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Archeological Sites Reported in Good Condition

The Archeology Program, working with NPS archeologists throughout the country, recently completed the annual third quarter collection of park data in the Archeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS). Approximately 3,000 new site records were added to ASMIS, for a current total of 66,248 known and documented sites from 310 parks. Eleven new parks entered their ASMIS site records. Over 5,400 new site condition assessments or reassessments were performed. This means that 57.3% of all archeological sites in ASMIS now have a condition assessment and 52.7% of the recorded sites with site condition information are in "Good" condition, as defined in ASMIS. If this percentage of sites with condition assessments remains unchanged in the final FY 2006 update, the NPS will surpass the GPRA goal related to the condition of archeological sites. These results have been possible only through enormous efforts by NPS archeologists at parks, centers, and regional offices to improve the completeness, accuracy, and reliability of the ASMIS records at the park, regional, and national levels.

Summer interns in the Archeology Program

The NPS Archeology Program is very pleased to welcome two summer interns this year. Jennifer Cobb, a graduate student from East Carolina University, is compiling information and developing a set of web pages on State underwater archeology programs, including laws, regulations, policies, permitting, and site management to be posted on the Archeology Program public website. Sophie Kelly, a graduate student from Arizona State University, is writing a technical brief on site stewardship programs and a set of heritage tourism web pages on the archeology of Ohio.

Park NAGPRA Guidance Notebooks Available

Updated guidance for NPS compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) is now available in hard copy notebook form from the park NAGPRA program. This guidance, *NPS Cultural Management Guideline, Appendix R - Guidance for National Park Service Compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)* is intended specifically for NPS personnel, contractors, and researchers who are working in the national parks under a Permit for Archeological Investigations. The hard copy notebook contains the final version of the revised guidance as well as sample plans of action, sample published notices, and notice templates for human remains and objects found in national parks. For more information or to request a copy, contact Mary S. Carroll, Park NAGPRA Program.

Archeologist is New Superintendent at Nez Perce NHP

Gary Somers, a 32-year veteran of the National Park Service, is the new superintendent of Nez Perce National Historical Park. Somers served with the NPS at the Western Archeological and Conservation Center in Tucson as supervisor of the Indian assistance program. He spent a decade in Hawai'i, working as the Pacific area archeologist for the NPS before transferring to the NPS' Anchorage Office as the Alaska regional archeologist. Somers is currently chief of natural and cultural resources at Shenandoah NP. A graduate of the University of Utah in anthropology, Somers also has a MA and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in anthropology. "Working with thriving cultures and hand in hand with the communities inspires me," said Somers. "I'm thrilled with the opportunity of learning the Nez Perce history and stories and sharing my experiences in some way."

Nez Perce NHP commemorates the Nez Perce tribe and the history of their interactions with explorers, fur traders, missionaries, settlers, and the American government. The park embraces 38 individual locations ranging across Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana. The NPS owns nine sites of historical importance to the Nez Perce: Spaulding, Canoe Camp, Heart of the Monster, Weippe Prairie, and White Bird Battlefield, in Idaho; Big Hole and Bear Paw Battlefields in Montana; 8 acres adjoining Old Chief Joseph gravesite and cemetery, Oregon; and Buffalo Eddy in Washington.

For information about Nez Perce NHP go to <http://www.nps.gov/nepe/index.htm>.

Former NPS Archeologist Receives Law Enforcement Award

NPS Special Agent Susan Morton has been named the 2006 Outstanding Federal Law Enforcement Employee by the Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE) organization. Morton was selected because of her impact on preventing illegal drugs and immigrants from entering the U.S. through the public lands that encompass 55% of the border between Arizona and Mexico. Last year Morton was the case agent on 11 felony narcotics cases involving 56 defendants and over 4600 pounds of seized narcotics. She also was the NPS case agent for the successful prosecution of the accomplice in the ambush and murder of a NPS ranger along the border. In addition, Morton worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office to change backpacker smuggling cases from misdemeanors to felony charges. The more severe charge results in longer jail sentences and deportation for illegal immigrants after time served.

Morton is assigned to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Interagency Narcotics Office in Tucson. She works with other federal, state, and tribal officers to stop the flow of illegal drugs in one of the country's most active crime areas. Morton is the first NPS employee to win this award.

Morton has worked for the National Park Service for 22 years. Before entering law enforcement, she was an NPS archeologist in Alaska. She has a BA in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley and an MA in Anthropology from the University of Arizona. Morton started as a seasonal archeologist with NPS in Alaska in 1984. Before she switched to law enforcement, Morton was the Chief of the Archeological Assistance Program for the Alaska Region. She received a law enforcement commission in 1991, and became a special agent in 1995, all in Alaska.

Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE) is a non-profit organization to recruit, retain, and advance women in the field of law enforcement.

Archeologist Doug Campana Retires

Douglas V. Campana is retiring on June 30, 2006, after nearly 27 years as an archeologist with the NPS. Doug's career with the NPS began in 1979 when he was still a graduate student at Columbia University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1981. Before joining the NPS, Doug conducted archeological research in Europe and the Near East, including France, England, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Israel. His doctoral dissertation, published in the British Archaeological Reports International Series, was a study of microscopic wear patterns on bone artifacts from pre-agricultural sites in Israel and Iraq.

At the NPS, Doug worked on archeological projects and surveys in most of the parks in the Mid-Atlantic region. His most extensive projects were excavations at Gettysburg, and a survey of the City Point Unit of Petersburg NB. This survey led to the location and partial excavation of the site of Grant's cabin at City Point.

Between 1990 and 1995, Doug left the service and taught at Rutgers University and New York University. He and his wife, Pam Crabtree, co-directed, with Israeli archeologists, the excavation of a Natufian site on Jordan Valley's West Bank. They also carried out analyses of fauna from Brandon, an Anglo-Saxon site in East Anglia, England; Shanidar Cave in Iraq; and a Neanderthal site in the Ukraine.

For many years the two were co-editors of *The Zooarchaeological Research News*. In addition their rigorous day jobs, Doug and Pam also produced two editions (2001 and 2005) of their popular college textbook, mostly recently titled *Exploring Prehistory*.

After returning to the NPS in 1995 and stationed at the newly established Valley Forge Center for Cultural Resources, Doug was involved with projects throughout the southern part of the Northeast Region, as principal investigator and contracting officer's technical representative. Major projects included co-directing excavations at Fort John and Fort Maminock sites, dating to the French and Indian War, at Delaware Water Gap NRA, Fort Morton at Petersburg NB, and the Pennsylvania Brigades encampment at Wayne's Woods in Valley Forge NP.

Doug is renowned and appreciated amongst his colleagues for his mastery of technology and tools (including trowels, shovels, computers, surveying instruments, geophysical equipment, and GPS units), software, mapping, writing, editing, and artistic and graphical skills. His abilities have brought him many awards throughout the years. His sharp mind, easy-going personality, wonderful sense of humor and insightful bumper stickers will be greatly missed at the Northeast region. Luckily for the field, Doug will continue to stay very involved in archeology after his retirement, beginning this summer with research on a medieval Irish ring fort.

(Thanks to Julia Steele for providing information for this story.)

Projects in Parks:

June, 2006, marks the centennial of President Theodore Roosevelt signing the legislation that enacted the Antiquities Act of 1906. Roosevelt's signature on the Act is large and clear, suggesting his firm endorsement of this vital American law, which is the foundation for archeological and historic preservation and natural resource conservation in the United States. Throughout the month, organizations commemorated the centennial of the Antiquities Act with activities, awards, and exhibitions. For more information about activities commemorating the Antiquities Act Centennial, visit the Antiquities Act webpages on the NPS Archeology Program public website, <http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/index.HTM>.

NPS employees who can access the NPS intranet can learn more about this project by going to **Projects in Parks** <<http://inside.nps.gov/waso/custommenu.cfm?lv=3&prg=279&id=3670>> on InsideNPS.

"Projects in Parks" is a feature of the *Archeology E-Gram* that serves to inform others of interesting archeology-related projects in a national park. Past reports are available on the *Projects in Parks* webpage, accessed through the Archeology homepage, on InsideNPS.

Archeology E-Gram, distributed via e-mail on a regular basis, includes announcements about news, new publications, training opportunities, national and regional meetings, and other important goings-on related to public archeology in the National Park Service and other public agencies. Recipients are encouraged to forward *Archeology E-Grams* to colleagues and relevant mailing lists and new subscribers are accepted. Past issues of the *Archeology E-Gram* are available on the *Archeology E-Gram* webpage, accessed through the Archeology homepage, on InsideNPS. Contact Karen Mudar, Archeology Program, NPS, at (202) 354-2103, karen_mudar@nps.gov to contribute news items, stories for "Projects in Parks," and to subscribe.