

Officials of the Sioux Indian Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Sioux Indian Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Ms. Paulette Montileaux, Curator, Sioux Indian Museum, Post Office Box 1504, Rapid City, SD 57709, telephone (605) 394–2381 before March 24, 2006. Repatriation of the human remains to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Sioux Indian Museum is responsible for notifying the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma that this notice has been published.

Dated: January 27, 2006.

C. Timothy McKeown,

Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Tonto National Monument, Roosevelt, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Tonto National Monument, Roosevelt, AZ. The human remains and cultural items were removed from two sites within the monument's boundaries and one site west of the monument.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the superintendent, Tonto National Monument.

A detailed assessment of the human remains and associated funerary objects was made by Tonto National Monument professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona; and Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico. The Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona, was contacted, but did not attend the consultation meeting and was represented by the Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona.

In 1936 and 1940, human remains representing a minimum of two individuals were removed from the monument's Upper Ruin site in Gila County, AZ, during legally authorized excavations by the National Park Service. No known individuals were identified. The three associated funerary objects are textile fragments.

Diagnostic artifacts found associated with the burials as well as elsewhere on the site indicate that the human remains were buried during the Gila phase of the Classic period (A.D. 1300–1450).

In 1950, human remains representing a minimum of three individuals were recovered from the monument's Lower Ruin site in Gila County, AZ, during legally authorized excavations by the National Park Service. No known individuals were identified. The 25 associated funerary objects are 1 gourd container, 1 Tonto Red bowl, 1 piece of cordage, 1 cradleboard, 1 rattle, 2 twilled baskets, 1 awl, 8 awl fragments, 1 crystal, 1 box containing fragments of blue, red, and green painted staffs, 1 bone tessera, 3 mat fragments, 1 spindle, 1 ring of yucca fiber, and 1 pendant.

Diagnostic artifacts found associated with the burials as well as elsewhere on the site indicate that the human remains were buried during the Gila phase of the Classic period (A.D. 1300–1450).

In 1956, human remains representing a minimum of two individuals were donated to the National Park Service by Dr. Cyril M. Cron. The remains were removed by unknown persons from the monument's Upper Ruin site in Gila County, AZ. No known individuals were identified. The 23 associated funerary objects are 2 blankets, 1 cordage artifact, 1 cradleboard, 1 impression of twilled matting, 1 pillow, 6 textile fragments and 1 box of textile fragments, 8 textile strips, and 2 textiles.

Diagnostic artifacts found on the site indicate that the human remains were buried during the Gila phase of the

Classic period (A.D. 1300–1450). These human remains and associated funerary objects are recorded on the NAGPRA inventory of the Western Archeological and Conservation Center (WACC) of National Park Service, where they are stored, but are included here for consistency.

In 1963, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were inadvertently discovered by Arizona State Highway Department workers outside the monument on the west side of Tonto Creek, Gila County, AZ. No known individual was identified. The one associated funerary object is a Salado Red ceramic bowl.

The associated funerary object as well as objects found nearby indicate that the human remains were buried during the Classic period (A.D. 1200–1450). At the time of discovery, the Arizona State Highway Department requested assistance from National Park Service, which was provided. The human remains and associated funerary object were subsequently accessioned into Tonto National Monument's collections. On November 29, 2005, the Arizona Department of Transportation consented to Tonto National Monument taking NAGPRA responsibility for these human remains and associated funerary object.

Tonto Basin is one of several areas in the Southwest associated with the "Salado," a term that has invoked archeological debate since the 1930s. The basin is located between the desert-dwelling Hohokam to the south and ancestral Puebloan groups of the mountain areas to the north and east. The geographic area contains a variety of architectural styles and material culture that represent both the Hohokam and ancestral Puebloan traditions. For example, both architectural styles are sometimes found within single sites, suggesting close mixing between the two groups. Recent research suggests that the intermixing of these two groups may have occurred in the late 13th century to the middle part of the 15th century when the Tonto Basin was depopulated. Site types in the Tonto Basin include fieldhouses, roomblocks, compounds, and platform mounds. In addition, pottery such as Roosevelt Red Ware, Salado Red, and Salado White-on-red represent a key component to Salado material culture. These ceramics were found during excavations of the upper and lower cliff dwellings in Tonto National Monument.

Overall, the archeological evidence, including material culture, architectural styles, and burial practices, indicates affiliation with a number of contemporary indigenous groups both

from the southern and northern Southwest, including the Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona; Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona; and Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico. In addition to the archeological evidence, oral traditions of the six tribes support ancestral ties to the Salado cultural tradition.

Officials of Tonto National Monument have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of eight individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of Tonto National Monument also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(A), the 52 objects described above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of Tonto National Monument have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and the Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona; Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona; and Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Bradley S. Traver, superintendent, Tonto National Monument, HC 02, Box 4602, Roosevelt, AZ 85545, telephone (928) 467–2241, before March 24, 2006. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona; Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona; and Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Tonto National Monument is responsible for notifying the Ak Chin

Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona; Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona; and Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico that this notice has been published.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession of Mesa Verde National Park, Mesa Verde, CO; Correction

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, Sec. 5, of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in the possession of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Mesa Verde National Park, Mesa Verde, CO. These human remains and cultural items were removed from sites within and near Mesa Verde National Park.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003, (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the superintendent, Mesa Verde National Park.

This notice corrects the number of human remains and associated funerary objects reported in a Notice of Inventory Completion published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 1999. During the 2001 storage upgrade project, human remains representing four individuals and one associated funerary object were found. The inclusion of sites from outside park boundaries and the return of human remains to the park in 2005 resulted in an additional eight human remains and 26 associated funerary objects. During the course of developing this correction errors were found in the published counts of associated funerary objects resulting in three fewer associated funerary objects. The net

change is 12 additional individuals and 24 additional funerary objects. The human remains and associated funerary objects are culturally affiliated with the same tribes as described in the original notice.

In the **Federal Register** of August 27, 1999, FR Doc. 99–22260, pages 46936–46949, the following corrections are made –

The tenth paragraph on page 46939 is corrected by substituting the following paragraph:

In 1955 and 1956, human remains representing 17 individuals were recovered during legally authorized excavations conducted by University of Colorado archeologist Robert Lister at Lister Site No.1 (5MV875), a site within park boundaries. No known individuals were identified. The 31 associated funerary objects include 10 bowls and bowl fragments, five faunal bones, four jars and jar fragments, one ladle bowl fragment, three ladles, seven pitchers, and one worked sherd.

The eighth paragraph on page 46940 is corrected by substituting the following paragraph:

Between 1937 and 1989, human remains representing 211 individuals were recovered during multiple episodes from Long House (5MV1200), a site within park boundaries. In 1937, a park visitor recovered human remains representing two individuals during an unauthorized excavation. From 1958 to 1962, human remains representing 208 individuals were recovered during a legally authorized National Park Service excavation. In 1989, human remains representing one individual were located in the collection by park curatorial staff. No known individuals were identified. The two individuals recovered in 1937 and the one individual found in 1989 had no associated funerary objects. The 208 individuals recovered from 1958 to 1962 had 537 associated funerary objects consisting of four bone awls, two axes, one bead, one bone artifact, 277 botanical specimens (juniper and yucca), 10 bowls and bowl fragments, one concretion, one cone, one feather/yucca cordage fragment, two cores, five corn cobs, three corn kernels, three cylinders, one disk fragment, 93 faunal specimens (bone, hide, claw, and eggshell), 13 flakes, three geologic specimens (barite, quartz, and shale), five gizzard stones, seven hammerstones, six jars and jar fragments, one ladle cup, one ladle, two manos, one miniature ladle, 12 mugs and mug fragments, four pendants, three points, 71 sherds, one drilled stone artifact, one pecked and grooved stone artifact, and one wood artifact. Human