excavated on or removed from Federal lands after November 16, 1990 [25 U.S.C. 3002 (d)(2)]. Disposition is based on linkages of lineal descent, tribal land, cultural affiliation, or aboriginal land.

b. The repatriation of culturally affiliated human remains and associated funerary objects in Federal agency and museum collections if requested by a culturally affiliated Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization [25 U.S.C. 3005]. Repatriation is based on linkages of lineal descent or cultural affiliation.

c. The development of regulations for the disposition of unclaimed human remains and objects [25 U.S.C. 3002 (3)(b)] and culturally unidentifiable human remains in Federal agency and museum collections [25 U.S.C. 3006].

3. Although the legal standing of funerary objects associated with culturally unidentifiable human remains is not addressed in NAGPRA, the statute does not prohibit their voluntary repatriation by museums or Federal agencies to the extent allowed by Federal law.

4. The statute acknowledges the legitimate need to return control over ancestral remains and funerary objects to Native people, and the legitimate public interest in the educational, historical, and scientific information conveyed by those remains and objects [25 U.S.C. 3002 (3)(b) and 3006 (8)(b)].

5. While the statute does not always specify repatriation, it is implicit that the process be guided by the rights and needs of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

B. Culturally Unidentifiable Human Remains