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Possible Changes in Corps Permit Program Could Impact Archaeological, Historic Preservation Interests

The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) held regional hearings starting the week of August 21, 1996, to evaluate its program for issuing nationwide general permits (NWPs) authorized under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Under that Act, the Corps must decide whether to modify or reissue the full set of NWPs.

These permits are meant to avoid unnecessary public and federal agency review of activities that take place in, but have very small impacts on, wetlands, such as building a boat ramp, installing navigation buoys, or putting up a telephone pole. The Corp now proposes to reissue 37 of the existing NWPs, some with modifications and expansions, and to issue 4 entirely new nationwide. This program affects archaeology, historic preservation, and environmental concerns

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), NCSHPO and National Trust for Historic Preservation offered comments on the original permit

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National Park Service Sends Inventory of Remains to Tribes, Native Hawaiian Groups

Bringing to an end an arduous 5year task, the National Park Service (NPS) has sent inventories of Native American human remains and associated funerary objects under its control to 139 culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Naitve Hawaiian organizations.

NPS Director Roger Kennedy praised the effort of those who brought the task to completion which was conducted according to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) passed in 1990. NAGPRA requires that federal agencies and institutions receiving federal funds must inventory the Native American remains and associated funerary objects in their collections in consultation with culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian

organizations. The inventories, completed in November 1995, had to be turned over to the appropriate Native groups by May 16, 1996.

The NPS inventory identified 4982 human remains from 100 different parks. Approximately 77 percent were identifiable as culturally affiliated with present day tribes and Native Hawaiian groups; 1170 were culturally unidentifiable. The NAGPRA review committee, a federal advisory group, will make recommendations on the disposition of the culturally unidentifiable remains.

(Reprinted in part from Anthropology Newsletter 37:6 Sept. 1996. Written by C. Timothy McKeown, National Park Service)

Conference Calendar

September 23-25, 1996 - 1st European Meeting on Phytolith Research will be held in Madrid, Spain. Contact: Jordi Juan i Tresserras
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Committee Centro de Ciencias
Medioambientales (CSIC)
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Phone: +34.1.5625020

September 24, 1996 - The State Museum of Pennsylvania's 1996 Curation Symposium will be held at the museum in Harrisburg, PA. For information contact Mark A. McConaughy, Ph.D., at 717-783-2665, FAX 717-783-1026, or e-mail:

an535@yfn.ysu.edu.

FAX: +34.1.5640800.

September 27-28, 1996 - Algonquian People of the Ohio Valley: Ancient Traditions with Relevance for Yesterday and Today: A Conference on Woodland Tribal Traditions will take place at the Shriver Center, Miami University, Oxford, OH. Call 216-343-1047 for more information.

October 3-5, 1996 - Integrating Appalachian Highlands Archaeology Conference will be held in Albany, NY. Contact: Lynne P. Sullivan or Dr. John P. Hart, Anthropological Survey, New York State Museum, 3122 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; 518-474-5813; FAX 518-473-8496; e-mail lsulliva@museum.nysed.gov or jhart@museum.nysed.gov.

October 3-5, 1996 - Mogollon Archaeological Conference will be held at the Western New Mexico Museum in Silver City, NM. Contact: Cynthia Bettison, Director, Western New Mexico Museum, P.O. Box 680, Silver City, NM 88061. 505-538-6386 or FAX 505-538-6138.

October 16-20, 1996 - the National Trust for Historic Preservation will hold its annual meeting in Chicago, IL. Call 1-800-944-6847.

October 18-20, 1996 - Archeological Society of Virginia Annual Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Ashland in Ashland, VA. For information contact Richard Helm, Greater Richmond Area Chapter, at 804-649-6918 or 804-323-6432.

October 24-26, 1996 - Archaic Conference on cultures in the Southwest will be held in Albuquerque, NM. For information contact W.H. Wills, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico.

October 24-27, 1996 - the Eastern States Archaeological Federation will hold its 63rd annual meeting at the Radisson Hotel, Huntington, WV.

October 30- November 2, 1996 - 54th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference takes place in Iowa City, IA. Contact William Green, Office of the State Archaeologist, FAX: 319-335-2776, e-mail: bill-green@uiowa.edu; http://www.uiowa.edu/~osa/events.

November 6-9, 1996 - Southern Archaeological Conference takes place in Birmingham, AL. Contact Ian Brown at 205-348-9742, FAX: 205-348-4219.

November 20-24, 1996 - American Anthropological Association's 95th Annual Meeting will be held in San Francisco, CA. Contact AAA Meetings Department at 703-528-1902, ext. 2 or e-mail: liz@aaa.mhs.compuserve.com.

November 1-3, 1996 - the Second Annual American Cultural Resource Association Conference will be held in Sacramento, CA. Contact: Dana McGowan, Jones & Stokes Associates, Inc.; 916-737-3000.

November 6-9, 1996 - the Southeastern Archaeological Conference will hold its annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. For further information, contact Jim Knight or Ian Brown, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487.

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January 8-12, 1997 - Society for Historical and Underwater Archaeology will hold its annual conference at the Marriott Bayfront, Corpus Christi, TX. Contact: Dr. David L. Carlson, Program Coordinator, Anthropology Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4352; 409-847-9248; FAX 409-845-4070; e-mail sha97@tam2000.tamu.edu.

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Rock Art Newsletter Available

A 14-page summer (May-Agust) newsletter of the Eastern States Rock Art Research Association (ESRARA) is now available.

ESRARA asks a \$10 annual individual or institutional membership/subscription donation towards printing and postage.

Send checks to ESRARA to Deborah Morse-Kahn, M.A., Regional Historian, 4312 Linden Hills Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55410, e-mail: morse009@tc.umn.edu.

State News

Virginia

The first statewide tax incentive specifically targeted to Virginia's historic buildings and sites was signed into law by Governor George Allen in April after receiving unanimous approval by both houses of the Virginia General Assembly. The Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit begins at 10 percent of the costs for residential or commercial rehabilitations of certified historic structures when those costs amount to at least 50 percent of the assessed value of the building. The credit will increase by 5 percent a year until it reaches 25 percent for work beginning in the year 2000. For more information. contact John Wells at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources at 804-786-3143.

Kentucky

The Kentucky Heritage Council is developing a plan to set forth goals for the future of preservation in Kentucky that will serve as the guiding document for Heritage Council programs and projects in the years to come. The council is asking those in the preservation community to help develop the best ways to allocate its resources and realistic courses of action to save Kentucky's historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeological sites.

The Kentucky Heritage Council has held several Community Planning Forums to obtain feedback on programs and services. The final forum was on September 17, 1996. To obtain a copy of the draft plan, contact Richard Jett or Julie Riesenweber at the Kentucky Heritage Council, 502-564-7005.

Pennsylvania

Doylestown, Pennsylvania, recently commemorated the house where Margaret Mead came to age with a historical plaque. The plaque reads: "The world renowned anthropologist and writer lived in this house and graduated in 1918 from

Doylestown High School. Among her most famous works are Coming of Age in Samoa (1928) and Male and Female (1949)."

While the name Mead is associated with many places in the world, it was in Doylestown that she took her father's advice and deposited the proceeds from her first book, Coming of Age in Samoa, in its downtown bank.

Maryland

Maryland has become one of the latest states to establish a state system of recognizing and providing funds for heritage areas. Heritage Preservation and Tourism Areas, known as House Bill 1, was signed into law by Governor Parris N. Glendening May 23, 1996. A new Maryland System of Heritage Areas will be effective October 1, 1996.

The bill was sponsored by Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates Casper R. Taylor, Jr., and modeled on New York state's system of heritage areas (the Urban Cultural Park Program established in 1982). Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are the only other states with such programs. The Maryland bill aims to encourage historical and cultural preservation by focusing resources and incentives on a limited number of areas to be improved as Certified Heritage Areas. Available to these areas may be tax credits and state assistance (through matching grants, loans, and technical assistance).

Details are still to be determined.

The statewide program will be run by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, a new independent government unit which will operate in the Department of Housing and Community Development. The authority has a range of powers, including recognizing and certifying heritage areas, accepting management plans, acquiring real property to support heritage areas and providing financial assistance.

Maine

On November 5, 1996, one of the bond issues on the ballot in Maine will, if passed, provide funding to help restore the roof and masonry at Fort Knox and help fund renovations to make Maine's parks and historic sites accessible to people with disabilities. In addition the money would replace Churchill Dam in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

The bond issue is for 3 million dollars. One million of that would be allocated for the final phases of capital improvements at Fort Knox, a National Historic Landmark that is seriously threatened. Fort Knox, built in the mid 1880s, has sustained major water damage in the last 50 years. The initial three phases of repairs, totaling \$900,000, are scheduled for completion this fall through private/public fund raising efforts.

Another portion of the bond would provide \$600,000 for increased access to parks and historic sites.

FYI

Beginning July 12, 1996, offices at National Trust headquarters in Washington, D.C., will have new telephone numbers. The main number will be 202-588-6000. For individual numbers, the first four numbers will change to 588-6 while the last three digits will remain the same.

The California Preservation
Foundation has moved to a new
Oakland location. The new address
is: California Preservation Office, 405
Fourteenth Street, Suite 1010,
Oakland, CA 94612. The telephone

number will remain the same: 510-763-0972.

As of April 1996 the Ohio state preservation office has a new address: Ohio Historic Preservation Office, 567 East Hudson Street, Columbus, OH 43211-1036. The telephone number remains 614-297-2470.

Judy Bittner became president of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers following the resignation of Ray Luce. Judy will serve as president until March 1997.

Corp Permit Changes...

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program in 1991, noting how the Corps' process was, in effect, not in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Their advice was apparently ignored. Last year the ACHP provided comments on an extension of the program that would cover single family structures. The Corps never responded.

There are, in fact, ways that the process could make sure that historical properties and archaeological sites are not advertently or inadvertently trashed by permittees.

Projects with significant impacts are often allowed to proceed by combining several NWPs ("stacking" them) for a single project. For instance, a housing development may use one NWP for houses; another each time a road is crossed; and a third to put in water, sewer, and power lines. The impacts add up quickly. If the entire project can be fit under various NWPs, it can avoid public notice or full environmental review.

The Corps wants to take the NWP completely out of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the only place they can currently all be found printed together. Instead, the Corps wants to issue the NWP one by one in the Federal Register, leaving it up to interested citizens to scan the Register everyday for new NWPs.

The Corps' NWP reissuance proposal is likely to cause special problems for historic review: the Corps is proposing a change in how it processes applications that is likely to put state historic preservation offices at direct odds with the Corps' overwhelming focus on keeping permit processing times down, with bad results for both. Also, it doesn't deal at

all with the potential for substantial loss of significant portions of the archaeological record to activities that are not required to provide notice to the Corps.

The specific concern for the SHPOs arises out of a proposed change in processing of applications to use nationwide permits. Typically now, an applicant will go to the Corps and find that a project can be done under a NWP. The applicant then goes to the SHPO, who has up to 30 days to review the project, and then returns to the Corps with a complete notification that they intend to use this NWP. The Corps grants authorizations under the nationwide in an average of 16 days.

The proposed change is to have all applicants go directly to the Corps, who would then send out the notification to the SHPO. It may make sense to have the Corps as the point agency for applicants to deal with.

However, folding the SHPO review into the Corps review could cause a serious problem. Right now, the Corps prides itself on approving nationwide permit applications in an average of 16 days, counting from when a complete application is received (i.e., not counting the SHPO review process). The SHPOs have uniformly told us they take 30 days for their review. Since the Corps is unlikely to let its 16 figure slide up to 46 days, there is a real danger the SHPOs will get short shrift in the NWP process.

The commenting deadline for the program was September 3, 1996. For technical information, contact Grady McCallie of the National Wildlife Federation e-mail: mccallie@nwf.org or 202-797-6832. Or for help with general questions on the hearings or comment process, Merritt Frey, Knemsick@nrdc.org 202-289-2421.

(Edited story by Loretta Neuman)

Geophysical Exploration For Archaeology

A 729-page report is available from Geosight: Geophysical Exploration and Remote Sensing as an introduction to the application of geophysics to archaeological surveys. It is illustrated with a detailed geophysical survey at the U.S. Civil War battlefield at Petersburg, VA. Many different geophysical instruments are described and compared. These include ground penetrating radar, magnetometers, conductivity meters, and resistivity meters. The report describes how to decide if a geophysical survey might be suitable at your site, and it gives suggestions about how to specify that a survey be done and how to excavate after a survey. The report is available as a microfiche at no charge. A copy may be obtained by writing to Bruce Bevan, Geosight, P.O. Box 135, Pitman, NJ 08071.

Center For American Archaeology Looking For Former Field School Participants

The Center for American Archeology is updating its records and would like to know where all Center for American Archaeology or Foundation for Illinois Archaeology field school participants and staff (or anyone who has "passed through" Kampsville) are now. Please take a moment to drop them a message at CAAEDP@aol.com (or regular mail is P.O. Box 366, Kampsville, IL 62053). Give them your current address and they will put you on their mailing list for current CAA activities. Contact Norliza Abu Bakar, 416 Blok D, Flat Kajang Utama, Utama, 4300 Selangor.

Job Announcements

Laboratory Supervisor

Hunter Research, Inc., an archaeological and historical consulting firm, has an opening for a Laboratory Supervisor. The position entails organization and management of wet and dry lab operations; processing and cataloging of archaeological materials; supervision of assistant laboratory supervisors and laboratory assistants; and administration of laboratory equipment and supplies.

Minimum requirements: B.A. required, M.A. preferred, in either Archaeology or Anthropology; 1 to 2 years cataloging and supervisory experience. Basic knowledge of both prehistoric and historic artifacts essential, as is experience with standard database and word processing packages. Initial 6 month to 1 year contract, starting as soon as possible. Rate negotiable, based on experience. Benefit package available.

Mail or fax resume to: Hunter Research, Inc., 714 S. Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08611. Fax: 609-695-0147. Or e-mail to: hri@hunterr.com.

Fall Internship Opportunity

An intership postion is open at Laruel Hill State Park in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The intern will research the site's collections of artifacts and photographs pertaining to the Civilian Conservation Corps camp which once existed there, and assist in the development of multimedia presentation and educational programs for the park.

The intern should either hold a graduate degree in history or a related field, or should be a student at the graduate level with strong research and organizational skills.

This is a full time, 15-week position.

Precise dates are flexible. The stipend is \$100 per week, plus free housing at

the park. The position open until

To apply, send a letter of interest, resume and short writing sample to:
Dr. T Allan Comp, Internship Program Director, Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, P.O. Box 565, 105 Zee Plaza, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. No calls, please.

Americorp Employment Opportunities

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission Announces immediate AmeriCorps **Employment Opportunities. Each** AmeriCorps member will take on projects which build community and agency strength in heritage tourism, encourage economic revitalization and seek to improve the quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania. There are three to five positions, and all positions are full time and last approximately 11 months, or until the member has completed 1800 hours. Specific needs are in community planning and organizing, historic preservation, and environmental assessment.

Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents and hold a college degree in history/ historic preservation, landscape architecture, environmental science, community planning, education, or a related field. AmeriCorps members receive a living stipend of \$7,945 or \$12,000 a year, depending on assignment. There is a \$4,725 educational award payable to an educational institution for further education or repayment of existing loans, free health insurance and free child care. The start date is October 1, 1996. The positions are open until filled. To apply send a letter of interest, brief writing sample and a resume, to Dr. T Allan Comp, AmeriCorps Manager, Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, P.O. Box 565, 105 Zee Plaza, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. No calls please.

Principal Investigators and Field Directors

GAI Consultants, Inc. is seeking full time Principal Investigators and Field Directors. Must be willing to relocate to the Pittsburgh area and travel throughout the eastern United Sates. Principal Investigator (PI) position requires an MA or PhD in archaeology/anthropology with at least two years of CRM experience. PI applicants must also demonstrate high quality writing, analytical, and interpretive skills for archaeological proposal and report preparation. Field Director applicants must demonstrate their ability to effectively and efficiently manage and supervise field crews of various sizes. Applicants for both positions must be able to demonstrate their ability to work independently, meet project scheduling and budgetary requirements, and field experience on prehistoric sites in the eastern U.S.

Submit resumes with reference to: GAI Consultants, Inc., Human Resource Department, 570 Beatty Rd., Attn: AD #446, Monroeville, PA 15146.

Architectural Historian

Archaeological Consultants, Inc., is seeking a highly skilled and experienced Architectural Historian. The ideal candidate will have experience in the research and evaluation of historic properties, skill and experience in National Register and historic landmark nominations, architectural/cultural inventories and survey, historic structures reports, HABS/HAER documentation, Section 106 review, familiarity with historic preservation laws and ability to assist in the administration of projects, including the preparation of project schedules and proposals.

Individuals applying for this position should have excellent research skills, strong writing and speaking ability, availability to travel, and be a team player. Other requirements include word processing experience,
WordPerfect 6.1 preferable, photo-

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graphic skills, and computer literacy. Three to five years experience is required. Candidates must have a graduate degree in architecture, M. Arch. in historic preservation preferred. Starting salary range: \$38,000 to \$42,000 plus benefits. Staring date: mid-September to mid-October. Initial submission must include detailed resume, letter of interest, and references. Only written responses received by Archaeological Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 5103, Sarasota, FL 34277-5103 will be considered.

Research Fellow

A full time, grant funded position with benefits is sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation's new International Center for Jefferson Studies. The Research Fellow will gather documentary information and conduct research on two related projects: a study of Jefferson's private life and Monticello's food-related dependencies. An M.A. in history or related field is required. Send resume, cover letter, and three references to Personnel Officer, Monticello, P.O. Box 316, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

New Online Lithics Forum Available

The new listserv LITHICS-L was developed to be a forum for the discussion of the archaeological analysis of lithics. It can be used to post queries and announcements, discuss methods and theories, solve problems, and increase the dialogue between colleagues on all continents.

To post messages, send them to lithics-1@listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu. To subscribe, send the following message: sub lithics-l first_name last_name to list

Call for Papers

Mining Symposium

Festival Fairbanks, Inc., is seeking proposals for papers and panels to be given at the International Symposium on Mining History in recognition of the Alsaka/Yukon Gold Rush Centennial to be held in Fairbanks, September 9-14, 1997. All presentations should focus on the theme and purpose of the symposium: to explore and advance the understanding of the fundamental relationships between minerals and man.

Topics include: Gold Rush in retrospect and the north's legacy of the mineral industry, prospecting, engineering and mining, industry leaders' perspective on the mining industry in Alaska's future, mineral research and development, the impact of mining on literature and the arts, politics and mining throughout the years, psychology and mining, global economic impact of the mineral industry, and historic archaeology at mining sites.

The deadline to propose a paper or panel is December 1, 1996. Proposals should include an abstract of not more than 300 words and a resume. The conference organizers plan to publish the proceedings. Proposals should be sent to Dr. William F. Wood, Festival Fairbanks, Inc., P.O. Box 74086, Fairbanks, AK 99707, 907-456-1984.

Public History Conference

The National Council on Public History invites proposals for papers, sessions, panels, and workshops for its May 1-4, 1997, Annual Meeting to be held in Albany, New York. The **Program Committee encourages** innovative, nontraditional presentations that emphasize historians' commitment to public outreach and that address the conference theme "Public History and Public Memory." Suggested topics include: public institutions as keepers of society's memories, professional historians as preservers of the past, interactions between institutions, and historians, audiences, and the media. The program committee also welcomes proposals in all other areas of public history.

Proposals should include the following: 1) a short (200-300 word) essay stating the focus, thesis, methods, and significance of the session, panel, workshop, or paper and a short (200-300 word) prospectus for each included paper/presentation, 2) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and (if available) fax and e-mail for all proposed participants as well as a short summary vita (one paragraph) for each participant. Submit proposals to the program committee chairperson by AUGUST 31, 1996: John R. Jameson, Department of History, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001, 330-672-2492.

Smithsonian Developing Web Exhibition

Smithsonian Without Walls is developing an exhibition designed for the World Wide Web. The exhibition will examine household possessions and encourage online visitors to compare the way they live with the lifestyles of people at other socioeconomic levels throughout the world and throughout history. Project coordinators want to show how objects provide a window into our daily lives and

reveal stories of personal, financial, or utilitarian value.

Project staff needs help in identifying collections of American household objects and related materials including oral histories. Please direct information or questions to Naina Mistry, Smithsonian Institution, 3123 Ripley Center, MRC 705, Washington, D.C. 20560. FAX 202-786-2557, phone: 202-357-4797, e-mail: npm@ic.si.edu.

The Grapevine Subscription Information

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\$30.00 Each corporate subscription is entitled to be included in the newsletter's quarterly corporate listing for one year. This corporate listing, giving address, phone number, and contact person, will be printed at the lack of these issues. New corporate subscriptions will be listed each month.

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PAR wishes to promote awareness of the impact of archaeology on the people and cultures where archaeology is practiced, encourage discussions about professional and ethical standards, and report upon investigations and research that actively involves the interests of local populations. Topics such as CRM, public education and government involvement in archaeology are welcome.

PAR is peer reviewed. This list has had a number of threads that could have been articles for this journal. Send submissions to: April Sievert, Department of Anthropology, 425 University Blvd., Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5140.
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