Advisory Council Responds to Congressional Letter

In February, three influential members of the United States Congress sent a letter to the executive director of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The letter focuses on restrictions to proposed rules promulgated by the Council. However, the scope of this letter was quite sweeping in its challenge to the “regulatory burden” of the National Historic Preservation Act, concern over the “protection and private property,” and a move to reduce federal historic preservation concerns to only “the most important historic properties in the country.” The letter, which was reprinted in the March issue of The Grapevine, was interpreted as an “early warning” that the Congress intends to scrutinize the federal historic preservation system as another example of an intolerable regulatory burden and to reduce the level of federal protection for cultural resources.

Recently, we have learned that the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation has decided to withdraw their draft regulation guidelines. Their intent is to reconsider any changes put forth by the proposed rules before continuing through the approval process.

As a follow up to our March article, we are reprinting the text of the response letter from Robert D. Bush, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, to Representative James V. Hansen, one of the authors of the February letter. Mr. Bush’s letter is printed on page 3.

Munsell Proposes a Glaze Color Book for Historic Ceramics

For all those who have struggled with the problems of identifying and describing the glaze colors on refined wares (creamware, pearlwares, whitewares, ironstones, and similar nearly white glazed wares), there may be a solution. The Munsell Corporation is considering the production of a booklet of color charts specifically designed to describe the colors of refined ware glazes. Munsell would like to canvass the archaeological community to determine if there is sufficient demand to justify production. This booklet will initially be composed of 11 pages, including 2.5Y, 5Y, 7.5Y, 10Y, 2.5GY, 5GY, 7.5GY, 10GY, 5G, 2.5BG, and 5PB hues; values of 9, 8, and 7; chromas will be 0.5, 1, 2, and 3. Additional pages could be added in the future as the need arises.

The ranges above were based upon previous research by Loftstrom (1976:23) and a sample of sherds sent to Munsell for color evaluation by James H. Mathews (Prentice Thomas and Associates). The price of the proposed booklet is estimated to be $100-150, depending upon the number of orders.

The Proposed Munsell Refined Ware Glaze Color Book for Historic Archaeologists will have a cover and pages similar to that of the Munsell Soil Color Book. Those readers wishing to purchase a copy (if it is produced) should contact: Ms. Erma Lewis, Munsell Color, 405 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553-6148, 914-565-7660, Ext. 385 or 800-622-2384; Fax 914-565-2511.

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price is dependent upon the response, no money should be sent at this time. If the demand is adequate, Munsell will produce and respondents will be advised as to the price per unit.

[This article was submitted to SEAC Newsletter, April 1995, by James H. Mathews, Historic Archaeologist, Prentice Thomas and Associates, Inc., PO Box 4246, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549.]

Permanent Paper

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Abbey Publication has just released a new and updated list of 387 papers which meet the new revised American National Standard for permanent paper (ANSI/NISO/Z39, 48-1992). Over two-thirds of these papers are not only permanent, but also contain either recycled or post-consumer fiber.

The booklet, North American Permanent Paper, lists each paper by type or use, as well as by company and name of paper. For the first time there is also a background chapter on permanent paper, including the standards, testing techniques, the state and local action on acid-free papers.

This is a publication every museum, library, and archive should order today. With this kind of information and the wide availability of permanent papers, there is no longer any reason not to be using permanent paper.

The booklet costs $7 and it can be ordered from Abbey Publications, 7105 Geneva Drive, Austin, TX 78723.

National Archaeological Database

National Archaeological Database (NADB) is a set of data modules on archaeological activities in the United States. It is maintained by the Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST) at the University of Arkansas under an agreement with the National Park Service. Some of the module information is accessible through the Internet:

NADB-Reports, a bibliographic inventory of archaeological reports (130,000 records) and

NADB-NAGPRA, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act information and update minutes.

Other modules in NADB include:

NADB-Permits - Permit data for archaeological and paleontological projects on federal and Indian lands.

NADB-MAPS - (Multiple Attribute Presentation System) - A library of national maps that display archaeological and environmental data by state and county.

There are plans to add other NADB modules in the future. Some may already be available in prototype form. Planned modules include:

NADB bulletin board/FEDARCH-L listserv - For discussions of federal archaeology

NADB-AMC (Archives, Manuscripts and Collections) - For computerization of records

NADB-LOST (Listing of Stolen Things) - For information on stolen ethnographic and archaeological materials

NADB-LEAP (Listing of Education in Archaeological Programs)

NADB-SRC (Secretary’s Report to Congress) - Summary information on Federal archaeology program

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Washington, DC 20004

April 3, 1995

Honorable James V. Hansen
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4401

Dear Mr. Hansen:

I have shared your letter of February 16, 1995, with the Chairman and members of the Council. They appreciated receiving your views on proposed changes to our regulations and are sensitive to the concerns you have raised. The Council membership met on March 29 and discussed the course of regulations revisions as well as your letter. I am pleased to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our progress.

The public comment period, extended in response to numerous requests, closed on February 3, 1995. We received nearly 370 comments, totalling over 2000 pages, from a broad range of commenters including Federal, State, and local officials, representatives of private industry, Indian tribes, interested organizations, and private citizens. We are currently proceeding with an analysis of those comments. However, it is clear that many commenters had serious concerns about the draft proposal. While most respondents endorsed the stated goals which we sought to address in the notice of proposed rulemaking, many felt that the draft failed to meet those goals. We agree with this view. We have also determined that, in addition to our earlier efforts, we need to consult further with a number of the affected commenting groups, including private industry, local governments, Indian tribes, and Federal agencies. We have found many helpful and constructive suggestions in the comments we have received, and are currently proceeding with plans to work with these groups and others to address major areas of concern.

The Council’s Task Force on Regulations has met twice since the comment period closed and has adopted a plan of action for achieving effective regulatory reform. It is set forth in the Task Force’s report submitted to the Council at this week’s meeting. A copy of the report is enclosed for your information. You should note at the outset that the Task Force responded directly to your concern about the nature of the Council and the Section 106 process, adopting the following objective to guide regulatory revision:

The revised Section 106 process should be based on a simpler, streamlined and “smart” regulation that:
- Reaffirms the advisory nature of the Council;
- Responds effectively to concerns raised by commenters;
- Focuses the review process on important historic preservation issues; and
- Simplifies procedural requirements for Federal agencies, SHPOs and applicants.

I think that you will find the other provisions of the action plan offer a constructive framework for being responsive to your concerns and those of the commenters as we move forward.

Chairman Cathryn Buford Slater advised the Council that the Task Force would consider the matter of possible legislative amendments during its work, in response to your request. It was agreed that the most useful and thoughtful response would necessarily be developed in the deliberations and assessments made during the review of administrative changes for the Section 106 process. It is currently planned to present recommended regulatory changes to the Council for their consideration at their next scheduled meeting on June 26, 1995. At that time the Task Force would also bring forward any ideas for legislative amendments. These would then have the benefit of the views of the full Council and result in recommendations for the Committee that would have the endorsement of the full Council, as is required by the Council’s operating procedures for the preparation of legislative recommendations.

Thus the Chairman has asked me to request formally an extension of the 60-day response timeframe that was in your letter. This will meet our internal needs, allow full and thorough consideration of these important issues and provide the Committee with the Council’s informed recommendations by June 30, 1995.

We will keep the Committee apprised of our progress on revising the Section 106 process. Should you or your staff have further questions, please feel free to contact me or John Fowler, our Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, at (202) 606-8503.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Bush
Executive Director
Conference Calendar

May 24-28, 1995 - American Fur Trade Conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For information contact Barry Moody and Bill Wicken, 7th NAFTC, Gorebrook Research Institute, St Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 3C3.

June 2-3, 1995 - Mining History Association will hold its annual meeting in Nevada City, CA. For further information, contact William H. Mulligan, Jr., 502-762-6571 or 502-762-2231.

June 2-4, 1995 - Mid-South Archaeological Conference will be held in Jackson, Mississippi. For further information, contact Sam Brooks, 601-965-5518 or Evan Peacock, 601-285-3264.

June 8, 1995 - Use of Environmental & Preservation Education - This one-day seminar will be held in Jacksonville, Florida. For further information, contact Mr. David Whisenant, e-mail dwise@unf6.cis.unf.edu, or call Ms Julie Arnott, SOLINET, 800-999-8558

July 24-29 - 16th International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology will be held in Bass Terre, Guadeloupe, French West Indies. Contact Gerard Richards, Mission Archeologe et Patrimoine, Conseil Regional de la Guadeloupe, Avenue Paul Lacave 97100 Bass Terre, Guadeloupe, French West Indies, 590-804-079, fax 590-807-308.

August 10-13, 1995 - Pecos Conference - The 66th annual Pecos conference will be held in Silver City, NM. Deadline for abstracts: July 7, 1995. For further information, contact Cynthia Ann Bettison, Western New Mexico University Museum, PO Box 680, Silver City, NM 88061; 505-538-6386; FAX 505-538-6178; e-mail bettisonc@silver.wnmu.edu.

August 17-20, 1995 - Rural Sociology Society will hold its annual meeting in Washington, DC. This year's theme is " Restructuring Rural Society and Rural Sociology." Contact: Max Pfeffer, Department of Rural Sociology, Warren

Archaeology and Soils Workshop

An Archaeology/Soils Workshop is scheduled at Poverty Point State Commemorative Area, Epps, Louisiana, on June 8-11, 1995. The purpose of the workshop is to introduce between 20-30 archaeologists and soils scientists from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi to one another, and to provide instruction and discussion by professional geomorphologists, archaeologists, soils scientists, and other professionals. The goals of the workshop are to instruct archaeologists on how to apply standard soils terminology for prehistoric earthen mound stratigraphy, and to standardize soil horizon terminology for midden deposits, basket-loaded material, and soil development within these anthropic deposits.

The workshop is sponsored by a grant from the National Park Service through the National Center for Preservation, Technology, and Training. Lodging, meals, and transportation to and from the mound sites will be provided for all registered participants. The workshop will begin on Friday June 9th and end about noon on Sunday June 11th. Lodging and meals will be available at the Poverty Point dormitory Thursday evening, June 8th.

All interested NRCS personnel and archaeologists in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi are invited to participate. Please make your reservations by June 1st. To do so, please contact either:

Joe Saunders
Regional Archaeologist
Dept. of Geosciences
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or

Thurman Allen
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318-387-8683

If you have a meeting you would like to include on our calendar, The Grapevine will be glad to list it for you. Please remember to submit your listing by the tenth of each month.

Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853; 607-255-1676.

September 15-16, 1995 - Durango Conference on Southwest Archaeology will be held in Durango, CO. Contact: David Phillips, SWCA Inc., 8100 Mountain Road, NE, Suite 109, Albuquerque, NM 87110, 505-254-1115.

September 29-October 1 - Plains Indian Seminar will be held in Cody, Wyoming. This year's theme is "Art of the Plains - Voices of the Present." Contact Lillian Turner, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, 307-587-4771.


November 8-11, 1995 - Southeastern Archaeological Conference will hold its annual meeting at the Hilton Hotel, Knoxville, TN. Deadline for abstracts is August 1, 1995. Local arrangements coordinator is Dr. Jefferson Chapman. Program Chair is Dr. Gerald Schroedl. Contact: SEAC Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0720; 615-974-4408; FAX 615-974-2686.

January 2-7, 1996 - the Society for Historical Archaeology will hold the 29th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology in Cincinnati, OH. For more information, contact Marlesa A. Gray, general chair, at Gray & Pape, Inc., 1318 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210-2314, 513-665-6707, fax 513-287-7703, e-mail 76554.3313@compuserve.com

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Job Openings

M.A. or Ph.D. Level Archaeologist

Requirements: This position requires an individual with prehistoric expertise and at least a working knowledge of historic archaeology to the extent that it can be applied to the Phase I level of investigation. The candidate must be capable of understanding and applying geomorphological concepts to archaeological investigations. Two years of field experience is a requirement for this position. Basic analytical skills regarding natural site formation processes and artifacts are necessary. Word processing and database experience (IBM and Macintosh) is beneficial; a background or knowledge of Geographic Information Systems is a plus. An interest in the Prairie Peninsula, the Eastern Plains, the Upper Mississippi River Valley, archival research, and the ability to assess site significance within current state and federal guidelines is necessary. Mapping and photographic competence is very important. Good interpersonal skills, the ability to supervise small crews, manage projects, assess scopes-of-work, and prepare proposals are imperative.

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Deborah Crown, Office Manager
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Job Announcements

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Home Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., Conservation Program has an immediate opening for a person to lead their cultural resources program. Minimum requirements include a M.S. degree or equivalent training as historical registered architect, archeologist, historian (architectural, industrial, military), preservation planner, or master preservation craft person; demonstrable technical writing ability; working knowledge of field of cultural resources, preferably military related; familiarity with relevant statutes and regulations, including Antiquities Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Environmental Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11593, Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act, Public Buildings Cooperative Act, American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), DoD Directive 4710.1, Army Regulation 420-40, and consultations with State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). Incumbent must have proven business development skills.

Incumbent will lead the development of a cultural resources program within the company. The program areas will include historic preservation, archaeological resources, and Native American rights. Product areas include historic preservation plans, historic preservation maintenance plans, historic context evaluations, nominations to National Register, correspondence with SHPOs, standard operating procedures, Memoranda of Agreement, ARPA permits, curation inventories, mitigation plans, cultural resources reports, research and technology development needs, and Native American cooperative plans and support activities. Incumbent will plan, organize, lead and control development of the cultural resources program in consonance with the vision and goals of the Conservation Program and the Corporation. The incumbent will have the technical and management support of available staff and ability to accrue staff, given appropriate billable ratio of program personnel.

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PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
ARCHAEOLOGIST

Sagebrush Archaeological Consultants, L.L.C., is currently accepting applications for a Principal Investigator, specializing in, or strongly oriented toward, historic archaeology. Responsibilities will include coordination with clients and agency personnel; oversight of project personnel, preparation of technical reports and proposals; report editing and review; participation in scoping, budgeting, and scheduling of projects; conducting field research and leading teams, as necessary; and marketing.

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* an M.A. or PhD. in Anthropology/Archaeology with an emphasis on historic resources
* a minimum of five years experience in cultural resource mgmt.
* previous experience in cultural resource mgmt. supervision, preferably at the Principal Investigator level
* demonstrated ability to write clear, concise, and thorough cultural resource technical reports in a timely manner
* good communication skills and the ability to be a team leader
* ability to communicate effectively with clients and agency personnel
* knowledge of Wordperfect is important and a working knowledge of computer data base programs is desirable.
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* familiarity with historic period artifacts and sites.
* expertise in analysis of historic sites is preferred

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Letter from the President

Charles M. Niquette, President of ACRA, May 8, 1995

Several members of the Board and some of ACRA’s officers attended the Society for American Archaeology’s (SAA) annual meeting in Minneapolis during the first week of May. As planned, ACRA held an open meeting in conjunction with the SAA on May 3, between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to provide prospective members with information concerning ACRA and to make ourselves available for questions. My sense of this meeting, and that of the SAA meetings in general, is that we have attracted a considerable number of new members, including service industry representatives that Tom Wheaton signed up in the exhibits area, and the attention of the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA), the Society of Professional Archaeologists (SOPA) and the SAA. Although some might argue that it was “a day late and a dollar short,” the SAA’s business meeting was a watershed of sorts.

ACRA and the CRM industry were acknowledged in the presentations offered by the outgoing and incoming Presidents of the SAA, its Executive Director, the Chair of the SAA’s CRM Task Force, the society’s journal editor, the newsletter editor, and the Chair of the Government Affairs Committee. In each case, there seemed to be a sincere desire to work together for the common good of all. It was most welcomed by those ACRA members in the audience.

Tom Wheaton, Dan Roberts and I met with representatives of the SHA and SAA’s governmental affairs committees. As a result, the three groups have agreed to work together on historic preservation issues of common concern, especially a revision of proposed regulations implementing Section 106, and to facilitate communication between the three groups. We are trying to get a working group together to actually craft draft regulations that might serve the Advisory Council in a proactive sense.

The Advisory Council is planning to hold a series of meetings around the country to obtain further comment concerning the direction the agency should take in drafting new regulations. I understand that they intend to have a draft ready as early as midsummer. The first of these meetings has been scheduled in Denver for the express purpose of providing the extractive industries with a forum in which to be heard. It will be held at the Denver Public Library from 1:00 to

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5:00 on May 18. Tom Lennon has agreed to attend and represent ACRA as an observer at that meeting. A similar meeting will be held in Washington for federal agency representatives on May 24. Observers are also expected to be present for this meeting. Any of you that might like to attend either of these meetings would probably be welcomed, but our role is that of an observer. Although I have not received a response from Bob Bush, I assume he will grant our request, particularly since we are not asking for an opportunity to speak. As I understand it, the Advisory Council intends to hold similar meetings for the SHPOs and the public. I would like ACRA representatives to attend all of these. It seems to me that ACRA should also ask to be heard, alone or as part of the larger historic preservation community.

Lorettta Neumann made proposals concerning the computer communication system to SOPA and the SHA. The outcome of these proposals, and decisions reached by each, remains unknown at this time. According to Fred Wendorf, the new President of SOPA, his organization is eager to hear more about the hardware and software aspects of the system. I suspect that a similar approach could be negotiated with the SAA if it were packaged well. I have not heard what happened with SHA.

Finally, several of us have been talking about ACRA's 1995 conference. Washington, D.C., and Denver, Colorado, have been discussed as possible sites. I tend to favor the former because we can lobby as part of the conference. Regardless, our first really public event needs to be well conceived and executed with class and style befitting our esteemed organization!
Some Modest Proposals for Dealing with the 104th Congress

By Loretta Neumann, President, CEHP Incorporated

As anyone reading the front page of the newspaper these days knows, the United States Congress is vastly different from what it was. Aggressively anti-regulatory. Acutely antispending. The battle-lines are being drawn sharply, not so much on party lines between Republicans and Democrats (although that is happening), but on ideological lines, between conservatives and liberals. The regulatory fight started with the "Contract with America" in the House of Representatives, but now the first 100 days are over, and the Senate has taken up the charge. The budget war started with the proposed "rescission" of 1995 funding and will continue with drastic cuts in federal programs in 1996.

No program is safe, including the ones we care about—archaeology, history, historic preservation, etc. As the song goes, you "heard it on the grapevine." ACRA has asked me to help identify the key issues that will be coming up and possible strategies for dealing with them. You will hear more about them in the coming months. We hope to use the Grapevine, as well as ACRA's own electronic communications system, to spread the word about what is happening and how people can help. This first column will focus on funding—in particular, the budget cuts proposed for fiscal 1996 and the forest timber salvage-environmental overrides proposed in the fiscal 1995 rescissions bill.

I will identify some actions you can take with regard to these measures. But don't feel you have to do everything yourself. Perhaps you have a friend who lives in a Congress person's home town who could also call or write. Ask the leaders of local historical groups and archaeological organizations to help. Enlist your locally elected officials, such as the mayor of your town; Members of Congress will listen to them. College students are often eager to help. And don't forget to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper drawing these issues to the public's attention; the letters-to-the-editor section is one of the most read sections of the paper, and most Members of Congress—especially your local Representative—is sensitive to issues that are raised there.

Note: You can call any Members' office (House or Senate) through the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Mailing addresses are included at the end of this memo.

Following are the hottest topics right now.

Budget Resolution

The House and Senate Budget Committees have released their proposals for balancing the federal budget, beginning with fiscal 1996 appropriations. These will be debated and voted on by both houses during May. The good news is that, with one exception, the budgets do not specifically target historic preservation/archaeology/history programs. The worst news is that Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-New Mexico) proposed elimination of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. (The House version does not call for eliminating the Advisory Council.)

Other bad news is that the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities were both slated for severe cuts (50%) in the Senate committee version and "termination" in the House committee version. Both the House and the Senate propose 10% cuts from federal agency budgets (National Park Service, BLM, etc.). These cuts could have a ripple effect on "lower priority" programs, which presumably could include cultural resources. Neither proposal specifically mentions the Historic Preservation Fund, which would probably get hit by the same 10% cut; however, there is always the danger of it being cut even more drastically to save other programs.

More bad news. The House version contains a 5-year moratorium on all land acquisition in NPS, BLM, Forest Service and Fish & Wildlife Service; the Senate version does not. Much of this land acquisition funding benefits historical and archaeological resources in federal ownership, for areas that Congress has already authorized. The Senate bill does not have this moratorium, but it does call for privatizing the Presidio in San Francisco, which contains a large number of archaeological and historical sites and which is supposed to become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area with the departure of the U.S. Army.

In responding to these proposals, the problem, of course, is how to do something that will have an impact. Even if the cuts pass the House and Senate, they must go to a joint House-Senate conference committee to work out the differences. After that, the final version must pass both the House and Senate again before going to the President for his signature.

What can we do? Well, while I don't feel that anything we do now can have much impact on this process, I do think that some howls of outrage are in order, especially with regard to...continued on page 4
Senator Domenici’s proposal to eliminate the Advisory Council. My hunch is that he doesn’t know how this would affect archaeology. The language he used (calling the Advisory Council “redundant”) was simply lifted verbatim from a recommendation made by the conservative Heritage Foundation. Archaeologists—especially anyone who lives in or has worked in New Mexico—should bring to Senator Domenici’s attention that the Advisory Council does have an important role in protecting archaeological sites. Remind Senator Domenici that he has demonstrated that he cares about archaeology—he was, for example, the author of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 and amendments to it that Congress passed in 1988. Ask him if the bill passes the Senate with that language not to press the House to accept it when they go to conference. A similar message could be sent to other Senators.

Beyond that, my suggestion is to focus our efforts on the appropriations and authorizing committees, since they also have major roles to play. The appropriations committees apparently plan to continue as they normally do, with markup likely in early June. A “budget reconciliation” package could occur later this summer, when Congress “reconciles” program authorities with appropriations and the final budget resolution. For example, if the House and Senate appropriations committees were both to approve eliminating the Advisory Council, then they would need to have the authorizing committees (Resources Committee in the House and Energy & Natural Resources Committee in the Senate) agree to include legislation that would amend the National Historic Preservation Act to abolish the Council and its functions.

To further complicate (and delay) matters, at that point they may end up putting everything into one huge bill, which would probably not get passed until September. It would be hugely controversial but, from the Republican standpoint, deliciously irresistible, because it would force the President to veto the entire government’s funding right before the end of the fiscal year. And since so many of them (the young, new, right-wing radicals) want to shut down the government anyway, they wouldn’t care; they’d probably pass a simple continuing resolution to fund just “essential” government services.

If you want to do something in the meantime, write to your own Senators and Representatives and express your alarm about these proposals. Pleas that are aimed at protecting resources for the future that our children will inherit actually get a reasonable response these days—at least, that’s what even Representative John Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee, talks about when he explains why the cuts are needed!

Rescission Bill, Forest Timber Salvage & Environmental Over-Rides:

As this issue of the Grapevine goes to press, the fiscal year 1995 rescission bills have passed both the House and Senate and are now in a conference committee. (Rescissions bills are so-named because they rescind—or take back—money already appropriated in this year’s budget.) After the conference committee reaches agreement, both houses will have to re-pass the final version. All of this is happening rather quickly (nothing is slow in Congress these days!) and they could vote on the final version of the bill and send it to President Clinton very soon.

Fortunately, the historic preservation fund and other programs were not hit. However, one of the hottest issues in the rescission bills is the timber salvage section. It would allow the expedited harvesting of salvage timber on national forests by waiving environmental laws and limiting judicial relief. This could have a major impact on archaeology on forest lands, as the Section 106 compliance requirements would undoubtedly be included under the environmental waiver. This could set a very bad precedent for other projects and programs—and for future legislation.

Environmentalists, ranging from The Garden Club of America to the Wilderness Society, are strongly lobbying the President to veto the bill if it includes the timber salvage language. This would be Clinton’s first major veto in support of environmental issues and would set the tone for some of the more controversial bills coming down the road. They argue that the forest “health crisis” being used to support passage of the bill is merely a hoax. The timber rider could double the logging on the national forests and would limit citizens’ rights to appeal destructive projects.

If you want to help, you can call the White House and urge the President to veto the rescissions bill because of the timber salvage/environmental waiver provisions. Phone: (202) 456-1111.

Enough For Now

We do have our work cut out for us. If you have any questions about these issues or how Congress works or what priorities you think we should pursue, please let us know. You can write to me at CEHP, 1627 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20006. If I’m not available, I have a terrific, knowledgeable staff who can help—ask for Kathleen Schamel, CEHP senior vice president; Paul Hallem, legislative coordinator; and Stephanie Haller, legislative assistant.

Following shows correct addresses & salutations for writing to Members of Congress (room numbers are not needed).

The Honorable (full name)
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable (full name)
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative (last name) or Senator (last name)
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ARCHAEOLOGIST
GS-193-7/9

Opens: May 9, 1995
Closes: May 30, 1995

Refuges and Wildlife, Division of Refuge Operations. Support, Portland, Oregon has an opening for an GS-193-7/9 archaeologist. The salary is $24,262 (GS-7), $29,680 (GS-9). All applicants for Federal Employment must be United States Citizens. This is a TERM position, and is not expected to extend beyond one year, one month. Service in this position does not confer competitive status. Term employees with full or part-time work schedules are eligible for coverage under the Federal Employees Retirement System, the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, and the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program. This is a TERM position, not to exceed one year, one month, for an Archaeologist in Region 1 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Region 1 includes six western states (California, Idaho, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington), as well as territories in the Pacific. The incumbent will work in a small team of historic preservation professionals to assist project leaders in Region 1 in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Travel in the region is required.

The incumbent performs the following duties using accepted state-of-the-art anthropological and archaeological procedures and techniques to inventory and evaluate archaeological properties for compliance with the NHPA:

- Conducts research at libraries and agencies for previous documentation of archaeological and ethnographic information.
- Conducts archaeological surveys, site identifications, and evaluations, using standard archaeological techniques, for compliance with section 106 of the NHPA.
- Prepares site, project, and evaluation reports, using forms and formats acceptable to state historic preservation offices.
- Prepares letters and agreement documents for compliance with section 106 of the NHPA.
- Updates and maintains existing computer site records.
- Works with other USFWS archaeologists and supervises volunteers.
- Consults with interested parties, including Indian Tribes.

For more information contact: Anan Raymond (503) 231-2075

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Southern Oregon Historical Society seeks an experienced professional to guide the Society’s resource development program and to work with the Society foundation. The Society operates three museums, four historic sites, a research library, and regional programs in archaeology, education, and publications, with an annual budget of $2.8 million. Position is responsible for planning and implementing the development program including corporate and foundation sponsorship, membership, annual fund, planned giving, grants, and donor cultivation; and development and implementation of funding strategies in cooperation with the Society foundation.

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through 1997. The Curator I will be expected to participate in these excavations, and to be involved in the research and writing that will result. Other duties will include assistance with the operation of the Fort Towson and Doaksville sites under supervision of the site manager.

Completion of the curriculum requirements for a baccalaureate degree in history, anthropology, or a closely related field and one (1) year of curatorial experience in a historical or natural history museum; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one (1) additional year of qualifying experience for each year of the required education; OR substituting a master’s degree in one of the above fields for the required experience provided it included at least one (1) course in museum studies or museum administration.

If the necessary approvals are received, the OHS plans to fill this position immediately. Please send a letter of interest and a resume to:

Laura Hollis, Personnel Officer
Oklahoma Historical Society
2100 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

FAX: 405-521-2492

For additional information on this position, please contact Dr. William B. Lees as follows:

William B. Lees, Ph.D.
Oklahoma Historical Society
2100 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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Gila River Indian Community

The Gila River Indian Community’s Cultural Resource Management Program is seeking a full-time supervisory archaeologist for on-going survey and testing of prehistoric and historic sites. At least a B.A. degree and supervisory field experiences are required; an M.A. is preferred. Please submit a letter of interest, vita, and three references:

Dr. Steven R. James
Project Director
CRM Program
Gila River Indian Community
PO Box E
Sacaton, AZ 85247
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STRUCTURAL HISTORIAN

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History, State Historic Preservation Office, has one opening for a structural historian position. This is an annual contract position, subject to renewal. No insurance benefits are included; annual and sick leave are accrued on a monthly basis. Salary range is $19,764 to $39,432 annually.

The Review and Compliance Structural Historian will be primarily responsible for reviewing West Virginia Division of Highway and Federal Highway Administration funded undertakings. The position will work closely with representatives of state and federal consultants. Activities may include the following: review of projects, site visits, development of survey guidelines or scopes of work, review of survey reports and inventory forms and preparation of draft MOAs and PAs with other staff. Duties will be assigned as prioritized by supervisor. Should have familiarity with state and federal regulations relative to cultural resources (e.g. National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 800), knowledge of architectural styles and history including development patterns of vernacular architecture in western expansion, computer skills and willingness to travel.

Job requirements include an M.A. in architectural history, historic preservation or closely related field from an accredited college or university. Substitution of the following may be considered: a B.A. from an accredited college or university in these fields and two years of full time or equivalent part time paid experience in historic preservation work such as conducting historic resource surveys, research, preparing National Register nominations, writing, teaching, interpreting history as an historian, or closely related activities. In addition, two years of paid full time or equivalent part time employment in these fields is necessary as experience. Successful candidate will meet 36 CFR 61 qualifications.

Please send a letter of interest, request for civil service application, current vitae, and references to:

Susan Pierce
Deputy SHPO for Resource Protection
WV Division of Culture and History
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.
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