



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Eugene, OR

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Dr. Pamela Endzweig, University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 1224 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1224, email endzweig@uoregon.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of information available

Human remains representing, at least, one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains (catalogued as 20-1420, Accession 64) are represented by a single adult finger bone from the surface at the Narrows of Lower Klamath Lake, Siskiyou County, California, and were collected from authorized University of Oregon

archaeological investigations and transferred to the Museum in 1940. The human remains were mistakenly catalogued as a non-human faunal element when they were initially transferred to the Museum. The Narrows of Lower Klamath Lake are in the historic territory of Modoc peoples.

Human remains comprising two skeletal elements and representing, at least, two individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. One of the elements (catalogued as 11-261, Accession 65) is from an adult, possibly a male. The other element (catalogued as 11-260, Accession 65), is from an adult of indeterminate sex. It is unknown if the elements are related. The human remains were collected at an unknown date from the Narrows of Lower Klamath Lake, Siskiyou County, California and were transferred to the Museum by a private individual in 1940. The Narrows of Lower Klamath Lake are in the historic territory of Modoc peoples.

Human remains representing, at least, two individuals, have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains (catalogued as 11-134, Accession 65) are from an adult individual and a child of 4-6 years, both of indeterminate sex. The human remains were collected at an unknown date from an unknown location and transferred to the Museum by a private individual in 1940. While their specific origin is not documented, archaeological collections given by the donor (the same private individual who donated the previous two individuals (11-260 and 11-261) are from the Klamath Lakes region in Klamath County, Oregon, and Siskiyou County, California, and it is likely that this origin applies to these remains as well. The Klamath Lakes region is in the historic territory of Klamath and Modoc peoples.

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 described in this notice.

Determinations

The University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of five

individuals of Native American ancestry.

- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Klamath Tribes and the Modoc Nation.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under ADDRESSES. 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 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 University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History 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: July 15, 2025

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Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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