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National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Division of Archaeology, Baton Rouge, LA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Louisiana Division of Archaeology (LDOA) 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 Karla Oesch, Collections Manager, Louisiana Division of Archaeology, P.O. Box 44247, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, email *koesch@crt.la.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 Louisiana Division of Archaeology, 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 has been identified from along the Red River in Bossier Parish, LA. At some point prior to 2016, a citizen contacted the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office about remains found on a sandbar along the Red River. On September 16, 2016, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office transferred the remains of one individual to LSU FACES

Laboratory in Baton Rouge for identification. On August 20, 2018, the remains were escorted to LDOA. No associated funerary objects are present.

Human remains representing at least one individual has been identified from a sandbar along the Red River in Bossier Parish, LA. At some point prior to 2019, a citizen contacted the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office about remains found on a sandbar along the Red River in Bossier Parish. On September 19, 2019, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office transferred the remains of one individual to LSU FACES Laboratory in Baton Rouge for identification. On January 31, 2020, the remains were escorted to LDOA. No associated funerary objects are present.

Human remains representing at least, one individual has been identified from a sandbar along the Red River in Bossier Parish, LA. At some point prior to 2016, a citizen contacted the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office about remains found on a sandbar along the Red River in Bossier Parish. On October 5, 2016, Bossier Parish Coroner's Office transferred the remains of one individual to LSU FACES Laboratory in Baton Rouge for identification. On October 1, 2020, the remains were escorted to LDOA. No associated funerary objects are present.

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 Louisiana Division of Archaeology has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas; Caddo Nation of Oklahoma; Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; Jena Band of Choctaw Indians; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Quapaw Nation; The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; and the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe.

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 Louisiana Division of Archaeology 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 Louisiana Division of Archaeology 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 20, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,
Manager, National NAGPRA Program.
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