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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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# Notice of Proposed Reinterment: Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum, Blanding, UT

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum (ECSPM) proposes to reinter human remains listed in a notice of inventory completion published in the *Federal Register* on July 3, 2023.

**DATES:** Reinterment 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 request for repatriation of the human remains to Chris Hanson, Manager, Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum, 660 W 400 N, Blanding, UT 84511-4000, email *chanson@utah.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 ECSPM, 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

This notice follows publication of a notice of inventory completion in the *Federal Register* (88 FR 42744, July 3, 2023). Human remains representing, at least, 13 individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains consist of nine males, three females, and one child. Recovery was made by law enforcement agencies from five separate counties in Central Utah; Box Elder, Sanpete, Emery, Tooele, and Davis. There is no evidence of presence of any potentially hazardous substances used to treat any of the human

remains.

**Consultation**

Invitations to consult were sent to the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Nevada and Utah; Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico, & Utah; Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation; Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar Band of Paiutes, Kanosh Band of Paiutes, Koosharem Band of Paiutes, Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes, and Shivwits Band of Paiutes); San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe of Arizona; Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah; Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah; and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

**Cultural affiliation**

The following types of information about the cultural affiliation of the human remains in this notice are available: anthropological, archaeological, biological, geographical, historical, Native American traditional knowledge, and the Indian Claims Commission Map of 1978. The information, including the results of consultation,

1. No earlier group connected to the human remains.
2. No Indian Tribe  connected to the human remains.
3. No relationship of shared group identity between the earlier group and the Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that can be reasonably traced through time.

**Determinations**

The ECSPM has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 13 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- No known lineal descendant who can trace ancestry to the human remains has been identified.
- No Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation to the human remains in this notice has been clearly or reasonably identified.
- The human remains will be reinterred according to applicable laws and policies.

**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 any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization 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.

Reinterment of the human remains described in this notice may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. If requests for repatriation are received, the ECSPM must evaluate the requests and respond in writing to the requestors. The ECSPM is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

**Authority:** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: September 30, 2026.

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*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*
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