



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

May 2004

## Historical Happenings

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

### FWS Regional News:

Region 5—Museum Property from Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge will be moving to NCTC for temporary storage. The collection currently totals approximately 1000 cubic feet and contains biological specimens, document, photographs and artwork. Contact Shelley Hight for more information. During research associated with the on-going identification efforts, USGS biologists identified rare stomach contents from the Passenger Pigeon as well as the Carolina parakeet.

Region 7—Will be hosting a Cultural Resources course from September 14-16, 2004. The course will be aimed at FWS planning staff. Contact Debbie Corbett or Eugene Marino for additional information.

WO—The Preserve America data call was released in early February. Regional CRM staff will have until mid-April, to send information to Headquarters. The final report is due to the ACHP by **September 30 2004**. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

WO—RSSI Museum Property data call is out. A response is required by June 30, 2004. Contact Eugene Marino for additional information.

### Other Agency News

ACHP        The ACHP has compiled links to online studies on the economic impacts of historic preservation. The links to the studies fall into six categories:

[General Studies](#)

[Statewide Studies](#)

[General Community Studies](#)

[Impacts of Historic Designation](#)

[Impacts on Property Values](#)

[Impacts of Preservation Tax Credits](#)

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*For further reading on the economic impacts of historic preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has compiled the "historic preservation economic benefits research reference list" of many publications that are not available on the Web. For more information, contact the National Trust's Public Policy Department at [policy@nthp.org](mailto:policy@nthp.org).*

ACHP        President and Mrs. Bush presented the first four *Preserve America* Presidential Awards at a White House ceremony May 3, 2004. They were joined by ACHP Chairman John L. Nau and U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Gail Norton. The four projects that earned the award are the Blue Ridge Heritage Initiative in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia; Lackawanna Heritage Valley in Pennsylvania; the Historic Beaumont Hotel in Ouray, Colorado; and the Historic Raven Natural Resources Learning Center in Kootenai National Forest, Montana.

**NPS** Is celebrating the centennial of their museum program. See <http://heritagenews.cr.nps.gov/index/Index.cfm> for more information.

**National NGAPRA** advises that its databases are on-line and available for use by federal agencies. Information on affiliations with a draft notice, without a draft notice, and collection not yet identified to an affiliation can be reviewed at their website. See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/notices/index.htm> for more information.

**DOI-WASHINGTON** - The Department of the Interior announced publication of revised procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to encourage the department's cooperative conservation goals.

"We have updated the procedures to reflect our commitment to public participation and cooperative problem-solving," said Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, who chaired the departmental working group assembling the procedures. The procedures are to be published today in the March 8 Federal Register. "We looked across bureaus and found the best practices that reflect our '4 C's' philosophy of conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation. The manual revisions codify these best practices and communicate them throughout the department," Scarlett notes.

The revisions are the culmination of several years of work by the department, and are consistent with the recently released Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Task Force Report, Modernizing NEPA Implementation. The department held four listening sessions across the country in Anchorage, Portland, Denver and Washington, D.C. to elicit best practices from interested citizens and partners.

## **Legislative News**

### **Senate Votes to Keep Program for Saving Older Buildings**

Washington, DC. (May 12, 2004) –the Senate decided against eliminating a valuable, decades old tax incentive for renovating older buildings that Congress specifically intended to discourage demolition. After months of intense lobbying from preservationists, the Senate scrapped a plan to sunset the 10 percent portion of the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit "rehab credit" to pay for the larger "JOBS" bill the chamber overwhelmingly approved.

## **Training News**

### **HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM**

Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
April 5-10, 2005 contact Erve Chambers, c/o Society for Applied Anthropology, P.O. Box 2436, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2436; [sfaa2005@sfaa.net](mailto:sfaa2005@sfaa.net); (405) 843-5113.

**June 14-18, 2004: Managing Museum Property** sponsored by the Interior Museum Program conducted at the National Park Service Western Archeological and Conservation Center 255 North Commerce Park Loop Tucson, Arizona 85745. Five Day course providing training in the fundamentals of managing museum property. Course length is 40 hours and is open to all DOI staff with museum management responsibility. Class size 25 participants. No tuition requirements. For additional information contact Donald Cumberland at 202-208-4698. [Click here](#) for an application: any staff wishing to take the course should fax an application to Donald Cumberland at 202-219-4244.

**National Preservation Conference** scheduled for September 28-October 3, 2004 in Louisville. Check [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org) for more information.

## **Federal Register News**

For May

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), designate critical habitat pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), for *Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *lanosissimus* (Ventura marsh milk-vetch). Approximately 420 acres (170 hectares) of land fall within the boundaries of the critical habitat designation. The designated critical habitat is located in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, California. This critical habitat designation requires the Service to consult under section 7 of the Act with regard to actions carried out, funded, or authorized by a Federal agency. Section 4 of the Act requires us to consider economic and other relevant impacts when specifying any particular area as critical habitat. We solicited data and comments from the public on all aspects of this designation, including data on economic and other impacts of the designation.

## **Native American Liaison News**

## **Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News**

**Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project**—There is a **traditional skills workshop** scheduled for **Sunday, May 23**, to be taught by instructor Judy Bridges. The subject will be **cedar bark preparation and plaiting**. See the attached workshop announcement for details and registration information or find more information on the website at: <http://www.plankhouse.org/activities/activities.html>.

Please note that there is a 12 person maximum for this workshop (and an 8-person minimum), and places are reserved on a first-received basis so please register early. The easiest way to register is at: <http://www.plankhouse.org/cpreistration.html>

**Contact Virginia Parks for additional information.**

## **Requests for Information**