

Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), History Colorado 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 28, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Chance Ward, NAGPRA Collections Specialist, History Colorado, 1200 N Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, email [chance.ward@state.co.us](mailto:chance.ward@state.co.us).

**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 History Colorado, 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, five individuals have been identified. The one associated funerary object is a string of beads.

*OAHF case 349:* From Jefferson County. One ancestor. No funerary objects. A private citizen said their grandparent collected Native American art and this ancestor was in a private collection that was purchased years ago. No other information is known.

*OAHF case 356:* From Logan County. One ancestor and one associated funerary object. The associated funerary object is a string of beads. A private citizen said their parent collected the remains decades ago from a site in Logan County. No other information is known.

*OAHF case 359:* From Pueblo County. Two ancestors. No funerary objects. Reported as a burial exposed on a hillside due to erosion. No other information is known.

*OAHF case 367:* From Boulder County. One ancestor. No funerary objects. A rancher was prepping his agricultural field and exposed ancestral human remains. No other information is known.

#### Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the

geographical location and/or acquisition history of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice.

#### Determinations

The History Colorado has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of five individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The one object described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects 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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 28, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, History Colorado must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. History Colorado is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

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

Dated: July 9, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Archaeology, Nashville, TN

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC-DOA) has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects from Bedford, Coffee, Grundy, and Moore Counties, Tennessee 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 28, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Phillip R. Hodge, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC-DOA), 1216 Foster Avenue, Cole Building #3, Nashville, TN 37243, email [Phil.Hodge@tn.gov](mailto:Phil.Hodge@tn.gov).

**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 TDEC-DOA, 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, four individuals have been identified. The associated funerary objects are three unsorted lots of marine shell, lithics, and ceramics.

*Site 40BD48, Bedford County, TN*

Human remains representing, at least, one adult individual. No information is available regarding the collection or donation of these materials. There is no

known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

*Site 40CF277, Coffee County, TN*

Human remains representing, at least, one individual. No information is available regarding the collection or donation of these materials. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

*Unknown Site, Grundy County, TN*

Human remains representing, at least, one individual. No information is available regarding the collection or donation of these materials. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

*Site 40ME10, Moore County, TN*

Human remains representing, at least, one individual, and three associated funerary objects consisting of three unsorted lots of marine shell, lithics, and ceramics. These remains were donated to the TDEC–DOA in 2022 by archaeology faculty from Sewanee, The University of the South. No further information is available regarding the origin of these remains or circumstances of their collection. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

### Cultural Affiliation

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

### Determinations

The TDEC–DOA has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of four individuals of Native American ancestry.

- The three objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.

- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Cherokee Nation; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Shawnee Tribe; The Chickasaw Nation; The Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town; and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary

objects 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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 28, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the TDEC–DOA must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The TDEC–DOA is 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 9, 2025.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

**[N6355; NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0040611; PPWOCRADNO–PCU00RP14.R50000]**

### Notice of Inventory Completion: University of California, Merced, Merced, 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, Merced (UC Merced) 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 28, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Robin Maria DeLugan, University of California, 5200 Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343, email [rdelugan@ucmerced.edu](mailto:rdelugan@ucmerced.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 UC Merced 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 two individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The crania of an adult and a youth, likely Native American per observation by two UC Merced biological anthropologists, were found in a house off Hwy. 49, Oakhurst, CA, when the deceased owner's home was cleared out. The human remains were brought to a UC Merced professor of archaeology sometime after 2010. Only after the professor's retirement did campus become aware of these human remains. They are in the wooden crate and in the same condition as found in the house. The person who brought the crania to campus told us that the homeowner had found the crania on his property. There are no funerary or other associated objects. They continue to be held in a safe and secure location on campus.

Based on geographical location and information provided during consultation, the human remains are affiliated to Miwok, Mono, and Yokut Tribes. The following federally recognized Miwok, Mono, and Yokut Tribes have an interest in Madera County, CA: Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians, California Valley Miwok Tribe, Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians, Tule River Indian Tribe, and Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians.

### Cultural Affiliation

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

### Determinations

The UC Merced has determined that: