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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) intends to repatriate a certain cultural item that meets the definition of an object of cultural patrimony and that has a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

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

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to Caroline Crecelius, Repatriation Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 1659 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, email *caroline.crecelius@dnr.mo.gov*.

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 Missouri Department of Natural Resources and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of information available

A total of one object of cultural patrimony has been requested for repatriation. The object of cultural patrimony consists of one item which is a chunk of petroglyph that was looted from Washington State Park in Missouri. According to correspondence with archaeologist, Brad Koldehoff, this petroglyph section was sawed from one of the petroglyph panels at Washington

State Park near DeSoto, Missouri, likely in the 1950s. In 2002, Mr. Koldehoff was given the panel section by an Illinois amateur archaeologist who is now deceased. The Illinois archaeologist told Mr. Koldehoff that he had received the panel section from the Illinois collector who had looted the panel. Mr. Koldehoff agreed to see that the panel was returned to Washington State Park. In 2002, he enlisted the help of Carol Dias-Granados because of her interest in Missouri rock art. She agreed to return the panel to Washington State Park, suggesting that it could potentially be used in a display. The petroglyph remained in the collection of Mastadon State Park, where it was discovered in the summer of 2025 by a Missouri State Park Archaeologist.

Determinations

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has determined that:

- The one object of cultural patrimony described in this notice is, according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, specific ceremonial objects needed by a traditional Native American religious leader for present-day adherents to practice traditional Native American religion, and have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision).
- There is a connection between the cultural item described in this notice and The Osage Nation.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under ADDRESSES. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by 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 a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural item 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 Missouri Department of Natural Resources must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural item are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

AUTHORITY: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: July 20, 2026.

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