

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****Notice of Realty Actions, Plumas County, California**

ACTION: Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification (CACA-23622) and Notice of Noncompetitive Sale of Public Land in Plumas County, California; (CACA-23622-02).

SUMMARY: This notice effects public lands in Plumas County, California within T.22N., R.14E., Sections 23 and 26, M.D.M. Classification under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act will be terminated and public lands will be offered for noncompetitive sale to Portola Cemetery District.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 27, 1989, public lands in Plumas County, California, described below were segregated and classified as suitable for sale to the Portola Cemetery District pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP: T.22N., R.14E., Section 23, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄; Section 26, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, M.D.M., containing 10 acres more or less. The R&PP classification is hereby terminated to allow other uses consistent with planning and current land classification. The lands are opened only to disposal by noncompetitive sale to Portola Cemetery District pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713). Lands described as T.22N., R.14E., Tract 37, Sections 23 and section 26, M.D.M., containing .65 acre more or less have been examined and found suitable for direct sale at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$500. The land will not be offered for sale until at least October 10, 2000. The land described is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first. This land is not essential to any bureau of Land Management program and no resource needed by the public will be lost through the transfer to private ownership. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and is in the public interest.

The land is being offered for direct sale to the Portola Cemetery District for the continued operation of a cemetery. It has been determined that the subject parcel contains no known mineral values; therefore mineral interests may

be conveyed simultaneously. Acceptance of the direct sale offer will qualify the purchaser to make application for conveyance of those mineral interests pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, Section 209 entitled Reservation and Conveyance of Minerals.

The patent, when issued, may contain certain reservations to the United States. Detailed information concerning these reservations, as well as specific conditions of sale, are available for review at the Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance of the lands to the Field Manager at the above address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the lands will be offered for sale to Portola Cemetery District.

Dated: August 1, 2000.

Linda D. Hansen,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Mining Access Plan of Operations, Death Valley National Park, CA**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Mining Access Plan of Operations. The NPS received a proposal (a mining plan of operations) from a private party, Big Pine Distributors, to use an open dirt road within Death Valley National Park for commercial mining purposes—for access and egress to an unpatented talc mine outside the park on Bureau of Land Management land. The NPS road section is 1.2 miles long. It is the only route to the mining claims.

An environmental assessment (EA) on the subject was completed. It presents the proposal and the alternatives, and it presents an analysis of their environmental impacts. The NPS announces the availability of the EA, open for public comment until August 31, 2000. The NPS is asking for comments on the EA—its accuracy,

completeness, and scope. Comments will help the NPS in its permit planning, to make a better, more informed decision on this pending access permit request.

DATES: Submit comments on the environmental assessment by August 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send requests for the Plan of Operations or the EA to Richard Anderson, Environmental Specialist, Death Valley National Park, Death Valley, CA 92328, or by fax at 760-786-3258, or by email at deva_resource_management@nps.gov. The EA will be posted on the park's web page at www.nps.gov/deva (click on Resource Management and Planning).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Anderson, 760-786-3251.

Richard H. Martin,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Denali National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission announce a forthcoming meeting of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park and Preserve. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order by Chair.
- (2) SRC roll call and Confirmation of Quorum.
- (3) Welcome and introductions.
- (4) Approval of minutes of last meeting.
- (5) Additions and corrections to agenda.
- (6) Business:
 - a. Denali Subsistence Brochure.
 - b. Toklat-Sanctuary Wolf Issues.
 - c. Denali Back Country Management Plan.
 - d. Denali Subsistence Management Plan.
- (7) Public and other agency comments.
- (8) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (9) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2000 and conclude at approximately 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Cantwell Community Center, Cantwell, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hollis Twitchell, Subsistence Coordinator, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska 99755. Phone (907) 683-9544 or (907) 456-0595.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Paul Anderson,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains From Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties, CA in the Possession of the Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of the Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, CA. This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 43 CFR 10.2 (c). The determinations within this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of these Native American human remains and associated funerary objects. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, professional staff.

During the 1950's and 1960's, human remains representing a minimum of 122 individuals were recovered from excavations conducted by Fresno State College staff, in addition to individuals given to the college by various law enforcement agencies. The packaging and labeling of the human remains was destroyed many years ago, making positive identification for these human

remains impossible. Extant documentation, including field notes and reports of the archeological projects conducted by Fresno State College, now the California State University, Fresno, indicates that these remains probably came from sites in Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties, CA. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The absence of specific information on the provenience, age, or cultural context of these remains makes it impossible to determine their cultural affiliation, and they have been inventoried as "culturally unidentifiable." Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, officials consulted with the four Federally recognized Native American tribes and non-Federally recognized Native American groups of the central San Joaquin Valley, the geographic area of the probable origin of the remains, and all parties agreed that the remains should be repatriated to the Central Valley and Mountain Reinterment Association, which has been authorized to act on behalf of the Native American tribes and groups.

On April 15, 1999, California State University, Fresno, petitioned the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee concerning the Central Valley and Mountain Reinterment Association's request for repatriation of these individuals listed as "culturally unidentifiable" on the Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, NAGPRA inventory. Representatives of the university, North Fork Rancheria, and the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Councils presented the petition to the Review Committee at its May, 1999 meeting. The Review Committee recommended that the university repatriate these remains to the Central Valley and Mountain Reinterment Association. This recommendation was transmitted to the university by the National Park Service in a letter of September 3, 1999.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of a minimum of 122 individuals of Native American ancestry. Also, officials of the Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is no relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between these Native

American human remains and a Federally recognized Indian tribe.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Big Sandy Rancheria, Picayune Rancheria, Table Mountain Rancheria, North Fork Rancheria, Cold Springs Rancheria, the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Tribe, and the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Professor Roger LaJeunesse, Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno, CA, 93740-8001, telephone (559) 278-4900, before September 7, 2000. Repatriation of the human remains occurred on December 5, 1999.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

John Robbins,

Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 7, 2000 the National Park Service (NPS) published in the **Federal Register** for notice and comment Director's Order #47 on Soundscape Preservation and Noise Management. The notice provided for a comment period ending on May 8, 2000. In response to the request from Congressman Hansen, Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to extend the comment period for 30 days, the National Park Service determined that the comment period should be reopened for this extended period. This reopening of the comment period will allow the National Park Service to consider comments received after May 8, 2000, the date it was initially closed.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of Director's Order #47 which was published on April 7, 2000 at 65 FR 18350 is reopened until August 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Draft Director's Order #47 is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/refdesk/DOrders/index.htm>. Requests for copies and written comments should be sent to Dr. Wes Henry, National Park Service, Ranger Activities Division, 1849 C