FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jo Ann Hufnagle, Lead Realty Specialist at the Carson City Field Office, (775) 885–6000. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Carson City Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed RMP amendment and land sale involve approximately 450 acres of public land in the vicinity of the Denton-Rawhide Mine in Mineral County, Nevada. The purpose of a sale would be to consolidate lands within and surrounding the open pit mine area into private ownership for future post-mine development, including use of the area as a landfill. As part of the RMP amendment, an EA will be prepared to analyze designation of the public land for disposal and sale of the land. Comments will be accepted throughout the RMP amendment and EA process. Prior to a sale offer, a Notice of Realty Action will be prepared and published in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1–2. The plan amendment will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Carson City Field Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Donald T. Hicks,
Manager, Carson City Field Office.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management


Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plat of survey; Illinois.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The lands we surveyed are:

Fifth Principal Meridian, Missouri
T. 54 N., Rs. 1 and 2 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of portions of the township boundaries, portions of the subdivisioinal lines and the survey of the Lock and Dam No. 24 acquisition boundary, in Township 54 North, Ranges 1 and 2 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in the State of Missouri, and was accepted on September 28, 2005.

We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be made available to the public as a matter of information.


Stephen D. Douglas,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Consultation on regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990, pursuant to provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of consultation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces three consultation meetings that will be held to obtain oral and written recommendations on regulations to be drafted regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items that are excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990 (43 CFR 10.7).

DATES: The three consultation meetings are scheduled for November 15–17, 2005:

1. Tribal consultation: November 15, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Albuquerque, NM. Authorized representatives of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and traditional Native American religious leaders are invited to participate in this meeting. Tribal representatives wishing to make a public presentation at this session should submit a request to do so by November 11, 2005, including evidence that you are authorized to speak on
behalf of an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization. This meeting supports the Secretary of the Interior’s administrative policy on tribal consultation by encouraging maximum direct participation of representatives of tribal governments on important Departmental issues and processes.

2. Museum consultation: November 15, 2005, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Albuquerque, NM. Authorized representatives of museums and national museum and scientific organizations are invited to participate in this meeting. This meeting supports the Secretary of the Interior’s responsibility to consult with museums and the scientific community in the development of these regulations. Museum representatives wishing to make a public presentation at this session should submit a request to do so by November 11, 2005, including evidence that you are authorized to speak on behalf of a museum or national museum or scientific organization.

3. Review Committee consultation: November 16–17, 2005, Albuquerque, NM. This meeting supports the Department of the Interior’s responsibility to consult with the Review Committee regarding the development of regulations. Time will be scheduled during the Review Committee meeting for members of the public to provide oral and written recommendations. Members of the public wishing to make a public presentation at the Review Committee meeting should submit a request to do so by November 11, 2005.

Requests to make presentations at any of the sessions should be faxed to (202) 371–5197 by November 11, 2005.

Written comments may be mailed to Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be faxed to Sherry Hutt at (202) 371–5197. Written comments should be postmarked or faxed no later than November 30, 2005.

ADDRESS: The consultation sessions will be held at the Cochiti/Taos Room, Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. A block of lodging rooms has been set-aside at a reduced rate at the Double Tree Hotel, which is adjacent to the Convention Center. Reservations for rooms in this block may be made by calling (505) 247–3344 and referencing the National NAGPRA Program. Reservations must be made by October 31, 2005, to guarantee the reduced rate available for persons attending this meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the consultation meetings is to provide Native American organizations, museums and the scientific community, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee with an opportunity to consult on forthcoming regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act provides criteria for determining the ownership of Native American cultural items that are excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990 [25 U.S.C. 3002 (a)]. The Secretary of the Interior clarified the ownership criteria by regulations published in 1995 [Federal Register Vol. 60, no. 232, pages 62163–62164]. Ownership of such items is, with priority given in the order listed:

(i) In the case of human remains and associated funerary objects, in the lineal descendant of the deceased individual;
(ii) In cases where the lineal descendant cannot be ascertained or no claim is made, and with respect to unclaimed funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony:
(i) In the Indian tribe on whose tribal land the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony were discovered inadvertently;
(ii) In the Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that has the strongest cultural affiliation with the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony; or
(iii) In circumstances in which the cultural affiliation of the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony have been demonstrated by criteria provided in the regulations.

The Act directs that Native American cultural items not claimed under subsection (a) shall be disposed of in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the Review Committee, Native American groups, representatives of museums, and the scientific community [25 U.S.C. 3002 (b)]. One section of the regulations was reserved for procedures to effect the disposition of Native American cultural items that are not claimed [43 CFR 10.7].

Participants in the consultation meetings are requested to comment on the following issues:

(1) How should the regulations deal with the distinction between cultural items for which ownership or control has been ascertained pursuant to 43 CFR 10.6 (a) but the identified lineal descendant, Indian tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization has not claimed the cultural items and cultural items for which ownership or control cannot be ascertained pursuant to 43 CFR 10.6 (a)?
(2) How long may a cultural item removed from Federal land after November 16, 1990 remain in Federal agency possession before it is considered unclaimed?
(3) What are the appropriate dispositions for unclaimed cultural items?
(4) How should the regulations deal with the management, preservation, and use of unclaimed cultural items?

Dated: September 23, 2005
Sherry Hutt,
Manager, National NAGPRA Program.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), of a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review