



Historical Happenings

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

September

What's New at HQ?

The Welcome Center here at FWS HQ has recently developed several new exhibits and interpretive signage thanks in whole to the wonderful interns we had this summer—Kathryn Walters, Lydia Tonkonow, and Alice Keith (figure 1) did an amazing job with the exhibits and signage in addition to other assignments.



Figure 1. Our interns, Kathryn Walters (left), Alice Keith (center), Lydia Tonkonow (right) in the field at Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge with manager Brad Knudsen (far right) and Eugene Marino (far left).

Several new exhibits (figure 2 and 3) can be seen on Great Dismal Swamp NWR and the many “Maroon” archaeological sites found there. There is also an exhibit on dinnerware used on old Fish Cars—rail cars that transported fish for lake stocking across the country at the turn of the last century. Several other exhibits will be coming on line in the early Fall. If you're visiting HQ please stop by!



Figure 2 and 3. Newly installed exhibits in the FWS Welcome Center. Great Dismal Maroon Archaeology (upper) and DC Booth Historic Fish Hatchery Fish Car dinnerware (lower).

In addition to our in-person exhibits, FWS Cultural Resources also recently developed its first online exhibit. The Google Arts Institute is hosting images from the *Louis Agassiz Fuertes* collection. The materials are currently on long-term loan to the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. To view some of these masterpieces please go



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<https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/exhibit/PQICV6nTdY1vIw>

Around the Regions....

Region 5

Parker River NWR honored by local Native Americans

Last night three representatives from the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness presented Parker River NWR with a talking stick in recognition of the refuge's long-term efforts to support the community, waterways, and earth. The talking stick was built by Hoban "Many Walks" Sanford, a Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal member, and will be housed in Parker River's staff conference room. Immediately following the talking stick presentation, local historian Mary Ellen Lepionka presented on Algonquians on the Parker River and Plum Island in the refuge auditorium. 80 visitors attended the talking stick and Mary Ellen's presentations.

Patuxent install new North Tract History Exhibit

Patuxent NWR applied for and received a 2016 Department of the Interior grant to catalog the history of its North Tract—the newest segment of the Refuge that came from excess DoD lands located adjacent to the Refuge. Part of the grant was for an exhibit and that exhibit was recently finished and installed in the North Tract Visitor Contact station (figure 4). The exhibit features artifacts and video capturing the history that occurred on that part of the Refuge.



Figure 4. New North Tract history exhibit at Patuxent NWR.

Other Agency News....

NPS—New THPOs

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ACHP—New Guidance for Working for Non-federally Recognized Tribes

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has issued new guidance on working with non-federally recognized tribes in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process. The guidance fulfills the ACHP's commitment to support the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which applies to all indigenous peoples. The guidance encourages federal agencies to include non-federally recognized tribes in Section 106 consultations when they have important information to share and when historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them may be affected by an undertaking. The guidance also clarifies that inviting non-federally recognized tribes to participate in the process does not substitute for consultation with federally recognized Indian tribes nor does it diminish their role in consultation.

The guidance is also available online at
<http://www.achp.gov/docs/Working%20with%20Non-Fed%20Rec%20tribes%20Guidance%20-%2008-11-17.pdf>

TRAINING, UPCOMING EVENTS, EDUCATION, AND NEWS

Upcoming FWS Events and Training

It's almost here!!!

Minnesota Valley NWR will host the 2017 installment of our Preservation Skills Workshop (the FWS hands on historic preservation training for Wage Grade staff). The training will be held September 11-15, 2017. For more information and to register, contact James Myser (Region 3 Regional Historic Preservation Officer at 612-713- 5439 or Clint DeMenge R3 Heavy Equipment Coordinator at 218-768- 2402.

The Preservation Trades Network Presents the 21st Annual International Preservation Trades Workshop

September 8-10 2017
Detroit Boat Club, Belle Isle Park
Detroit, Michigan

www.ptn.org/iptw-2017

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is pleased to announce the availability of a new suite of online courses designed to provide historic preservation professionals and stakeholders with training in the use of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to protect historic properties.



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Two of the new courses cover integration and coordination of Section 106 reviews with the National Environmental Policy Act review process, which is of particular importance as policy makers at all levels of government search for new ways to create efficiencies in regulatory processes and advance infrastructure projects.

The course catalog also includes a **free** online course, "What is Section 106?" Designed for the general public, it provides a broad overview of the Section 106 review process and the opportunities for the public to play a role in such reviews.

The catalog is rounded out by a fourth offering, "Successfully Navigating Section 106 Reviews: An Orientation for Applicants," which is targeted toward applicants for federal permits and assistance in order to help them better understand, support and participate in Section 106 reviews.

A forthcoming course will further explore the circumstances under which NEPA can serve as a substitute for Section 106.

These courses are part of the ACHP's broader training program that also includes onsite courses and webinars. On-demand courses are available any time of the day or night for a nominal fee.

For more information about the courses and instructions to register, go to <http://www.achp.gov/elearning.html>.

offices to states, under a block grant formula, to police BLM and USFS lands.

H.R. 2199-Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act

Sponsor: Rep. Cramer (R-ND)

Status: Pending before the House Natural Resources Committee

This measure would require the Secretary of the Interior to consolidate all existing land inventories used by the Department into a single "master" inventory of resources contained in and upon the lands administered by Interior. The inventory data would include assets such as natural and—presumably—cultural resources, and transportation and energy infrastructure. Existing inventories found to be outdated or redundant would be eliminated. The new central inventory would be searchable by the public. A subcommittee hearing on the bill was held on May 23.

S. 282-Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act

Sponsor: Sen. Heller (R-NV)

Status: Pending before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The legislation is designed to streamline the environmental review and permitting processes at the Department of Interior for renewable energy development projects (solar, wind, and geothermal) on federal land.

S. 1400-Save Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act

Sponsor: Sen. Heinrich (D-NM)

Status: pending before Indian Affairs Committee

The bill would prohibit the export of illegally-procured Native American objects of cultural patrimony, increase the penalties for NAGPRA criminal violations, and better coordinate work on this issue by federal agencies. It would also encourage the voluntary return of tangible cultural heritage.

S. 1460-Energy and Natural Resources Act

Sponsor: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK)

This legislation includes the permanent reauthorization of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). Under current law, the HPF is authorized through 2023. If passed, the bill would mark the first revision to national energy policy in a decade.

Thanks to Terry Childs (DOI) and Karen Mudar (NPS) for news stories and other contributions for this issue of HH.

VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Check for future information

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

H.R. 473-Military LAND Act of 2017

Sponsor: Rep. Issa (R-CA)

Status: Pending before the House Natural Resources Committee
Just as he did in each of the past three congresses, Representative Issa has introduced his Military LAND Act.

The bill would amend the National Historic Preservation Act to allow federal land-managing agencies to object to the inclusion of properties under their control to the National Register, or its designation as a National Historic Landmark, for national security reasons. It would also allow land managers to remove properties already listed on the National Register.

H.R. 602-Local Law Enforcement for Local Lands Act

Sponsor: Rep. Chaffetz (R-UT)

Status: Pending before the House Natural Resources and Agriculture Committees

This bill would end the law enforcement functions of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (USFS), and send the funding of those



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