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News Briefs

President's Corner

Fall Greetings,

For many of us field seasons are winding down, and for others academic semesters are in high gear – in fact approaching mid-term time. Here in my corner of the newsletter, I would like to point out some internet points of interest:

- The federal House Resource Committee has approved H.R. 5861, which includes amendments to NHPA. It moves to the full House for consideration. The Senate version is

friendlier. It See the SAA web page link:

<http://www.saa.org/GOVERNMENT/His tPres.pdf>

- Our website is now on the SAA "Committee/Taskforce Section" page, along with those of other states which have been active in the "Council of Councils" meetings at SAA. If you are interested in what other states' professional organizations are doing, the URL is:

<https://ecommerce.saa.org/saa/staticco>

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- CCPA contributed money to The Archaeology Channel this year, and they are doing wonderful things. Check out the site:
<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/>

The controversy surrounding the proposed expansion (doubling or more) of the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) in southeastern Colorado continues to be in the news, at least around here in Colorado Springs and points south. I recently fielded a call from the regional editor at the Pueblo Chieftain (in my capacity as a UCCS professor doing research in that area, not wearing my CCPA hat). As the Army spokespeople keep pointing out, the proposal has not yet been approved, but I can tell you that they are virtually doubling the troop population at Ft. Carson in 2007, adding between 8,000 and 10,000 troops in addition to training additional Reserve and National Guard units. This will be the largest troop strength since 1943. The Army may not have approval for the expansion of PCMS at this point, but they will have to train all those people somewhere. Many of our members have worked on Fort Carson or PCMS and I'm sure have opinions one way or another. It is an intensely archaeologically rich area. If you have thoughts on the potential impacts of the Army proposal on the cultural (or natural) resources of southeastern Colorado, please feel free to make your voice heard by contacting your local representative. Unfortunately, I cannot provide an Army web site that discusses this proposal from the military's point of view; spokespeople argue that there is no point discussing the proposal or its impacts until (or if) the proposal is approved and funded. Here is one of several opposition web sites: <http://www.pinoncanyon.com/>. I would like to get a broad sense of our membership's feelings

on this issue. So if you have an opinion either in support of the Army's proposal or opposed to it, please feel free to email me at mchurch@uccs.edu.

There is progress of the Historic Context. The GAB (I'm acronymically-impaired and can't remember exactly what that stands for) folks compiled comments from external reviewers and provided them to chapter authors within the last two weeks. We are all working on incorporating those comments now. I would like to thank those external reviewers who slogged through the tome in its current form! Anne McKibbin continues to put in hours on logistics and graphics, and we are very grateful for that too.

Finally, I would like to urge people once again to contact Mark Wolfe directly if you run into any difficulties with the administration of the State Historic Fund. And I am sure they would appreciate hearing positive feedback as well. Please let me know, either way, as I would like to keep track of how things are going.

Thanks for reading!
Enjoy the fall colors -
Minette

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Ft. Carson/PCMS is available on the following website: http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/ncpa_eis_docs.htm. There is a 45 day comment period. This is one step in the Army's plans impacting the future of southeastern Colorado archaeology. I would encourage all our members to read it and to take advantage of the comment period (and people can send comments to me, as well).

Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee Meeting; Denver, CO, November 3-4, 2006

Location

The Review Committee will meet on November 3-4, 2006, at the Westin Tabor Center, 1672 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80202, telephone (303) 572-9100.

Agenda

Meeting sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. each day. The tentative agenda for the meeting includes:

- an overview of activities of the National NAGPRA Program during fiscal year 2006;
- assisting in the resolution of a dispute between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Field Museum;
- discussion of the use of "compromise of claim" language in Federal Register notices and repatriation agreements;
- several requests for recommendations regarding the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains; and

- presentations and statements by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public.

The final agenda will be posted on this website.

Presentations

To schedule a presentation to the Review Committee during the meeting, submit a written request with an abstract of the presentation and contact information. Persons also may submit written statements for consideration by the Review Committee during the meeting. Send requests and statements to the Designated Federal Officer, NAGPRA Review Committee by U.S. Mail to the National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW (2253), Washington, DC 20240; or by commercial delivery to the National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005. Because increased security in the Washington, DC, area may delay delivery of U.S. Mail to Government offices, copies of mailed requests and statements should also be faxed to (202) 371-5197.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRINCIPAL ARCHAEOLOGIST
(Contract Specialist)
Requisition No.: DNR0834731
Window Rock, Arizona
\$45,052.80/annum**

The Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department, Roads Planning Program, has an immediate opening for a permanent, full time Principal Archaeologist (Contract Specialist). Duty station may be Window Rock,

Arizona; Shiprock, New Mexico; or Flagstaff, Arizona. The ideal candidate will be knowledgeable of the Four Corners area. Preference will be given to someone who has experience in cultural resources management contracts that may include archaeological inventory, testing, and data recovery, and ethnographic assessments and treatment. State Driver's License and acceptable driving record required. For full description of job requirements and qualifications, and to apply

on-line, refer to the Navajo Nation web site at www.navajo.org Click on Jobs, Navajo Nation, current Vacant Positions Opened. Open until filled. For more information contact Marie Dineyazhe at 928/871-7689 or Nina Swidler at 928/773-1349.

The Navajo Nation gives preference to eligible and qualified applicants in accordance with the Navajo Preference in Employment Act.

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PROFILE OF AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

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How I became an archaeologist:

My interest was first piqued after reading Michener's "The Source" in high school (the only Michener I've ever actually finished). After that, it was trying to find a career that incorporated being outside with history – archaeology was the perfect fit. And to think I started out in pre-law...

Current projects of interest:

An upcoming project in Great Sand Dunes National Park (with NPS and RMC) where we will be testing a site with Protohistoric Apache and Tewa ceramics with known cultural deposits. The site is located in the newly acquired area and has a stunning view of the valley and sand dunes.

Most recent good book I read:

"1776" by McCullough

Most important archaeological experience:

I have had the opportunity to work with a variety of CRM outfits – some good, some bad - and each has provided valuable insight on how to conduct both the field and business side of archaeology. Without this varied experience I would be much further behind in my professional development.

Most dangerous archaeological moment:

I'm going to borrow someone else's choice on this one: Kevin Gilmore, Greg Tyndal (ironically, we were at the headwall of Tyndal Glacier), and myself were up on Bighorn Flats, Rocky Mountain National Park, huddled off the side of a mountain trying to weather one of the worst lightning storms any of us had ever experienced, replete with horizontal rain. There's still a bundle of pin flags up there if anyone is desperate for some. In a similar incident, I've had lightning strike so close that it threw me to the ground.

Most rewarding archaeological experience:

I'd have to say the 3 field seasons I spent in Rocky Mountain National Park. We had a license to survey virtually wherever we wanted (documented, of course) and had the opportunity to experience all the Park had to offer in terms of topography. Not many projects like this one where you got to

backpack into remote locations for a week with NPS support. I have to mention the CHS grant with which we test excavated Eureka Ridge- the proto Athapaskan site. Good archaeology.

The most exciting thing in archaeology right now:

Work on the continental shelf with early sites and some of the new paleoenvironmental data being generated

What Colorado archaeology needs right now:

More concerted efforts towards refining the chronology and linking diagnostic artifacts to absolute dates.

Things I'd like to do before I die:

Too numerous, but extensive traveling (Africa, New Zealand, Patagonia), in general. Climb an 8000 meter peak.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!

CCPA ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD

IN

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO

THE LAST WEEKEND

IN

MARCH, 2007

THANK YOU

MIKE METCALF

FOR SETTING THIS UP

More to come