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To: All District Managers
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection
Subject: Archaeological Resources Protection Act Coordinator Role in Oregon/Washington

A recent large interagency law enforcement operation in Central Oregon, Operation Bring Em Back, has highlighted the growing incidences of unauthorized looting of archaeological resources and human remains on federal lands in the Pacific Northwest including the expansive Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands in Oregon/Washington (OR/WA). The BLM has responsibilities under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to protect these sites and pursue criminal and civil punishments of violators. The increasing complexity of these looting operations as well as their extensiveness compels us to seek increasingly cost effective means to address this growing workload.

With these factors in mind, the OR/WA State Office is designating Dr. Tim Canaday as our regional ARPA coordinator for the BLM Cultural Resource Management Program. Tim has gained extensive experience in interagency anti-looting law enforcement campaigns and participated in a number of successful prosecutions. Tim has already been applying roughly a quarter of his time for the last 5 years toward similar BLM ARPA related activities in addition to his regular duties as lead archaeologist for the Klamath Falls Resource Area.

As regional coordinator for ARPA enforcement, Tim will serve as the key contact for BLM field offices in OR/WA and will facilitate coordination with the BLM law enforcement staff. The ARPA Coordinator will provide assistance to other districts, agencies or entities, when appropriate, in resource identification and damage evaluation, and information sharing. The coordinator's role will also be to facilitate training of key staff to ensure they are knowledgeable of the most up-to-date procedures in working with law enforcement to process crime scenes, such as development of cost assessment reports, and production of any other archaeological reports requested by law enforcement and the U.S. Attorney's office. In a Service First capacity, the BLM coordinator will work closely with his regional counterpart in the U.S. Forest Service in terms of coordinating interagency activities including site assessments and training.

The coordinator will also help facilitate coordination with American Indian tribal governments and other organizations as appropriate. Dr. Richard Hanes, the regional cultural program lead, still maintains the lead on budget allocations and serves as advisor to the State Director on related matters.

If you have any questions regarding the subject of this bulletin, please contact Richard Hanes at 541-683-6669 or Dr. Tim Canaday at 541-885-4139.

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