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Continued training for our professional archaeological staff in management of cultural resources is a part of our State Protocol with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office. To that end, the Wyoming State Office is offering some summer training to all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming field archaeologists in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). We also encourage the Field Staff Law Enforcement Rangers to participate, as circumstances involving human remains on public lands are often due to discovery situations involving law enforcement.

Emily Palus, BLM's National Curator and NAGPRA Coordinator (WO240), will be providing training on NAGPRA, including: inadvertent discoveries and intentional excavations, collections, tribal notification and consultation, cultural affiliation determinations, public notices, repatriation, and reburial. Training is targeted toward archaeologists, rangers and interested managers from each BLM Wyoming district. In addition, plans are underway to invite nearby Native American groups. Interest in participation was expressed last month at the Tribal Listening Session held in Billings, Montana.

Classes are scheduled in this order:

High Desert District: Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at the Rock Springs Field Office.

Wind River/Bighorn Basin District: Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at the Lander Field Office.

High Plains District: Thursday, June 25, 2009, at the Casper Field Office.

All field archaeologists should know how to prepare for intentional excavations and respond to inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and cultural items on the public lands. Therefore, it is important that all field archaeologists be strongly encouraged to attend the training. The classes are expected to last approximately 6 hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., allowing for lunch as well as travel time before and after the class.

Please send a list of attendees by June 16, 2009, to Ranel Capron at Ranel_Capron@blm.gov. She can also be reached at this number, 307-775-6108, should any questions arise.

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