

that this site is within the geographic range of Kumeyaay people during this period. During consultation with the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee, authorized representatives of the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Reservation, the Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, the Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation, the Cuyapaipe Community of Degueno Mission Indians of the Cuyapaipe Reservation, the Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation, the La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Reservation, the Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Manzanita Reservation, the Jamul Indian Village, the Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation, the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Santa Ysabel Reservation, and the Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, these cultural items were identified as Kumeyaay sacred objects which are necessary to Kumeyaay traditional religious leaders for the practice of Native American religion by present-day adherents.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the San Diego Archaeological Center have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(3), these 41 cultural items are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. Officials of the San Diego Archaeological Center have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these items and the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Reservation, the Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, the Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation, the Cuyapaipe Community of Degueno Mission Indians of the Cuyapaipe Reservation, the Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation, the La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Reservation, the Manzanita

Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Manzanita Reservation, the Jamul Indian Village, the Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation, the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Santa Ysabel Reservation, and the Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee, the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Reservation, the Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, the Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation, the Cuyapaipe Community of Degueno Mission Indians of the Cuyapaipe Reservation, the Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation, the La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Reservation, the Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Manzanita Reservation, the Jamul Indian Village, the Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation, the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Santa Ysabel Reservation, and the Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Yvonne Lever, San Diego Archaeological Center, 334 Eleventh Ave., San Diego, CA 92101; telephone: (619) 239-1868 before May 1, 2000. Repatriation of these objects to the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Reservation, the Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, the Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation, the Cuyapaipe Community of Degueno Mission Indians of the Cuyapaipe Reservation, the Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation, the La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Reservation, the Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Manzanita Reservation, the Jamul Indian Village, the Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation, the San Pasqual

Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Santa Ysabel Reservation, and the Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item from the Kachemak Bay Region, AK in the Possession of the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate a cultural item from the Prince William Sound and Kachemak Bay Regions, AK in the possession of the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK which meets the definition of "unassociated funerary object" under Section 2 of the Act.

The one cultural item consists of worked bone.

In 1931, this cultural item was recovered near a burial on Cottonwood Creek, AK during excavations conducted by Frederica de Laguna of the University of Pennsylvania Museum. In 1953, this cultural item was sent to the University of Alaska Museum from the University of Pennsylvania Museum as part of an exchange collection. The human remains recovered with this cultural item have previously been repatriated from the University of Pennsylvania.

Based on material culture, the Cotton Wood Creek site has been identified as Kachemak Bay period (c. 1500 A.D.) Chugach occupations.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the University of Alaska Museum have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2)(ii), this one cultural item is reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of an Native American individual.

Officials of the University of Alaska Museum have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between this item and the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Chugach Alaska Corporation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object should contact Gary Selinger, Special Projects Manager, University of Alaska Museum, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1200; telephone: (907) 474-6117, fax: (907) 474-5469 before May 1, 2000. Repatriation of this object to the Chugach Alaska Corporation may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items From the Kachemak Bay Region, AK in the Control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and in Possession of the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items from the Kachemak Bay Region, Alaska in the control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and in possession of the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK which meet the definition of "unassociated funerary object" under Section 2 of the Act.

The two cultural items consist of a bone wedge and pumice.

In 1931, these two cultural items were recovered with a burial at the Fox Farm Site, Yukon Island, AK during excavations conducted under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania Museum by Frederica de Laguna. The human remains recovered with these cultural items have previously been repatriated from the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

The two cultural items consist of a bone eye and a slate point.

In 1932, these two cultural items were recovered with a burial on Yukon Island, Alaska during excavations conducted under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania Museum by Frederica de Laguna. The human remains recovered with these cultural items have previously been repatriated from the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

In 1953, the four cultural items mentioned above were sent to the University of Alaska Museum from the University of Pennsylvania Museum as part of an exchange collection.

Based on material culture and oral history, the sites listed above have been identified as Kachemak Bay period occupations (c. 1500 AD).

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2)(ii), these four cultural items are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual. Officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these items and the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Chugach Alaska Corporation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Deb Corbett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone: (907) 786-3399, fax: (907) 786-3635 before May 1, 2000. Repatriation of these objects to the Chugach Alaska Corporation may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Keechelus Dam Safety of Dams Modification, Yakima Project, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on structural and nonstructural alternatives to correct safety deficiencies at Keechelus Dam in the State of Washington. In June 1998, Reclamation's Safety of Dams (SOD) Program identified safety deficiencies from void sites and dam embankment deterioration which could lead to embankment failure. The SOD Program indicated that there is a need to correct dam safety deficiencies at Keechelus Dam to protect property and the lives of people living downstream of the dam.

DATES: Scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

- North Bend, Washington: April 18, 2000, Open House 6 to 7 p.m.; Meeting 7 to 9 p.m.
- Ellensburg, Washington: April 19, 2000, Open House 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Meeting 1 to 3 p.m. and Open House 6 to 7 p.m.; Meeting 7 to 9 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted through April 24, 2000, for inclusion in the scoping summary document. Requests for sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should be submitted to Dave Kaumheimer, as indicated below by April 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests to be added to the mailing list may be submitted to Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Columbia Area Office, Attention: Dave Kaumheimer, Environmental Programs Manager, PO Box 1749, Yakima, Washington 98907-1749.

The scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

- North Bend—North Bend (U.S. Forest Service) Ranger Station, 42404 SE North Bend Way, North Bend, Washington.

- Ellensburg—Ellensburg Inn, 1700 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, Washington.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which