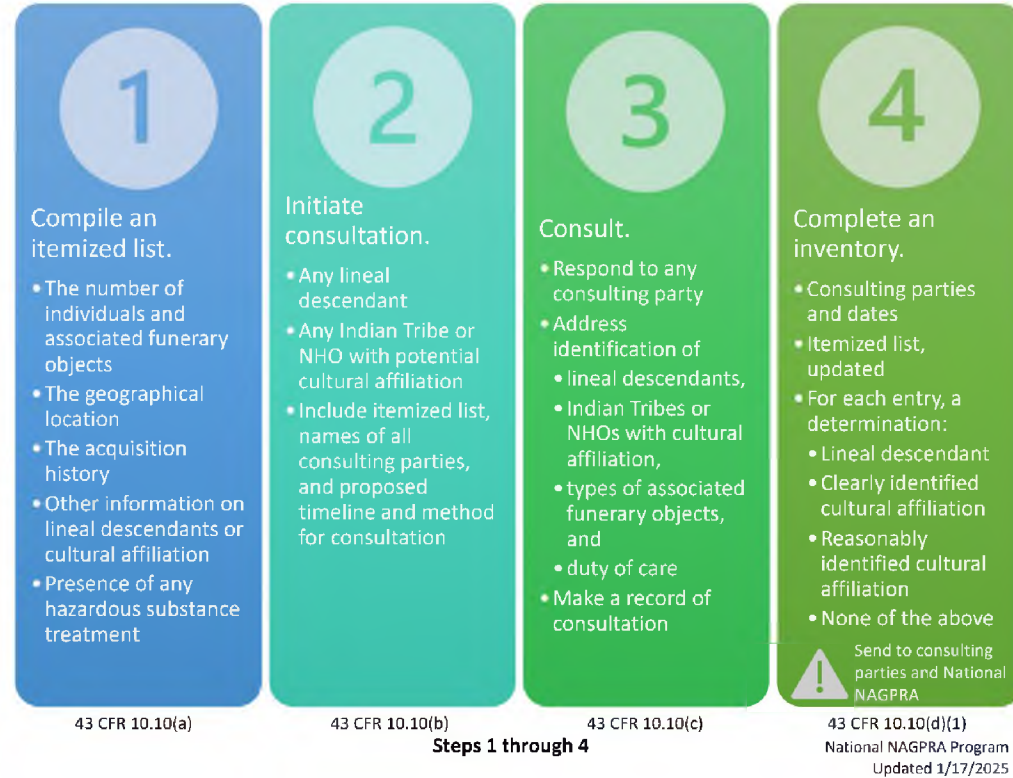


Steps to Repatriation: Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects

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Repatriation of human remains or associated funerary objects



Repatriation of human remains or associated funerary objects



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Steps to Repatriation	Shorter Timeline (42 days)	Longer Timeline (~3 years)
Receive a new collection.	Day 1	Day 1
Step 1: Compile an itemized list.	Day 2	Day 365
Step 2: Initiate consultation.	Day 3	Day 366
Step 3: Consult.	Day 4*	Day 367*
Step 4: Complete an inventory.	Day 5	Day 730 NLT 2 years after Day 1
Step 5: Submit a notice.	Day 6	Day 912 NLT 6 months after Step 4
Publication of notice in Federal Register.	Day 11 (min. 5 days after submission)	Day 942 (max. 30 days after submission)
Step 6: Receive and consider requests.	Day 12*	Day 943*
Step 7: Respond to requests.	Day 42 NET 30 days after publication	Day 1,033 NLT 90 days after Step 6
Step 8: Repatriation.	Day 42	Day 1,123 NLT 90 days after Step 7

* Step 3 and Step 6 depend on actions by lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or NHOs. In both timelines, we assumed one day for Step 3 and Step 6 but both steps will likely take longer.



Repatriation of human remains or associated funerary objects

Museums or Federal agencies must complete steps 1 through 4 and submit an inventory to all consulting parties and the National NAGPRA Program (nagpra_info@nps.gov) by a deadline.

If a museum or Federal agency...	An inventory must be submitted...
Acquires possession or control* (including transfer of a holding or collection previously included in an inventory)***	2 years
Locates previously lost or unknown*	2 years
Receives Federal funds for the first time*	5 years
Previously submitted an inventory but did not publish a notice of inventory completion by January 12, 2024**	January 10, 2029

* 43 CFR 10.10(d)(2)

** 43 CFR 10.10(d)(3)

*** 43 CFR 10.10(d)(4)

Museum Extensions: Any museum may request an extension if it has made a good faith effort but is unable to meet the deadline. A request must be submitted BEFORE the deadline and must include:

- Information showing the initiation of consultation;
- Names of all consulting parties and consent to the extension from a majority of consulting parties;
- Estimated number of human remains and associated funerary objects; and
- Written plan for completing or updating the inventory, including:
 - Specific steps required,
 - Schedule for completing each step and estimated date,
 - People responsible for each step, and
 - Proposal to obtain requisite funding.

See 43 CFR 10.10(d)(5)

Step 1: Compile an itemized list.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/upload/Step-1-Itemized-list.pdf>

Museums/Federal Agencies <u>MUST</u>	Indian Tribes/NHOs <u>MAY</u>
Number of individuals and associated funerary objects	Preferences for organization and level of detail; consent to analysis
Geographical location	Geographical locations of interest
Acquisition history	Acquisition history of interest
Other information for cultural affiliation	Information for cultural affiliation, including NATK
Hazardous substances	Guidelines/consent to testing

Identifying the number of individuals

- Identified in a reasonable manner
- Based on information available
- No additional study or analysis is required – OF ANY KIND BEFORE CONSULTATION
- If human remains are in a holding or collection, the number of individuals is at least one

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/upload/Duty-of-Care-FAQ.pdf>

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/upload/Step-1-Itemized-list.pdf>

Example of itemized list



State	
County	
Site Name	
Collection ID	
Acquisition history	
# of individuals	
# of associated funerary objects	
Age/Culture/Cultural affiliation	
Additional info or hazardous substances	
Comments	

Example of itemized list

Record ID	State	County	Site Name	Collection ID	Acquisition History	# of individuals	# of associated funerary objects	Age/ Culture/ Cultural Affiliation	Additional Info or hazardous substances
1111111	AZ	Pima	Site Name	ACC – 100	Detailed notes here	At least 1	At least 1	Detailed info here	Detailed info here

2024 NAGPRA Itemized List Template
HUMAN REMAINS and ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS
Updated 3/13/2024

Use only for human remains and associated funerary objects in a holding or collection of a museum or Federal agency in order to initiate consultation with lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations (see [43 CFR 10.10\(b\)](#) Step 2 – *Initiate consultation*). A museum or Federal agency must ensure this itemized list is comprehensive and covers all holdings or collections and any human remains or associated funerary objects in its possession or control.

Use this template to compile information available about human remains and associated funerary objects (see [43 CFR 10.10\(a\)](#) Step 1 – *Compile an itemized list of any human remains and associated funerary objects*). Depending on the scope of the holding or collection, the museum or Federal agency may organize this itemized list into sections based on geographical area, accession or catalog name or number, or other defining attributes.

Include the following six pieces of information. This is the MINIMUM information required; additional information may be included as necessary or preferred. The format is only a recommendation and not a requirement.

1. Number of individuals *identified in a reasonable manner*.
2. Number of associated funerary objects and types of objects (counted separately or by lot)
3. Geographical location (provenience) by county or state
4. Acquisition history (provenance)
5. Other information available, including age, culture, or cultural affiliation
6. Presence of any potentially hazardous substances

Before submitting a notice, REMOVE these instructions. VERIFY all information, especially any numbers or addition. The National NAGPRA Program does not review or validate the content of an itemized list and is not responsible for the information in the itemized list.

Send the itemized list with a written invitation to consult to any lineal descendant and any Indian Tribe or NHO with potential cultural affiliation. Update the itemized list as needed after consultation and before updating or completing an inventory of human remains or associated funerary objects. For deadlines to complete an inventory, see Table 1 to [43 CFR 10.10\(d\)\(2\)](#).

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Itemized List of Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession or Control of {1. MUSEUM or FEDERAL AGENCY}

Itemized Record-Spreadsheet

Record ID	State	County	Site Name	Collection ID	Acquisition history	# of individuals	# of associated funerary objects	Age/Culture/Cultural affiliation	Additional info or hazardous substances

Itemized Record-Table

State	
County	
Site Name	
Collection ID	
Acquisition history	
# of individuals	
# of associated funerary objects	
Age/Culture/Cultural affiliation	
Additional info or hazardous substances	
Comments	

Itemized Entry-Paragraph

Item:

Accession #:

Catalogue #:

Description:

Site Name:

Geographical Location:

Acquisition History:

Number of individuals:

Description:

Accession #:

Catalogue #:

Number of associated funerary objects:

Description:

Accession #:

Catalogue #:

Age/Culture/Cultural affiliation:

Additional information or hazardous substances:

Comments:

Step 2: Initiate consultation.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/upload/Step-2-Initiate-consultation.pdf>

Museums/Federal Agencies <u>MUST</u>	Indian Tribes/NHOs <u>MAY</u>
Invite lineal descendants and Indian Tribes or NHOs with potential cultural affiliation	Identify museums/Federal agencies with collections of interest
Enclose itemized list	Preferences for itemized lists and plan for filing/recording/organizing
Identify all consulting parties	Preferences for consulting with others
Propose timeline and method for consultation	Preference for timeline and method for consultation

Identifying who to consult with

Not recommended to
consult with all 574
Indian Tribes

“...burdensome and
inefficient.”

Step 3: Consult.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/upload/Step-3-Consultation-record.pdf>

Museums/Federal Agencies <u>MUST</u>	Indian Tribes/NHOs <u>MAY</u>
Respond to any consulting party	Respond to invitation or request to consult
Request preference on timeline/method and participants	Identify preferences and participants
Address lineal descendants, cultural affiliation, associated funerary objects, and duty of care	Protect sensitive information and give consent for access or research
Make a record of consultation including describing concurrence, disagreement, or nonresponse	
Respond to any requests for additional information	Request additional information

Topic	Determination	Concurrence	Disagreement	Nonresponse
<i>Lineal descendants</i>	<i>None identified</i>	<i>Tribe A Tribe C (deferred) Tribe E Tribe F</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Tribe B Tribe D</i>
<i>Cultural affiliation</i>	<i>Clearly identified to Tribe A, B, C, D, E, and F</i> <i>*as consensus was not reached, museum will proceed with publication of a notice to identify all Indian Tribes with cultural affiliation.</i>	<i>Tribe A Tribe F</i>	<i>Tribe E* After a notice is published, Tribe E may make a competing request for repatriation.</i>	<i>Tribe B Tribe D Tribe C (deferred to Tribe A and E who disagree)</i>
<i>Associated funerary objects</i>	<i>All objects from a burial site are associated</i> <i>*as consensus was not reached, museum will proceed with including all objects as associated funerary objects.</i>	<i>Tribe A Tribe F</i>	<i>Tribe E*</i>	<i>Tribe B Tribe D Tribe C (deferred to Tribe A and E who disagree)</i>
<i>Duty of care: storage, treatment, or handling</i>	<i>Separate room, no handling</i>	<i>Tribe A Tribe C (deferred) Tribe E Tribe F</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Tribe B Tribe D</i>
<i>Duty of care: requested accommodations</i>	<i>Wrap all boxes in red cloth; if not possible, cover shelving units in red cloth.</i>	<i>Tribe A Tribe C (deferred) Tribe E Tribe F</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Tribe B Tribe D</i>
<i>Duty of care: exhibition, access, and research</i>	<i>No consent to any exhibition or research. Access granted to museum staff only to wrap boxes and shelves in red cloth. All other access must be restricted until disposition/repatriation</i>	<i>Tribe A Tribe C (deferred) Tribe E Tribe F</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Tribe B Tribe D</i>

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Step 4: Complete an inventory.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/upload/Step-4-Complete-an-Inventory-template.docx>

Museums/Federal Agencies <u>MUST</u>	Indian Tribes/NHOs <u>MAY</u>
List all consulting parties and dates of consultation	Maintain records on consultation
Update itemized list with information received during consultation	Plan for filing/recording/organizing updates to itemized lists
Determine lineal descendant or cultural affiliation (clearly or reasonably identified)	Prepare to request repatriation in Step 6
If no cultural affiliation, explain why	
Museums may request extension	Provide support for museum extension requests

2025 NAGPRA Inventory Template
HUMAN REMAINS and ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS
Updated 3/28/2025

Use only for human remains and associated funerary objects in a holding or collection of a museum or Federal agency AFTER initiating and conducting consultation with lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations (see [43 CFR 10.10\(b\)](#) Step 2 – *Initiate consultation* and [43 CFR 10.10\(c\)](#) Step 3 – *Consult*).

By the appropriate deadline, use this template to complete an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects (see [43 CFR 10.10\(d\)](#) Step 4 – *Complete an inventory of human remains or associated funerary objects*). A museum or Federal agency must ensure its inventory is comprehensive and covers all human remains or associated funerary objects in its possession or control. Depending on the scope of the holding or collection, the museum or Federal agency may organize its inventory into sections based on geographical area, accession or catalog name or number, or other defining attributes. For deadlines to complete an inventory, see Table 1 to [43 CFR 10.10\(d\)\(2\)](#).

Based on information available and the results of consultation, include the following three pieces of information. This is the MINIMUM information required; additional information may be included as necessary or preferred. The format is only a recommendation and not a requirement.

1. The names of all consulting parties and dates of consultation
2. Information, updated as appropriate, from the itemized list compiled in Step 1 (see [43 CFR 10.10\(a\)](#)), including:
 - a. Number of individuals *identified in a reasonable manner*.
 - b. Number of associated funerary objects and types of objects (counted separately or by lot)
 - c. Geographical location (provenience) by county or state
 - d. Acquisition history (provenance)
 - e. Other information available, including age, culture, or cultural affiliation
 - f. Presence of any potentially hazardous substances
3. For each entry in the itemized list, a determination identifying ONE of the following:
 - a. A known lineal descendant (whose name may be withheld)
 - b. The Indian Tribe or NHO with cultural affiliation that is CLEARLY identified
 - c. The Indian Tribe or NHO with cultural affiliation that is REASONABLY identified
 - d. No lineal descendant or any Indian Tribe or NHO with cultural affiliation can be clearly or reasonably identified. The inventory must briefly describe the information considered and the criteria identified for cultural affiliation to explain how the determination was made.

VERIFY all required information is included. The National NAGPRA Program does not review or validate the content of an inventory and is not responsible for the determinations or errors in the inventory. REMOVE these instructions, highlighting, italics, and {braces} before submission.

Submit the inventory to all consulting parties and to the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, (nagpra_info@nps.gov).

Inventory of Native American human remains and associated
funerary objects in the possession or control of
{MUSEUM/FEDERAL AGENCY}

The purpose of this inventory is to provide determinations, following consultation, about the cultural affiliation of Native American human remains or associated funerary objects to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations to facilitate repatriation.

Based on the results of consultation (section 1) and the information available (section 2), this inventory includes determinations of cultural affiliation for all human remains and associated funerary objects in the possession or control of {MUSEUM/FEDERAL AGENCY}. This inventory is organized based on {geographical area, accession or catalog name or number, or other defining attributes.}

Section 1: Consulting parties and dates of consultation.

See Record of Consultation for additional information, including concurrence, disagreement, or nonresponse of consulting parties during consultation.

List of parties invited to consult:

TRIBE A
TRIBE B
TRIBE C
TRIBE D (did not participate)

Consultations occurred on the following dates:

February x, 199x: TRIBE A, TRIBE B, and TRIBE C.
July x-xx, 199x: TRIBE A and TRIBE C.
October x, 199x: TRIBE A, TRIBE B, and TRIBE C.

OR

Date	Consulting party
2/x/199x	TRIBE A, TRIBE B, and TRIBE C
7/x/199x	TRIBE A and TRIBE C
10 x/199x	TRIBE A, TRIBE B, and TRIBE C

Section 2. Information from Itemized List, updated as appropriate, including cultural affiliation determinations

Choose one of the following formats or a different format

Itemized Record-Spreadsheet

Record ID	State	County	Site Name	Collection ID	Acquisition history	# of individuals	# of associated funerary objects	Age/Culture	Additional info or hazardous substances	Cultural Affiliation Determination

Itemized Record-Table

State	
County	
Site Name	
Collection ID	
Acquisition history	
# of individuals	
# of associated funerary objects	
Age/Culture	
Additional info or hazardous substances	
Comments	
Cultural Affiliation Determination	

Itemized Entry-Paragraph

Item:
Accession #:
Catalogue #:
Description:
Site Name:
Geographical Location:
Acquisition History:
Number of individuals:
 Description:
 Accession #:
 Catalogue #:
Number of associated funerary objects:
 Description:
 Accession #:
 Catalogue #:
Age/Culture:
Additional information or hazardous substances:
Comments:
Cultural Affiliation Determination:

Step 5: Submit a notice of inventory completion.

Museums/Federal Agencies <u>MUST</u>	Indian Tribes/NHOs <u>MAY</u>
Abstract of information	Search FR for geographical location or acquisition history
Determination of lineal descendant or cultural affiliation or no cultural affiliation	Search FR for one or more names of Indian Tribes or NHOs
Total number of individuals and associated funerary objects	Plan for filing/recording/organizing with itemized list/completed inventory
Contact information to submit requests for repatriation	Prepare templates for requesting repatriation

related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of information available

Human remains representing, at least, {3. number} individuals have been identified. The {4. number} associated funerary objects are {list type of each object or group of objects, e.g., pottery sherds, tools, beads, and buttons, OR No associated funerary objects are present}. {5. Include a BRIEF abstract of information in the itemized list/inventory, updated as appropriate. Include, if available, the geographical location, acquisition history, cultural affiliation, and the presence of any potentially hazardous substances used to treat any of the human remains or associated funerary objects.}

Cultural affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, {6. Choose one of the following options: cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice. OR cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.}

Determinations

The {1. Museum or Federal Agency} has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of {3. number} individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The {4. number} objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and {7. list Indian Tribes with cultural affiliation in alphabetical order per the most recent Secretary's list of federally recognized Indian Tribes, as

published in the *Federal Register*, or list Native Hawaiian organizations with cultural affiliation}.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the {1. Museum or Federal Agency} must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The {1. Museum or Federal Agency} is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

AUTHORITY: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated:

Melanie O'Brien,
Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

Abstract of information available

Human remains representing, at least, 1000 individuals have been identified. The three associated funerary objects are two jars of materials, and one lot of shells. These ancestors were removed from XX County/State location. It is unclear when the excavation occurred or who brought the ancestors to XXX Museum.

Cultural affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The XX Museum has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 1000 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The three objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and NAME of Affiliated Tribes.

Step 6: Receive and consider a request for repatriation

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/upload/Step-6-Request-for-Repatriation.docx>

Museums/Federal Agencies <u>MUST</u>	Indian Tribes/NHOs <u>MAY</u>
Receive and consider requests	Submit written requests satisfying one of the criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Requestor is identified in the noticeRequestor is not identified, but shows by a preponderance of the evidence requestor is a lineal descendant or is culturally affiliated
Identify the date of the request	
Consider joint request as a single request	Develop protocols for making joint requests

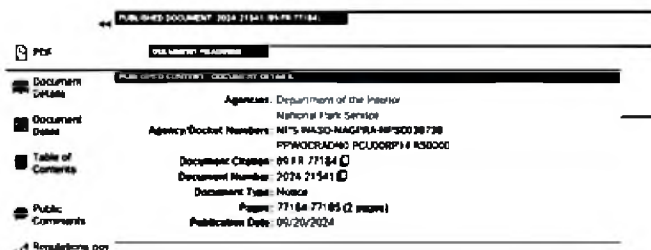
2025 NAGPRA Request for Repatriation Template
HUMAN REMAINS and ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS
Updated 4/17/2025

Use only for **human remains and associated funerary objects** AFTER publication of a notice of inventory completion (see [43 CFR 10.10\(e\) Step 5 – Submit a notice of inventory completion](#)). Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization may submit a written request for repatriation. This template should ONLY be used by requesting party/parties identified in a notice of inventory completion.

After publication of a notice of inventory completion, use this template to complete [43 CFR 10.10\(f\) Step 6 – Receive and consider a request for repatriation](#). Please note: A request for repatriation may include multiple notices of inventory completion having the same requestor(s) identified in item 3 below.

Insert the following five pieces of information in the appropriate places in this template, indicated by {**Information and additional instructions**}. This is the MINIMUM information required; additional information may be included as necessary or preferred. The format is only a recommendation and not a requirement.

1. Date signed and sent. *Documents are timely based on the date sent* ([43 CFR 10.1\(m\)\(2\)](#)).
2. Museum or Federal agency. *The authorized representative is identified in the notice of inventory completion under ADDRESSES or FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.*
3. Requesting party/parties. *This may include any one or more of the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in the notice of inventory completion. Requests from two or more lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations who agree to joint repatriation are considered a single request and not competing requests.*
4. The corresponding *Federal Register* notice(s). *For each notice, include information found in the Document Details tab on [Federalregister.gov](#). Include Document Citation, Document Number, and Publication Date. From the image below, as an example, 89 FR 77184, 2024-21541, 9/20/2024.*



5. OPTIONAL proposed timeline. *A requesting party may include a proposed timeline for the museum or Federal agency to complete the repatriation process. The notice of inventory completion identifies the earliest date that repatriation may occur under DATES. The regulations require Step 7 and Step 8 be completed no later than 180 days after the date of this request. The requesting party may propose Step 7 and Step 8 be completed simultaneously and by a date certain, or within a shorter timeline than the required 180 days.*

REMOVE these instructions, highlighting, italics, and {braces} before sending.

Send the request for repatriation to the museum or Federal agency through the authorized representative identified in the notice of inventory completion under ADDRESSES or FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Written documents must be sent by one of the following: email, with proof of receipt; personal delivery with proof of delivery date; private delivery service with proof of date sent; or certified mail (see [43 CFR 10.1\(e\)\(1\)](#)).

{1. Date}

{2. Museum or Federal agency addressee and address}

Dear {2. Museum or Federal agency},

The {3. Requesting party/parties} formally requests the repatriation of human remains and associated funerary objects in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA; 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 10).

This request for repatriation concerns human remains and associated funerary objects identified in the following *Federal Register* notice(s) of inventory completion: {4. Identify each notice by Document Citation, Document number, and Publication Date}

- {Document Citation as Vol. FR Page No.}; {Document Number as YYYY-####}; and {Publication Date as MM/DD/YYYY} Repeat as necessary and attach notices.

The preferred timeline for completing the repatriation is {5. OPTIONAL Insert proposed timeline for completion of Steps 7 & 8}

If you have any questions about this request for repatriation, please contact {3. Insert contact information for requesting party/parties}

Sincerely,

{Requesting party/parties authorized representative signature block}

Enclosure(s): Federal Register notice(s)

CC: {3. Additional requesting parties}

Step 7: Respond to a request for repatriation.

Museums/Federal Agencies <u>MUST</u>	Indian Tribes/NHOs <u>MAY</u>
Respond in writing to requestor and any other party in the notice	Track response due date (90 days after Step 6)
State one of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Request meets the criteria.	Request repatriation statement by a date certain
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Request does not meet the criteria, explain why, request more information	Prepare a response with more information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competing requests received	Explore joint requests or other resolutions

Step 8: Repatriation.

Museums/Federal Agencies MUST

Send a written repatriation statement

Consult on and document physical transfer

Protect sensitive information

Indian Tribes/NHOs MAY

Track repatriation statement due date (90 days after Step 7)

Determine guidelines and preference for physical transfer

Identify sensitive information requiring protection

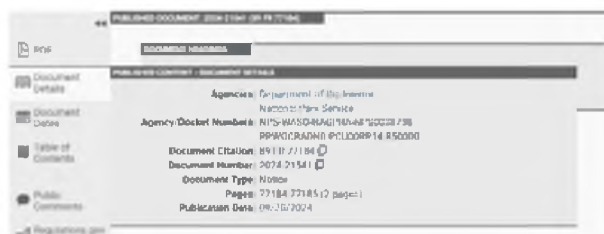
2025 NAGPRA Repatriation Statement Template
HUMAN REMAINS and ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS
Updated 4/17/2025

Use only for human remains and associated funerary objects AFTER responding to a request for repatriation (see [43 CFR 10.10\(g\)](#) Step 7 – Respond to a request for repatriation). Please note: A museum or Federal agency may combine a response to a request for repatriation (Step 7) and a repatriation statement (Step 8) provided all required information is included in a single written document.

No later than 90 days after responding to a request for repatriation that meets the criteria, use this template to complete [43 CFR 10.10\(h\)](#) Step 8 – Repatriation of the human remains or associated funerary objects. The museum or Federal agency may include in a single statement any human remains or associated funerary objects having the same requestor identified in item 3 below.

Insert the following five pieces of information in the appropriate places in this template, indicated by {#}. Required information and additional instructions}. This is the MINIMUM information required. The format is only a recommendation and not a requirement.

1. Museum or Federal Agency. Full name can be abbreviated or referred to by initials after the first instance, i.e. Museum of Natural Science (MONS).
2. Date signed and sent. Documents are timely based on the date sent ([43 CFR 10.1\(f\)\(2\)](#)).
3. Requesting lineal descendant (whose name may be withheld), Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization. In the case of joint requests for repatriation, a repatriation statement must identify and be sent to all requestors. Counter-signature by requesting parties is NOT required or recommended.
4. The corresponding Federal Register notice(s). For each notice, include information found in the Document Details tab on [Federalregister.gov](#). Include Document Citation, Document Number, and Publication Date. From the image below, as an example, 89 FR 77184, 2024-21541, 9/20/2024. If the repatriation statement only partially covers the human remains and associated funerary objects listed in the notice(s), please note the specific paragraphs in the notice that are included in the repatriation statement.



5. Optional but recommended: Statement that information is or is not available about the human remains or associated funerary objects being treated with pesticides, preservatives, or other substances that represent a potential hazard to the human remains or object(s) or to the person(s) handling the human remains or object(s).

REMOVE these instructions, highlighting, italics, and {braces} before submission.

Send a repatriation statement to the requestor(s) identified in item 3 above and to the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, (nagpra_info@nps.gov). The National NAGPRA Program will file the statement and enter item 2, Document date, next to the appropriate entry in the Notices database. See <https://apps.cr.nps.gov/nagprapublic/Home/Notice>. To prevent delays or errors in recording the statement, please ensure the information in item 4 above is accurate and complete.

{INSERT Letterhead} OR {1. Museum/Federal agency Name, City and State}

{2. Date}

In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA; 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 10), this statement certifies the following:

- The {1. Museum or Federal Agency} relinquishes possession or control of
- the {human remains} and {associated funerary objects} listed in the attached Federal Register notice(s) to
- {3. List the requesting lineal descendant (whose name may be withheld), Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization}.

The human remains and associated funerary objects were published in the following Federal Register notice(s) of inventory completion: {4. Identify each notice by Document Citation, Document Number, and Publication Date}

- {Document Citation as Vol. FR Page No.}; {Document Number as YYYY-#####}; and {Publication Date as MM/DD/YYYY} Repeat as necessary and attach notices.

{OPTIONAL but recommended statement} The {1. Museum or Federal Agency} has {choose as appropriate: 5. Information about OR no information about} the human remains or associated funerary objects being treated with pesticides, preservatives, or other substances that represent a potential hazard to the human remains or object(s) or to person(s) handling the human remains or object(s). Any information about these treatments was previously shared with the recipients.

After sending this repatriation statement, {1. Museum or Federal Agency} will:

1. Consult with the parties above on custody and physical transfer,
2. Document any physical transfer, and
3. Protect sensitive information from disclosure to the general public to the extent consistent with applicable law.

Nothing in the Act or this part limits the authority of the {1. Museum or Federal Agency} to enter into any agreement with the requestor concerning the human remains or associated funerary objects.

The {1. Museum or Federal Agency} will send a copy of this repatriation statement to all parties identified above and the Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

{Museum or Federal agency authorized representative signature block}

Enclosure(s): Federal Register notice(s)

CC: National NAGPRA Program (nagpra_info@nps.gov) and {3. Requesting lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization}

Steps to Repatriation	Shorter Timeline (42 days)	Longer Timeline (~3 years)
Receive a new collection.	Day 1	Day 1
Step 1: Compile an itemized list.	Day 2	Day 365
Step 2: Initiate consultation.	Day 3	Day 366
Step 3: Consult.	Day 4*	Day 367*
Step 4: Complete an inventory.	Day 5	Day 730 NLT 2 years after Day 1
Step 5: Submit a notice.	Day 6	Day 912 NLT 6 months after Step 4
Publication of notice in Federal Register.	Day 11 (min. 5 days after submission)	Day 942 (max. 30 days after submission)
Step 6: Receive and consider requests.	Day 12*	Day 943*
Step 7: Respond to requests.	Day 42 NET 30 days after publication	Day 1,033 NLT 90 days after Step 6
Step 8: Repatriation.	Day 42	Day 1,123 NLT 90 days after Step 7

* Step 3 and Step 6 depend on actions by lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or NHOs. In both timelines, we assumed one day for Step 3 and Step 6 but both steps will likely take longer.