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NPS guidance on permits for archeological investigations available

The first module of the NPS *Archeology Guide, Permits for Archeological Investigations* is available on the NPS Archeology Program website. The *Archeology Guide* describes operational requirements, activities, standards, and provides guidance on the responsible management of archeological resources under the stewardship of the NPS. The Guide supplements more general directions in *Director's Order #28A: Archeology*, the *NPS CRM Guideline*, and *Directors' Order 28: Cultural Resource Management*.

The *Permits for Archeological Investigations* module provides information for applicants, and NPS archeologists and managers about applying for archeological permits, reviewing such applications, issuing of permits, monitoring of permitted activity, and related activities. The *Permits for Archeological Investigations* module replaces the *Technical Manual for the Issuance of Archeological Permits*, which was issued by the NPS Director on 5 October 1984.

The *NPS Archeology Guide* and *Permits for Archeological Investigations* can be accessed on the Archeology Program web site at: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/npsGuide/>

Updates to the Antiquities Act Centennial 1906-2006 web pages

Seven new National Monument profiles have been added to the Antiquities Act Centennial web page (<http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/Antiquities/index.htm>): Cinder Cone NM and Lassen Peak NM (both now part of Lassen Volcanic NP), California (1907); Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, (1907), Navajo NM (1909), Gran Quivira NM (1909), New Mexico; Mukuntuweap NM and Zion NM (1909), Utah; .and the newest national monument, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine NM, Hawaii (2006). Each profile describes the monuments and quotes visitors' impressions of these extraordinary places. This update also includes five new lists (national monuments created by Congress, to date; national monuments that have been incorporated into other public lands or whose names have changed; national monuments that have been 'abolished; total number and acreage of national monuments established by each president; and national monuments that are managed by agencies other than the NPS). These lists can be found in a "Frequently Asked Questions" document in the "About the Act" section of the web pages.

BLM Celebrates America's Priceless Heritage

"America's Priceless Heritage: Snapshots in Time" a photography exhibit featuring archeological and historic resources found on BLM lands opened on September 1, 2006, in the Smithsonian Institution Ripley Center. The exhibition, celebrating the centennial of the signing of the Antiquities Act, features 21 photographs of cultural and natural resources. "This intimate and beautiful photo exhibition is a wonderful way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of President Roosevelt's Antiquities Act, a very futurist thought at the time," said Ellen Dorn, director of the SI International Gallery.

"America's Priceless Heritage" shares with visitors a photographic sampling from this "outdoor museum," including photographs of 170 million-year-old dinosaur tracks in Utah, Navajo dwellings in New Mexico, William Clark's signature on a rock in Montana 200 years after the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and a roadhouse on Route 66. "These irreplaceable resources found on public lands tell an

incredible story of the western landscape and our history,” said Kathleen Clarke, BLM director. “I believe visitors to this exhibit will be inspired to honor these fragile archeological and historic resources and be involved in their preservation.”

“America’s Priceless Heritage: Snapshots in Time” will be on display until November 30, 2006, in the concourse gallery of the S. Dillon Ripley Center at the Smithsonian Institution. Located on the National Mall at 1100 Jefferson Drive, SW, the gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

Devil’s Tower NM celebrates 100th anniversary

Devils Tower, America’s first national monument, celebrated its creation September 23-24, 2006, with presentations, music, and exhibits. Centennial activities included presentations on Theodore Roosevelt by Mark Klemetsrud, a Theodore Roosevelt enactor; exhibits in the visitors center; presentations; and music and dance.

September 24 marked the park’s official centennial; the national monument was created by President Theodore Roosevelt on September 24, 1906. Special guests at the commemoration ceremony included Rodney Bordeaux, president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe; Senator Craig Thomas; Senator Mike Enzi’s state director, Robin Bailey; Representative Barbara Cubin; Deputy Director Steve Martin; and Governor Dave Freudenthal. Theodore Roosevelt IV, great-grandson of President Roosevelt, gave the keynote address. Local singer Lorrie Redfield and by band students from Hulett, Moorcroft and Sundance provided music.

On June 8, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act into law to safeguard archeological and historic properties on federal lands from haphazard digging and looting. The Act authorized the president to protect landmarks, structures, and objects of historic, archeological, or scientific interest by creating national monuments.

For more information about Devil’s Tower NM, visit www.nps.gov/deto.

Antiquities Act Centennial Commemorations

A number of organizations are commemorating the centennial of the Antiquities Act in a variety of ways. At the University of Colorado, The Natural Resources Law Center and the Center for the American West have organized a day-long symposium, "Celebrating the Centennial of the Antiquities Act." The event, which will be at the Wolf Law Building, is scheduled for 9 October. Included among the presentations and discussions by archeologists, historians, and legal scholars is a keynote address by former Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Bruce Babbitt. Information about this symposium can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/events.htm>.

Several State Archeology Months themes include commemoration of the Antiquities Act centennial. Oregon's celebrations are scheduled to run between 16 September and 15 October with the theme, "Centennial of the American Antiquities Act of 1906: 100 Years of Preservation." To download a calendar of events go to http://www.oregonheritage.org/OPRD/HCD/cultural_education.shtml.

September is Illinois Archaeology Awareness Month with the theme, "Celebrating a Century of Preservation: Antiquities Act of 1906." The September issue of *Illinois Antiquity* (Volume 41(3)) presents information about publicly owned archeological properties in Illinois that are open for public visitation. More information about Illinois Archaeology Month can be obtained at <http://www.illinoisarchaeology.org/>

In Idaho, May was Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month and the theme was, "A Vision for American: The Antiquities Act of 1906." The poster created for Idaho and information about the events that were featured during the month still can be viewed at <http://www.idahohistory.net/archmonth.html>.

In May, New Mexico also celebrated its Heritage Preservation Month by recognizing the centennial of the Antiquities Act. The calendar of events and poster created for the celebration can be viewed at: http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/OUTREACH/outreach_histpresmonth.html

NPS Archeology Program staff assist delegation from Qatar

Mr. Ghanin Mohammed, Director of Wildlife Conservation, and colleague Mr. Sultan al-Jammali, from Qatar met with NPS International Affairs, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Planning staff on September 12 to learn about management strategies and processes for establishing a new national park. The NPS has been providing technical assistance to Qatar, located on the Arabian Peninsula, since 2000 on a project to create nationally protected areas. The first to be established will be Khor al-Adaid, at Qatar's inland sea. Terry Childs, NPS Archeology Program, provided a PowerPoint presentation about management, preservation, and protection of NPS cultural resources. After meeting with WASO staff, Mr. Mohammed and Mr. Sultan al-Jammali visited several parks and the Denver Service Center to discuss conservation policies and preparation of general management plans.

More information about NPS assistance to Qatar is available at <http://www.nps.gov/oia/around/middleeast.htm>

NPS acquires 1000 new archeological sites

The Trust for Public Land and the NPS announced on September 7, 2006, that the NPS had acquired 238 acres with more than 1000 archeological sites on Hawaii Island. This acquisition will more than double the size of Puuhonua o Honaunau NHP. The trust purchased the tract surrounding the park in 2001 to give the NPS time to find funding for the land. Senators Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka secured the \$4.6 million in federal money to preserve the acreage, and Senator Akaka and the late Representative Patsy Mink introduced bills that became law in 2001 to include the land within an expanded park boundary. The new boundaries expand the park from 182 to 420 acres, and include an ancient agricultural field system in the highland area.

The coastal unit of Puuhonua o Honaunau NHP features a restored sacred compound and receives about half a million visitors each year. For more information about the park go to <http://www.nps.gov/puho/>

Illegal Digging in Harpers Ferry NHP

Last month, Jefferson Utilities Company bulldozers dug two 1,900-foot trenches in Harpers Ferry NHP, laying water and sewer pipes under land where Stonewall Jackson launched his greatest military victory in 1862. Four developers plan to build 3,400 houses on 500 acres of rural land near School House Ridge Battlefield, located in Harpers Ferry, WV., but have not received the park service's permission to install utility lines through the agency's land. "They had begun the permit process, so they were well aware that they needed a permit," says Jim Campi, spokesman for the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Mike Cassell, a Charles Town lawyer who represents Jefferson Utilities and its owner Lee Snyder, said no laws were broken. Cassell said Snyder bought an easement to build the line before the National Park Service acquired the land. All but 75 acres of the School House Ridge Battlefield are within the national park, thanks to the recent work of preservationists. Last year, the Trust for Public Land and the National Park Service acquired a 70-acre piece of School House Ridge known as the Ott property, saving that part of the battlefield from development. In 2003, the Trust for Public Land bought the 99-acre Murphy Farm, also part of School House Ridge, and transferred it to the park service. Now the National Trust, along with the Civil War Preservation Trust and the National Parks Conservation Association, are working to "encourage the Interior Department to apply the most severe penalty possible under the law," Campi says.

Projects in Parks: Archeology and History in Rock Creek Park

Fieldwork has recently been completed for the third year of a four-year archeological survey and inventory of Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC, funded by the NPS, National Capital Region (NCR). The finds to date include a series of extraordinarily rich Native American camp sites used repeatedly between 2500 BC and AD 1400, colonial tenancies, nineteenth-century dwellings, and Civil War military artifacts from the Battle of Fort Stevens in 1864. Documentary research has uncovered many interesting details about the history of the park, and many of the archeological sites can be associated with known historical characters, from John Carroll of Annapolis to African-American tenants of the 1890s.

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.