



# Historical Happenings

*Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

*January*

## WONDERFUL THINGS

### What's New at HQ?

The Refuge System Historic Preservation Award is now open for nominations. The award will focus on field station staff and program staff who have gone above and beyond to promote, protect, and use cultural resources. Everyday staff is challenged to not only consider these resources, but to protect and use them to help enhance the agency.

Nominations will be accepted through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017!!

Nomination information can be found [here](#). For questions, contact Eugene Marino at 703-358-2173 or [eugene\\_marino@fws.gov](mailto:eugene_marino@fws.gov)

### Around the Regions....

#### Region 5

RESTON, VA — Radcliffe Bailey, a nationally recognized mixed-media artist from Atlanta who is known for his collages and sculptures focused on African-American history, will be showcasing his work right here in Reston this spring with a new exhibition.

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) has confirmed that it will host the first D.C.-area solo exhibition for Bailey in a gallery called, "The Great Dismal Swamp," which will open April 21 and run through July 8.

## Other Agency News

**DOI**—The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act Proposed Regulations are complete and have been sent to the Federal Register for publication. The Rule will enable DOI to properly permit research on these resources and to implement the casual collecting component of the Act.

The comment period is now open. Check the rule out [here](#).

**ARMY**—No Current Easement for Dakota Access Pipeline Crossing

Jo-Ellen Darcy, the Army's Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, has announced that, at present, the Army will not approve an easement to allow the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline to cross under Lake Oahe, North Dakota, less than a mile from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe reservation. The decision is based on a need to explore alternate routes for the Dakota Access Pipeline crossing. The consideration of alternative routes would be best accomplished through an Environmental Impact Statement. The Army had announced on November 14, 2016, that it was delaying the decision on the easement to allow for discussions with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Tribal officials have expressed repeated concerns over the risk that a pipeline rupture or spill could pose to its water supply and treaty rights.

DOI Secretary Sally Jewell praised the Army's decision, saying it "underscores that tribal rights reserved in treaties and federal law, as well as nation-to-nation consultation with tribal leaders, are essential components" of discussions in infrastructure projects. The announcement came just one day before the ACE deadline for thousands of Native American and environmental activists – who call themselves water protectors – to leave the encampment on the banks of the Missouri river. For months, they have protested over their



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fears that the pipeline would contaminate their water source and destroy sacred sites. Members of hundreds of other indigenous tribes joined, resulting in the largest gathering of Native American tribes in more than a century. War veterans volunteered to serve as a “human shield” for the protesters, who have been subjected to rubber bullets, water cannons and teargas from local law enforcement.

The Dakota Access Pipeline is an approximately 1,172 mile pipeline that would connect the Bakken and Three Forks oil production areas in North Dakota to an existing crude oil terminal near Pakota, Illinois. The pipeline is projected to transport approximately 470,000 barrels of oil per day, with a capacity as high as 570,000 barrels. The current proposed pipeline route would cross Lake Oahe, an Army Corps of Engineers project on the Missouri River.

*those reauthorizing the Historic Preservation Fund through the year 2023 are in 54 U.S.C. § 303102.*

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#### VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Check for more news soon!

#### TRAINING, UPCOMING EVENTS, EDUCATION, AND NEWS

##### Upcoming FWS Events

The Pacific Region is gearing up for the 75th Commemoration of the Battle of Midway in June 2017. An interactive website, social media campaign and an event are being planned to commemorate the Battle of Midway and to honor those who served at this critical turning point of the War in the Pacific during WWII. The ceremony and associated outreach will be focused on the history and importance of the Battle of Midway, what it means today, as well as for the future.

If you or anyone you know has any resources (memorabilia, images, etc) associated with the BOM, or know of a BOM veteran who might be willing to be interviewed, or if you have any suggestions regarding the type of information you'd like to see in a website that is designed to promote understanding of the human experience at BOM and generate interest in the June 4, 2017 event, please contact [virginia\\_parks@fws.gov](mailto:virginia_parks@fws.gov).

#### LEGISLATIVE NEWS

*The NPS Centennial bill passed the Senate, the last piece of legislation from the 114th Congress. The bill had been passed by the House previously and contains the ACHP amendments. These are the conversion of the chair to a full-time position, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and the addition of the General Chairman of NATHPO as a voting member of the ACHP. The enrolled bill now goes to the President, who is expected to sign it.*

*The chair provisions would take effect on January 20, 2017, commencing a four-year term. The NATHPO provision would take effect upon the bill being signed into law.*

*For your reference, the amendments converting the ACHP Chairman to a full-time position are reflected in 54 U.S.C. § 304101(e); those adding the General Chairman of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to our membership are in 54 U.S.C. § 304101(a)(8); those regarding Federal agency nominations to the National Register are in 54 U.S.C. § 302104(c); and*



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