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Emergency Management

On May 23, severe weather caused damage to the Fort Pulaski National Monument in Georgia, and the National Park Service (NPS) has closed the park until further notice. There were no injuries reported, and all NPS personnel are accounted for. An Incident Management Team is in the process of assessing the damages.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,478 (no change) acres. The fire is 65-percent (+5) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 792 (-41) personnel, including 128 (-7) DOI personnel. There are 320 (no change) residences and 7 (no change) commercial structures threatened. There have been 6 (no change) responder injuries reported, and portions of the refuge remain closed to the public. Rain occurred over much of the fire area on Wednesday. The containment date is November 1.

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Media of Interest

Interior Sued For Documents On Monument Designations.

The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (5/24, Burr) reports that “a government watchdog group is suing the Interior Department for any records relating to five national monuments named under President Barack Obama, arguing the public deserves to see just how much the Obama administration solicited input on the designations despite what Republicans are saying now.” The Western Values Project filed suit Wednesday in the federal court for the District of Columbia, “asking a judge to force Interior to turn over a slew of documents the group had requested in January but that Interior has yet to produce.” The Montana-based group “says Republicans have been pushing the false narrative that the Obama administration didn’t invite public input into the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and four others, and the documents will prove that the Interior department under Obama asked for and received a deluge of comments.”

Plans For RFK Memorial Move Forward.

The Washington Business Journal (5/24, Goff) reports that “Events D.C. and the family of Robert F. Kennedy are moving forward on plans for a memorial honoring the late senator, which will stand on the site of the current, but aging, stadium bearing his name.” Mayor Muriel Bower, Events D.C. and “members of the Kennedy family met in the District on Wednesday to discuss the memorial and announce a newly formed memorial committee.” Bowser was also “scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.” The mayor sent a letter to President Trump “in March

requesting that RFK and two other NPS-controlled properties be transferred to D.C.”

Trump Administration Urged To Rescind Bears Ears Designation.

In an op-ed for the Logan (UT) Herald Journal (5/24, Anderson), Matthew Anderson, a policy analyst for the Coalition for Self-Government in the West, writes that the Obama Administration, when it designated the Bears Ears National Monument, “ignored those most impacted by his decision – turning a deaf ear to San Juan County residents’ fears that the monument will restrict access, weaken the economy, and corrode their community.” According to Anderson, “these concerns are not unfounded, as locals have seen firsthand how grazing, woodcutting, outdoor recreation and other traditional uses of the land have been constrained – and, in some cases, eliminated – by national monuments.” Anderson argues that by rescinding the monument, the Trump Administration “can usher in a new age of land management that will heed local voices, protect antiquities and restore the American dream to San Juan County.”

BOEM Releases High Resolution Maps Of Ocean Floor.

Gizmodo (5/24, Mandelbaum) reports that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has “released a new set of super high-resolution bathymetry data of the Northern Gulf of Mexico for anyone with a computer to enjoy.” According to the article, “it uses 90,000 square miles worth of 3D seismic data to increase the resolution of the regional maps 10 to 50 fold.” The article says that “it’s made up of 1.4 billion 40x40 foot pixels, according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management website, which is incredibly high resolution compared with what we had before.”

Environmental Groups Seek To Block BLM Oil And Gas Lease Auction In Central Nevada.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (5/24, Brean) reports that the Bureau of Land Management has “scheduled a June 13 auction for new oil and gas leases across almost 196,000 acres in central Nevada.” According to the article, “a coalition of environmental groups will file an administrative protest Thursday in hopes of blocking the online auction and any future fossil fuel development, which they say could contaminate land, air and water in Nevada while contributing to global warming.” The article says that “the Center for Biological Diversity, Great Basin Resource Watch, the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, the Sierra Club and the Western Watersheds Project teamed up to submit the protest.” Meanwhile, “two other conservation groups, the Wilderness Society and WildEarth Guardians, are planning their own administrative protests of BLM’s upcoming auction.”

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White House Communications Report

WEEK AHEAD May 24 thru May 31, 2017

Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior | Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

NOTE: The Secretary shot a video for Great Outdoors Month. They meet at Interior on May 31 and an EO has been circulated for Presidential review. We also shot a video for Memorial Day weekend honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

June 2: Office of Wildland Fire (OWF)—DOI and USDA at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise: 2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership - Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible.

June 2: Wildfire suppression costs Forecast Report May 2017 - The Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111-88) requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July.

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Media Tomorrow: Tomorrow's POLITICO's Morning Energy will include the announcement of the Secretary's participation in the CODEL.

National Park Service: May 25 (Pending): NPS Local News Release: Nathan Souder Selected as New Superintendent of De Soto National Memorial

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: May 31 & June 1: FWS and partners will participate in the first South-Central Monarch Symposium at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas. Hosted by Texan By Nature, a nonprofit organization founded by former First Lady Laura Bush, the symposium will highlight research and monitoring, land management practices, and private landowner initiatives that benefit the monarch butterfly.

•TBD: FWS plans to send to the FR a final determination on the bureau's March 11, 2016, proposal to identify the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear population of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming as a distinct population segment (DPS) and revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by removing grizzly bears within the GYE DPS due to recovery.

Bureau of Land Management: Week of May 22: BLM-UT Monticello Field Office intends to open a 30-day public comment period to review and provide comment on an EA analyzing commercial climbing opportunities in the Indian Creek Area, which lies within Bears Ears National Monument.

•Week of May 22: BLM-UT Price Field Office intends to issue a final decision on proposed construction of a water pipeline for the Deer Creek Mine in Emery County to convey mine drainage. Total disturbance is estimated to be fewer than seven acres on U.S. Forest Service

lands and five acres on BLM-managed public lands.

U.S. Geological Survey: May 25: Local News Release/Public Announcement: Scientific Surveys Conducted on Leased Lands in Montana by USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center scientists. Near roadsides and on public lands in Phillips and Valley counties.

•May 30: Technical Announcement: Groundwater Ages Indicate Decades May be Required to Fully Assess Effects of Unconventional Oil and Gas Production on 116 Drinking-Water Wells in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas

•May 31: National News Release: USGS Study determines there were 28 species of cyanobacterium present during 2016 Lake Okeechobee Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) event in Florida

•June 1: Technical Release: New USGS Integrated Drought Science Plan Paves Path Forward for Drought Resilience—a coordinated, multi-discipline science approach that brings the full USGS capacity to bear on this national crisis.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: May 23-24: Note to Stakeholders on start of construction for four Dare County, NC, Marine Mineral Program projects -- Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills. (sand from OCS for coastal replenishment)

TBD: Press Release on GoMMAPPS, a partnership program to improve protected species assessments in the Gulf of Mexico.

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

REG0006810 FWS Draft Texas Coastal Bend Shortgrass Prairie Multi-Species Recovery Plan: Slender Rush-Pea and South Texas Ambrosia. One of the Endangered Species Act's primary goals is to recover endangered and threatened animals and plants to the point they are again secure, self-sustaining ecosystem members. The ESA requires recovery plans for listed species. The recovery plan this notice discusses is designed to recover (delist) these two plant species, both of which are listed as endangered. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006997 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0095; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to Experimental Populations. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice

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REG0007001 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0022; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports-Migratory Birds and Eagles. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to permit applications. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 30 days. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007010 FWS Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for South Sacramento County, California; Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan will balance the need for new urban growth with the need to conserve natural landscapes, aquatic resources, and native wildlife and plant species in Sacramento County, California. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007013 FWS Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report, Joint Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan; Yolo County, California. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The activities include urban and rural development, public services, infrastructure, utilities, agricultural economic development, and various operations and maintenance activities in Yolo County, Ca. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007025 FWS Endangered And Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Texas Hornshell. FWS received several requests for public hearings on the proposed rule to list the Texas hornshell as an endangered species. FWS is reopening the comment period on the proposed listing rule for 30 days and announcing the dates and locations of these public hearings. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006981 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS (N2778). This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) in Topeka, Kansas, has completed an inventory of human remains removed from a site in Shawnee County, Kansas, in 2012 and 2013. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006987 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument, Tulelake, CA N2787. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects. The remains and objects were removed from sites within the Monument in Siskiyou and Modoc Counties in California in 1952. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007034 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park

Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2786. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 99 cultural items under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007035 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2781. This Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) announces that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects. The remains and objects were removed from Bibb County, Georgia, between 1933 and 1934. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007036 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA; Correction N2782. This Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) announces that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, has corrected an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2001 (66 FR 32838). This Notice corrects the number of associated funerary objects. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007037 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA; Correction N2783. This Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) announces that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, has corrected an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2001 (66 FR 32842). This Notice corrects the minimum number of individuals and the number of associated funerary objects. Notice 05/24/2017.

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Emergency Management

On May 23, severe weather caused damage to the Fort Pulaski National Monument in Georgia, and the National Park Service (NPS) has closed the park until further notice. There were no injuries reported, and all NPS personnel are accounted for. An Incident Management Team is in the process of assessing the damages.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,478 (no change) acres. The fire is 65-percent (+5) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 792 (-41) personnel, including 128 (-7) DOI personnel. There are 320 (no change) residences and 7 (no change) commercial structures threatened. There have been 6 (no change) responder injuries reported, and portions of the refuge remain closed to the public. Rain occurred over much of the fire area on Wednesday. The containment date is November 1.

Media of Interest

Interior Sued For Documents On Monument Designations.

The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (5/24, Burr) reports that “a government watchdog group is suing the Interior Department for any records relating to five national monuments named under President Barack Obama, arguing the public deserves to see just how much the Obama administration solicited input on the designations despite what Republicans are saying now.” The Western Values Project filed suit Wednesday in the federal court for the District of Columbia, “asking a judge to force Interior to turn over a slew of documents the group had requested in January but that Interior has yet to produce.” The Montana-based group “says Republicans have been pushing the false narrative that the Obama administration didn’t invite public input into the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and four others, and the documents will prove that the Interior department under Obama asked for and received a deluge of comments.”

Plans For RFK Memorial Move Forward.

The Washington Business Journal (5/24, Goff) reports that “Events D.C. and the family of Robert F. Kennedy are moving forward on plans for a memorial honoring the late senator, which will stand on the site of the current, but aging, stadium bearing his name.” Mayor Muriel Bowser, Events D.C. and “members of the Kennedy family met in the District on Wednesday to discuss the memorial and announce a newly formed memorial committee.” Bowser was also “scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.” The mayor sent a letter to President Trump “in March requesting that RFK and two other NPS-controlled properties be transferred to D.C.”

Trump Administration Urged To Rescind Bears Ears Designation.

In an op-ed for the Logan (UT) Herald Journal (5/24, Anderson), Matthew Anderson, a policy analyst for the Coalition for Self-Government in the West, writes that the Obama Administration, when it designated the Bears Ears National Monument, “ignored those most impacted by his decision – turning a deaf ear to San Juan County residents’ fears that the monument will restrict access, weaken the economy, and corrode their community.” According to Anderson, “these concerns are not unfounded, as locals have seen firsthand how grazing, woodcutting, outdoor recreation and other traditional uses of the land have been constrained – and, in some cases, eliminated – by national monuments.” Anderson argues that by rescinding the monument, the Trump Administration “can usher in a new age of land management that will heed local voices, protect antiquities and restore the American dream to San Juan County.”

BOEM Releases High Resolution Maps Of Ocean Floor.

Gizmodo (5/24, Mandelbaum) reports that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has “released a new set of super high-resolution bathymetry data of the Northern Gulf of Mexico for anyone with a computer to enjoy.” According to the article, “it uses 90,000 square miles worth of 3D seismic data to increase the resolution of the regional maps 10 to 50 fold.” The article says that “it’s made up of 1.4 billion 40x40 foot pixels, according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management website, which is incredibly high resolution compared with what we had before.”

Environmental Groups Seek To Block BLM Oil And Gas Lease Auction In Central Nevada.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (5/24, Brea) reports that the Bureau of Land Management has “scheduled a June 13 auction for new oil and gas leases across almost 196,000 acres in central Nevada.” According to the article, “a coalition of environmental groups will file an administrative protest Thursday in hopes of blocking the online auction and any future fossil fuel development, which they say could contaminate land, air and water in Nevada while contributing to global warming.” The article says that “the Center for Biological Diversity, Great Basin Resource Watch, the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, the Sierra Club and the Western Watersheds Project teamed up to submit the protest.” Meanwhile, “two other conservation groups, the Wilderness Society and WildEarth Guardians, are planning their own administrative protests of BLM’s upcoming auction.”

White House Communications Report

WEEK AHEAD May 24 thru May 31, 2017

Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior | Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

NOTE: The Secretary shot a video for Great Outdoors Month. They meet at Interior on May 31 and an EO has been circulated for Presidential review. We also shot a video for Memorial Day weekend honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

June 2: Office of Wildland Fire (OWF)—DOI and USDA at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise: 2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership - Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible.

June 2: Wildfire suppression costs Forecast Report May 2017 - The Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111-88) requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July.

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce \$1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media Tomorrow: Tomorrow’s POLITICO’s Morning Energy will include the announcement of the Secretary’s participation in the CODEL.

National Park Service: May 25 (Pending): NPS Local News Release: Nathan Souder Selected as New Superintendent of De Soto National Memorial

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: May 31 & June 1: FWS and partners will participate in the first South-Central Monarch Symposium at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas. Hosted by Texan By Nature, a nonprofit organization founded by former First Lady Laura Bush, the symposium will highlight research and monitoring, land management practices, and private landowner initiatives that benefit the monarch butterfly.

- TBD: FWS plans to send to the FR a final determination on the bureau's March 11, 2016, proposal to identify the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear population of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming as a distinct population segment (DPS) and revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by removing grizzly bears within the GYE DPS due to recovery.

Bureau of Land Management: Week of May 22: BLM-UT Monticello Field Office intends to open a 30-day public comment period to review and provide comment on an EA analyzing commercial climbing opportunities in the Indian Creek Area, which lies within Bears Ears National Monument.

- Week of May 22: BLM-UT Price Field Office intends to issue a final decision on proposed construction of a water pipeline for the Deer Creek Mine in Emery County to convey mine drainage. Total disturbance is estimated to be fewer than seven acres on U.S. Forest Service lands and five acres on BLM-managed public lands.

U.S. Geological Survey: May 25: Local News Release/Public Announcement: Scientific Surveys Conducted on Leased Lands in Montana by USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center scientists. Near roadsides and on public lands in Phillips and Valley counties.

- May 30: Technical Announcement: Groundwater Ages Indicate Decades May be Required to Fully Assess Effects of Unconventional Oil and Gas Production on 116 Drinking-Water Wells in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas

- May 31: National News Release: USGS Study determines there were 28 species of cyanobacterium present during 2016 Lake Okeechobee Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) event in Florida

- June 1: Technical Release: New USGS Integrated Drought Science Plan Paves Path Forward for Drought Resilience—a coordinated, multi-discipline science approach that brings the full USGS capacity to bear on this national crisis.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: May 23-24: Note to Stakeholders on start of construction for four Dare County, NC, Marine Mineral Program projects -- Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills. (sand from OCS for coastal replenishment)

TBD: Press Release on GoMMAPPS, a partnership program to improve protected species assessments in the Gulf of Mexico.

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

REG0006810 FWS Draft Texas Coastal Bend Shortgrass Prairie Multi-Species Recovery Plan: Slender Rush-Pea and South Texas Ambrosia. One of the Endangered Species Act's primary goals is to recover endangered and threatened animals and plants to the point they are again secure, self-sustaining

ecosystem members. The ESA requires recovery plans for listed species. The recovery plan this notice discusses is designed to recover (delist) these two plant species, both of which are listed as endangered. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006997 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0095; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to Experimental Populations. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007001 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0022; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports-Migratory Birds and Eagles. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to permit applications. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 30 days. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007010 FWS Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for South Sacramento County, California; Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan will balance the need for new urban growth with the need to conserve natural landscapes, aquatic resources, and native wildlife and plant species in Sacramento County, California. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007013 FWS Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report, Joint Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan; Yolo County, California. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The activities include urban and rural development, public services, infrastructure, utilities, agricultural economic development, and various operations and maintenance activities in Yolo County, Ca. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007025 FWS Endangered And Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Texas Hornshell. FWS received several requests for public hearings on the proposed rule to list the Texas hornshell as an endangered species. FWS is reopening the comment period on the proposed listing rule for 30 days and announcing the dates and locations of these public hearings. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006981 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS (N2778). This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) in Topeka, Kansas, has completed an inventory of human remains removed from a site in Shawnee County, Kansas, in 2012 and 2013. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006987 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument, Tulelake, CA N2787. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects. The remains and objects were removed from sites within the Monument in Siskiyou and Modoc Counties in California in 1952. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007034 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2786. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 99 cultural items under the

control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007035 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2781. This Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) announces that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects. The remains and objects were removed from Bibb County, Georgia, between 1933 and 1934. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007036 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA; Correction N2782. This Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) announces that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, has corrected an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2001 (66 FR 32838). This Notice corrects the number of associated funerary objects. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007037 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA; Correction N2783. This Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) announces that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, has corrected an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2001 (66 FR 32842). This Notice corrects the minimum number of individuals and the number of associated funerary objects. Notice 05/24/2017.