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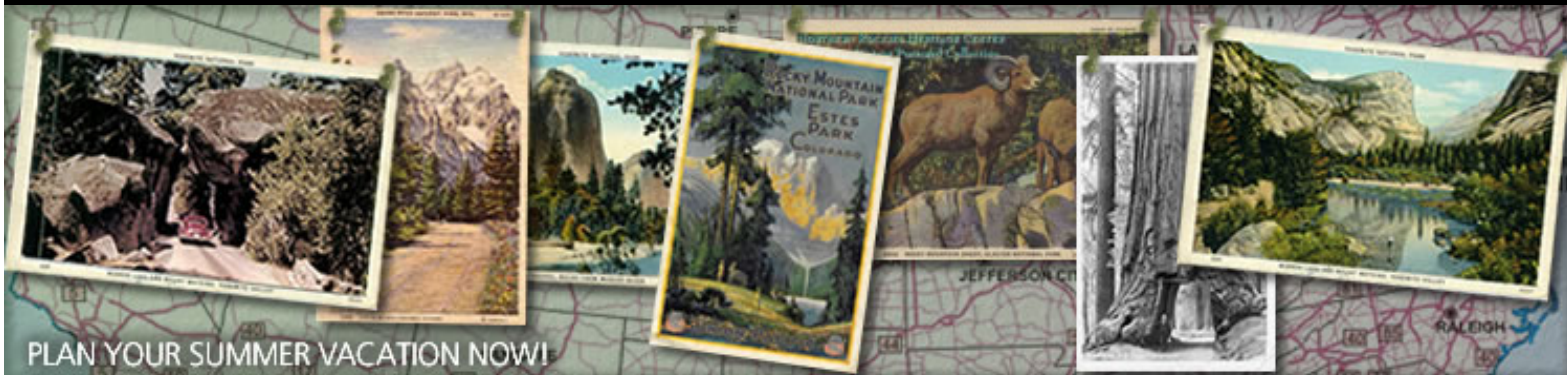
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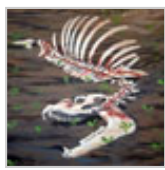


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## Resources for the Press

The National NAGPRA program is committed to providing up-to-date and accurate information about NAGPRA implementation nationwide. Documents on the National NAGPRA Website are available for use as background by members of the media. For additional assistance, contact [Dr. Sherry Hutt](#), National NAGPRA Program Manager, by telephone at 202-354-1479.

### Learn More About NAGPRA

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and its implementing regulations contain many specialized terms and requirements, and apply to United States museums and Federal agencies.

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about NAGPRA.
- [Law and Regulations](#) includes current regulations, as well as legislative and regulatory history.
- [NAGPRA Glossary](#) provides definitions for the specialized terms used in NAGPRA.
- [National NAGPRA reports](#) are the official reports of National NAGPRA program activities.
- [Notices](#) documenting Native American human remains and cultural items eligible for repatriation are published in the Federal Register by museums and Federal agencies.

### Additional Resources

A variety of information related to NAGPRA and cultural resource preservation is available.

- [Review Committee](#). The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee facilitates the resolution of repatriation disputes and considers requests for the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains. National NAGPRA provides staff

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- **Kennewick Man Documents** provide background information and detailed reports on aspects of the work being done by the Department of the Interior in the Kennewick Man case.
- **Find your State Historic Preservation Office** for information on identifying historic properties and assessing the potential effects of undertakings on historic properties.
- **National Park Service Press Room.**

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## Resources for the Public

There is a growing awareness of the rights of Native American communities to regain control of their cultural heritage, and of the role that the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act plays in that process. The National NAGPRA program works with lineal descendants, Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies to support NAGPRA implementation nation-wide.

### Learn More About NAGPRA

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- [Training](#) in NAGPRA implementation is offered regularly by National NAGPRA.
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- **Map of Indian Reservations** in the continental United States.
- **Map of Judicially Established Indian Lands** based on decisions of the Indian Claims Commission.
- **Find your State Historic Preservation Office** for information on identifying historic properties and assessing the potential effects of undertakings on historic properties.
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## Resources for Federal Agencies

NAGPRA requires Federal agencies to complete inventories and summaries of Native American cultural items in their collections, publish notices in the Federal Register, and repatriate Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to lineal descendants and culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. Under NAGPRA, Federal agencies are required to consult government-to-government with Indian tribes in carrying out NAGPRA, and Federal agencies also have special NAGPRA responsibilities when Native American human remains and items are discovered on Federal and tribal lands.

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- **Frequently Asked Questions** about NAGPRA.
- **Law and Regulations** includes current regulations, as well as legislative and regulatory history.
- **Regional consultations** for the development of 43 CFR 10.7 (Disposition of unclaimed human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony) are in progress.
- **Training** in NAGPRA implementation is offered regularly by National NAGPRA.
- **NAGPRA Glossary** provides definitions for the specialized terms used in NAGPRA.
- **National NAGPRA reports** are the official reports of National NAGPRA program activities.

## Working with Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations

Federal agencies are required to consult government-to-government with Indian tribes when carrying out NAGPRA, and identifying appropriate tribal consultants is an important step in the NAGPRA process. In addition to collections related activities, Federal agencies also have special responsibilities under NAGPRA when Native American human remains and objects are discovered on Federal and tribal lands.

- **Executive Orders on Consultation** between Federal agencies and Indian tribes.
- **Native American Consultation Database** provides an easy way to identify a current official contact for Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- **Map of Indian Reservations** in the continental United States.
- **Map of Judicially Established Indian Lands** based on decisions of the Indian Claims Commission.
- **Tribal Historic Preservation Offices** have responsibility for reviewing Federal agency undertakings on tribal lands pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- **Grants** are available to Indian tribes for consultation with Federal agencies in the NAGPRA collections inventory and identification process, and to assist with repatriation costs. Federal agencies may not apply for NAGPRA grants.
- **Notices of Inventory Completion** are published by Federal agencies and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation of Native American human remains and associated funerary objects.
- **Notices of Intent to Repatriate** are published by Federal agencies, and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation and identification of unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.
- **Notices of Intended Disposition** are published by Federal agencies prior the disposition of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990.

## Working with Museums and Repositories

Many collections that originate from Federal lands are cared for by nonfederal repositories.

Generally, Federal agencies retain control of collections from their lands, even if the

collections are cared for in a nonfederal repository. The Federal agency also has NAGPRA responsibility for such collections. In cases where collections from Federal lands are cared for by a repository, the repository is said to have "physical custody" of the collection, while the Federal agency has "control."

- **36 CFR 79 "Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archeological Collections"** specifies the requirements for caring for Federal collections, and includes requirements for providing Indian tribes with access to federally-owned archeological collections.
- **Notices of Inventory Completion** are published by Federal agencies and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation of Native American human remains and associated funerary objects. Museums and agencies often publish joint notices for museum collections that are federally controlled.
- **Notices of Intent to Repatriate** are published by Federal agencies, and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation and identification of unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Museums and agencies often publish joint notices for museum collections that are federally controlled.
- **Contaminated Collections.** Federal agencies and museums are required to notify the recipients of repatriations of any presently known treatments used on cultural items.

## Working with the National NAGPRA Program

In addition to providing technical assistance, the National NAGPRA program publishes Federal Register notices on behalf of museums and agencies, administers the NAGPRA grants program, maintains the Native American Consultation Database, and provides staff support to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee.

- **Regional consultations** for the development of 43 CFR 10.7 (Disposition of unclaimed human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony) are in progress.
- **Notices.** National NAGPRA provides templates to be used in preparing draft Federal Register Notices.
- **Review Committee.** The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee facilitates the resolution of repatriation disputes and considers requests for the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains. National NAGPRA provides staff support to the Review Committee.
- **Contact National NAGPRA.**

## Additional Resources

A variety of information related to NAGPRA and cultural resource preservation is available.

- **Links to Federal agency cultural resource web pages.** Connect directly to other Federal agencies to learn more about their NAGPRA activities.

- **Find your State Historic Preservation Office** for information on identifying historic properties and assessing the potential effects of undertakings on historic properties.
- **International Repatriation** is an overview of the issues and international agreements relating to the return of cultural property to indigenous communities.
- **Kennewick Man Documents** provide background information and detailed reports on aspects of the work being done by the Department of the Interior in the Kennewick Man case.

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## Resources for Museums

NAGPRA requires museums that receive Federal funds to complete inventories and summaries of Native American cultural items in their collections, publish notices in the Federal Register, and repatriate Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to lineal descendants and culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

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## Working with Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations

NAGPRA requires museums to consult with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in completing inventories and summaries of Native American cultural items in their collections, and to repatriate Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony as appropriate.

- **Native American Consultation Database** provides an easy way to identify a current official contact for Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- **Map of Indian Reservations** in the continental United States.
- **Map of Judicially Established Indian Lands** based on decisions of the Indian Claims Commission.
- **Grants** are available for museums to consult with tribes in the NAGPRA collections inventory and identification process, and to assist with repatriation costs.
- **Notices of Inventory Completion** are published by museums and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation of Native American human remains and associated funerary objects.
- **Notices of Intent to Repatriate** are published by museums and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation and identification of unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.
- **Contaminated Collections.** Museums are required to notify the recipients of repatriations of any presently known treatments used on cultural items.

## Working with Federal Agencies

Many museum collections originate from Federal lands. Generally, Federal agencies retain control of collections from their lands, even if the collections are cared for in a museum. The Federal agency also has NAGPRA responsibility for such collections. In cases where collections from Federal lands are cared for by a museum, the museum is said to have "physical custody" of the collection, while the Federal agency has "control."

- **Map of Military Bases.** This low-resolution map is one resource for identifying Department of Defense lands that could be the source of museum collections.
- **36 CFR 79 "Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archeological Collections"** specifies the requirements for caring for Federal collections, and includes requirements for providing Indian tribes with access to federally-owned archeological collections.
- **Notices of Inventory Completion** are published by Federal agencies and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation of Native American human remains and associated funerary objects. Museums and agencies often publish joint notices for museum collections that are federally controlled.

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## Working with the National NAGPRA Program

In addition to providing technical assistance, the National NAGPRA program publishes

Federal Register notices on behalf of museums and agencies, administers the NAGPRA

grants program, maintains the Native American Consultation Database, and provides staff

support to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee.

- **Notices.** National NAGPRA provides templates to be used in preparing draft Federal Register Notices.
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- **Review Committee.** The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee facilitates the resolution of repatriation disputes and considers requests for the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains. National NAGPRA provides staff support to the Review Committee.
- **Contact National NAGPRA.**

## Additional Resources and Professional Associations

A variety of information related to NAGPRA, museum practice, and cultural resource

preservation is available.

- **Contaminated Collections.** Many museums are concerned about pesticides and other hazardous materials that may have been used on collections or in collections storage areas.
- **International Repatriation** is an overview of the issues and international agreements relating to the return of cultural property to indigenous communities.
- **Kennewick Man Documents** provide background information and detailed reports on aspects of the work being done by the Department of the Interior in the Kennewick Man case.
- **American Association of Museums**
- **American Association of State and Local History**
- **Society for American Archaeology**
- **American Anthropological Association**
- **American Cultural Resources Association**
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## Resources for Tribes, Native Alaskan Villages and Corporations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations

NAGPRA provides a process through which lineal descendants, Indian tribes, Native Alaskan villages and corporations (also referred to as "Indian tribes" in NAGPRA), and Native Hawaiian organizations may claim culturally affiliated human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.

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## Working with Federal Agencies

Under NAGPRA, Federal agencies are required to consult government-to-government with Indian tribes in addition to carrying out the inventory, summary, and repatriation provisions of NAGPRA. Federal agencies also have special NAGPRA responsibilities when Native American human remains and objects are discovered on Federal and tribal lands.

- **Map of Military Bases.** This low-resolution map is one resource for identifying Department of Defense lands that may be of interest to tribes for cultural resource purposes.
- **Executive Orders on Consultation** between Federal agencies and Indian tribes.
- **Links to Federal agency cultural resource web pages.** Connect directly to other Federal agencies to learn more about their NAGPRA activities.
- **36 CFR 79 "Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archeological Collections"** includes requirements for providing Indian tribes with access to federally-owned archeological collections.
- **Notices of Inventory Completion** are published by Federal agencies and document their determinations regarding the cultural affiliation of Native American human remains and associated funerary objects.
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## Working with Museums and Repositories

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## Additional Resources and Tribal Organizations

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- **Tribal Historic Preservation Offices** have responsibility for reviewing Federal agency undertakings on tribal lands pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- **Find your State Historic Preservation Office** for information on identifying historic properties and assessing the potential effects of undertakings on historic properties.
- **International Repatriation** is an overview of the issues and international agreements relating to the return of cultural property to indigenous communities.
- **Map of Indian Reservations** in the continental United States.
- **Map of Judicially Established Indian Lands** based on decisions of the Indian Claims Commission.
- **Kennewick Man Documents** provide background information and detailed reports on aspects of the work being done by the Department of the Interior in the Kennewick Man case.
- **National Congress of American Indians**
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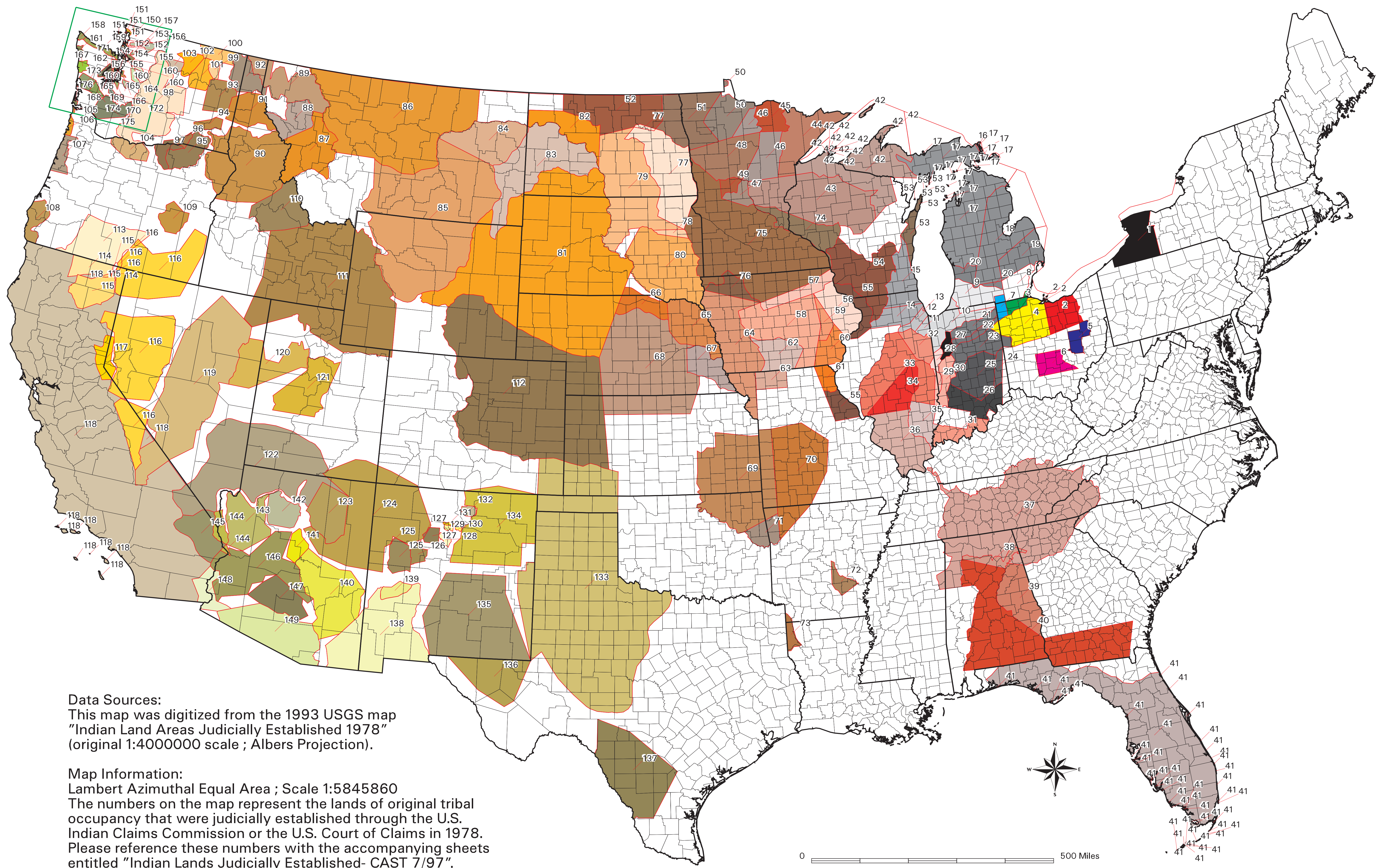
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# Indian Land Areas Judicially Established 1978



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**The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)** is a Federal law passed in 1990. NAGPRA provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony - to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

**The National NAGPRA program** assists the Secretary of the Interior with some of the Secretary's responsibilities under NAGPRA, and focuses on NAGPRA implementation outside of the National Park System.

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**NAGPRA Grants to Tribes and Museums** (PDF), a new online brochure. **Sample grants** online!

**Two new consultation resources: Cultural affiliation and geographic data** from **published notices**, and **Indian Land Cessions 1784-1894** by State and County.

**Guidance** on alleging that a museum has failed to comply with NAGPRA.

The online **Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database** updated December 2006.

**Map** shows provenience of human

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**Committee**; assists Indian tribes, Native

Alaskan villages and corporations, Native

Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal

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(NACD) and other **online databases**; provides

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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## **cultural items that may be culturally affiliated with us. Does NAGPRA apply to institutions outside the United States?**

### **What is NAGPRA?**

The **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act** is a Federal law passed in 1990. NAGPRA provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony -- to lineal descendants, and culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. NAGPRA includes provisions for unclaimed and culturally unidentifiable Native American cultural items, intentional and inadvertent discovery of Native American cultural items on Federal and tribal lands, and penalties for noncompliance and illegal trafficking. In addition, NAGPRA authorizes Federal **grants** to Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums to assist with the documentation and repatriation of Native American cultural items, and establishes the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation **Review Committee** to monitor the NAGPRA process and facilitate the resolution of disputes that may arise concerning repatriation under NAGPRA.

### **Who is responsible for complying with NAGPRA?**

All Federal agencies are subject to NAGPRA. All public and private museums that have received Federal funds, other than the Smithsonian Institution, are subject to NAGPRA. (Repatriation by the Smithsonian Institution is governed by the **National Museum of the American Indian Act of 1989, 20 U.S.C. 80q.**)

### **What is the repatriation process under NAGPRA?**

The principle steps of the NAGPRA repatriation process include --

- Federal agencies and museums must identify cultural items in their collections that are subject to NAGPRA, and prepare inventories and summaries of the items.
- Federal agencies and museums must consult with lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding the identification and cultural affiliation of the cultural items listed in their NAGPRA inventories and summaries.
- Federal agencies and museums must send notices to lineal descendants, Indian tribes,

and Native Hawaiian organizations describing cultural items and lineal descendancy or cultural affiliation, and stating that the cultural items may be repatriated. The law requires the Secretary of the Interior to publish these notices in the Federal Register.

For more information, go to [Law and Regulations](#).

### **Who may claim Native American cultural items under NAGPRA?**

NAGPRA recognizes claims by lineal descendants, Indian tribes, Native Alaskan villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

An Indian tribe is any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. In NAGPRA, the term "Indian tribe" includes Native Alaskan villages and corporations. Alaska Native villages and corporations include those groups or communities defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The Department of the Interior has interpreted the definition of "Indian tribe" as applying to approximately 770 Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages that are recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A Native Hawaiian organization includes any organization that: (a) serves and represents the interests of Native Hawaiians, (b) has as a primary and stated purpose the provision of services to Native Hawaiians, and (c) has expertise in Native Hawaiian Affairs, and includes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Hui Malama I Na Kupuna `O Hawai`i Nei. The Department of the Interior has interpreted this definition to also include the Hawaiian island burial councils and various 'Ohanas (extended families).

### **We are a nonfederally recognized tribe. May we still participate in the NAGPRA process?**

Under NAGPRA, only Federally recognized Native American tribes, Native Alaskan villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations may claim cultural items. NAGPRA does not require museums and Federal agencies to consult with nonfederally recognized

tribes. However, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation **Review**

**Committee** has recognized that there are some cases in which nonfederally recognized tribes may be appropriate claimants for cultural items. Museums, if they wish, may consult with nonfederally recognized tribes. (Because NAGPRA requires Federal agencies to consult government-to-government with Federally recognized tribes, it may be difficult for Federal agencies to include non-recognized tribes in NAGPRA consultations.) Museums and Federal agencies that wish to return Native American human remains and cultural items to nonfederally recognized tribes must make a **request for review** of a proposed disposition to the Review Committee.

**Our museum has never submitted a NAGPRA inventory or summary, and we are concerned that we may be out of compliance. What should we do?**

The National NAGPRA program recognizes that making collections information accessible to lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations is an important goal of NAGPRA. The National NAGPRA program provides technical assistance to museums and Federal agencies that need to prepare NAGPRA summaries and inventories for the first time. You may contact **National NAGPRA staff** by telephone or e-mail, and a staff member will be assigned to work with you. National NAGPRA staff members do not initiate civil penalties investigations.

**What do "control" and "possession" mean?**

NAGPRA says that museums and Federal agencies must prepare inventories and summaries of cultural items in their control or possession. "Control" means having a sufficient legal interest in human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony to lawfully permit the museum or Federal agency to treat the objects as part of its collection for purposes of NAGPRA, whether or not the museum or Federal agency has physical custody of the human remains or objects.

In other words, **control** is having a legal interest with or without physical custody, while **possession** is having physical custody. For example, if a museum has physical custody of Native American human remains or cultural items, but lacks legal interest (for example, when a museum is holding a collection on loan from another institution or a private collector), then the museum does not have control of these remains or items for NAGPRA purposes. For more information, see the [NAGPRA Glossary](#) and [Law and Regulations](#).

### **What's the difference between "associated" and "unassociated" funerary objects in NAGPRA?**

Both associated and unassociated funerary objects are cultural items that are reasonably believed to have been placed with individual human remains either at the time of death, or later as part of the death rite or ceremony of a culture. Under NAGPRA, funerary objects are considered to be "unassociated" if the human remains with which the objects were placed are not in the possession or control of a museum or Federal agency. Funerary objects are considered to be "associated" if the human remains with which the objects were placed are in the possession or control of a museum or Federal agency.

Note that a funerary object is an associated funerary object if the human remains are in the possession or control of any museum or Federal agency, not necessarily the same museum or agency that has possession or control of the funerary object. Also note that "associated funerary objects" includes those items that were made exclusively for burial purposes or to contain human remains.

For more information, see the [NAGPRA Glossary](#) and [Law and Regulations](#).

### **What's the difference between "repatriation" and "disposition" as used in NAGPRA?**

The term repatriation means the transfer of legal interest in and physical custody of Native American cultural items to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

In NAGPRA, the term disposition refers to the return of cultural items excavated or inadvertently discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990, to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. The term disposition is also used with respect to the Review Committee's charge to recommend specific actions for developing a process for the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains.

For more information, see the [NAGPRA Glossary](#) and [Law and Regulations](#).

**If Native American remains are discovered during a construction project, does NAGPRA apply?**

The excavation and inadvertent discovery provisions of NAGPRA apply only to Federal and tribal lands. Under NAGPRA, tribal lands are lands (including private lands) within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation. If the burial ground is not on Federal or tribal land, then the excavation and inadvertent discovery provisions of NAGPRA do not apply. However, other State and Federal cultural preservation laws may apply, and State or local cemetery laws may also apply. For information on other State and Federal cultural preservation laws, contact your [State Historic Preservation Office](#). For details on the excavation and inadvertent discovery provisions of NAGPRA, go to [Law and Regulations](#).

**We recently completed a repatriation. Can we apply for a NAGPRA repatriation grant to reimburse our costs?**

No. Applications for NAGPRA repatriation grants must be submitted well in advance of repatriation activities. National NAGPRA recommends that repatriation grants be submitted at least 6 weeks in advance of the repatriation. For more information, go to [Grants](#).

**Our tribe is being overwhelmed by consultation requests related to Federal undertakings and inadvertent discoveries. Are there grant funds available to help?**

NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to Indian tribes and Native

Hawaiian organization for the purpose of assisting such tribes and organizations in the repatriation of Native American cultural items. These grants are limited to activities related to the documentation and repatriation of collections from museums, and may not be used to fund consultation and other activities related to undertakings, inadvertent discoveries, and excavations. However, funds may be available through the National Park Service **Tribal Preservation program**. The Tribal Preservation program administers **Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations**, which may be used for cultural preservation projects.

### **How many Native American human remains and cultural items have been repatriated since the passage of NAGPRA?**

There is no single source for this information. While museums and Federal agencies are required to keep their own record of repatriations, NAGPRA does not require museums and Federal agencies to report repatriations to the Secretary of the Interior or to the National Park Service. Museums and Federal agencies are required, however, to publish **notices** in the Federal Register when they have determined that Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and/or objects of cultural patrimony are culturally affiliated and are eligible for repatriation. The National NAGPRA program compiles statistics twice yearly on the total number of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural for which Federal Register notices have been published. The current statistics (updated on November 30, 2006) are as follows --

**Human remains:** 31,995 individuals

**Associated funerary objects:** 669,554 (includes many small items, such as beads)

**Unassociated funerary objects:** 118,227 (includes many small items, such as beads)

**Sacred objects:** 3,584

**Objects of cultural patrimony:** 281

**Objects that are both sacred and patrimonial:** 764



**Our tribe's contact information in the Native American Consultation Database is incorrect. How can we update the information?**

The contact information provided in the Native American Consultation Database (NACD) is based on the list of federally recognized Indian tribes maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. To change your contact information as it appears in NACD, send a letter with the new contact information to [National NAGPRA](#). The letter must be an original (no photocopies, please) on tribal letterhead, signed by an authorized tribal official.

**Our museum has cultural items that were originally collected from Federal land. Does our museum have NAGPRA responsibility for these cultural items?**

Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony that were originally from Federal lands are usually under the control of the Federal agency that managed or manages the land from which the human remains or other cultural items were removed. In such cases, it is the Federal agency, and not the museum, that has the responsibility for carrying out the NAGPRA process. The museum may wish to contact the appropriate Federal agency to discuss how the NAGPRA process will be completed.

Museums should also be aware that Federal archeological collections in nonfederal repositories are also subject to Federal regulation [36 CFR 79, "Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archeological Collections."](#) For more information, see [Museums](#) and the [NAGPRA Glossary](#).

**Does NAGPRA apply to cultural items that originate outside of the United States?**

No. The NAGPRA regulations "apply to human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony which are indigenous to Alaska, Hawaii, and the continental United States, but not to territories of the United States" [43 CFR 10.1(b)(2)]. For more information, go to [International Repatriation](#).

**Our tribe has learned that a museum located in another country has control of cultural**

**items that may be culturally affiliated with us. Does NAGPRA apply to institutions outside the United States?**

No. NAGPRA is United States law, and applies to United States museums and Federal agencies. However, the United States does have agreements with many foreign nations regarding the movement of cultural property across borders. For more information, go to

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## Law, Regulations, and Guidance

A number of resources are available to assist museums, agencies, and Native American communities in carrying out NAGPRA. For additional information regarding the specialized terms used in NAGPRA, see the [NAGPRA Glossary](#).

### Law and Regulations

- **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act**, 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. [Nov. 16, 1990] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- **Final Regulations, 43 CFR 10** (includes preamble) [Dec. 04, 1995] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- **43 CFR 10 - Updated** (Full Text, excluding preamble, of 43 CFR 10 as amended January 13, 1997; August 1, 1997; and May 5, 2003; and published in the Code of Federal Regulations October 1, 2003) [Oct. 01, 2003] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- **Reserved sections of the NAGPRA regulations**
- 43 CFR 10, Final Rule, Technical Amendment [Sep. 30, 2005] [PDF](#)
- 43 CFR 10.13, Future applicability Final Rule [Mar. 21, 2007] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)

### Secretarial Orders

- Secretarial Order 3261 [Jul. 7, 2005] [PDF](#)

### Summaries, Inventories, and Notices

- Summary and Inventory Overview [PDF](#)
- Cultural Affiliation [PDF](#)
- **Federal Register Notice preparation**
- Memorandum providing guidance on preparation of NAGPRA inventories [Apr. 27, 1995] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)

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## Excavations and Inadvertent Discoveries

- 43 CFR 10 Subpart B Overview (Excavations and Inadvertent Discoveries) [PDF](#)
- Inadvertent Discoveries on Tribal Lands - Overview [PDF](#)
- Inadvertent Discoveries on Federal Lands - Overview [PDF](#)
- Intentional Excavations on Tribal and Federal Lands - Overview [PDF](#)
- Priority of Custody/Ownership Flowchart [43 CFR 10.6 and 25 U.S.C. 3002(a)] [PDF](#)
- Cultural Affiliation [PDF](#)
- Plan of Action Checklist [PDF](#)
- Comprehensive Agreement Checklist [PDF](#)
- NAGPRA Section 3 and the Requirements of ARPA [PDF](#)
- Comparison of NAGPRA, ARPA, and NHPA Section 106 [PDF](#)

## Consultation

- [Native American Consultation Database](#) for tribal NAGPRA contact information
- Bureau of Indian Affairs list of [Federally Recognized Tribes](#) (PDF) [Mar. 22, 2007]

## Legislative and Regulatory History

- US House Report 101-877 [Oct. 15, 1990] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- US Senate Report 101-473 [Sep. 26, 1990] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- Proposed Regulations, 43 CFR 10 [May 28, 1993] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- Interim Civil Penalties Rule, 43 CFR 10.12 [Jan. 13, 1997] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- Correcting amendments to final regulations [Aug. 01, 1997] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- Final Civil Penalties Rule, 43 CFR 10.12 (includes preamble) [April 3, 2003] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)
- Correction to the Final Civil Penalties Rule [Jul. 3, 2003] [PDF](#) or [Text](#)

## Congressional Oversight and Proposed Amendments

### Senate

- May 10, 1993 **Indian Affairs Committee Oversight Hearing, S. Hrg 103-198** (Not available)
- Dec. 6, 1995 **Indian Affairs Committee Oversight Hearing, S. Hrg 104-356**
- Jul. 30, 1996 **Markup of S. 1983** (Not available)
- Apr. 20, 1999 **Indian Affairs Committee Oversight Hearing, Witness list**
- Jul. 25, 2000 **Indian Affairs Committee Oversight Hearing, Witness list**
- Sep. 9, 2002 **Committee on Energy and Natural Resources regarding S. 2598, S. Hrg 107-258**
- Oct. 11, 2004 **Indian Affairs Committee regarding S. 2843, S. Hrg 108-406**
- Dec. 8, 2004 **Indian Affairs Committee Oversight Hearing, S. Hrg 108-768**
- May 12, 2005 **Indian Affairs Committee regarding S. 536, S. Hrg 109-67**
- Jul. 28, 2005 **Indian Affairs Committee Oversight Hearing, Witness list**

## House of Representatives

- Jun. 10, 1998 Resources Committee regarding H.R. 2893, [Witness list](#) and [NPS testimony](#)

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## National NAGPRA Online Databases

National NAGPRA maintains several online databases designed to provide access to information on a variety of NAGPRA-related topics. All of the databases have search capabilities that allow the user to locate specific information. The databases are updated regularly by National NAGPRA staff.

- **Native American Consultation Database (NACD)** is an easy way to identify a current official contact for Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Names and addresses of tribal leaders are entered from the current Bureau of Indian Affairs **Tribal Leaders Directory**. Use the state tables compiled from **Indian Land Cessions 1784-1894** as additional consultation resources. Changes in contact information or corrections to the data should be sent to the **NACD Administrator**.
- **Notices of Inventory Completion Database** is a searchable library of published Federal Register notices pertaining to Native American human remains and associated funerary objects. A **map** has been added to the site to show the distribution of human remains that have been described in published notices of inventory completion.
- **Notices of Intent to Repatriate Database** is a searchable library of published Federal Register notices pertaining to Native American unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.
- **Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database**. This database provides information about Native American human remains that have been determined to be culturally unidentifiable and has been compiled on behalf of the **Review Committee** pursuant to 43 CFR 10.10 (g). The database summarizes the inventory information submitted by museums and Federal agencies and is not meant to be an exact copy of their inventory data. Though an effort has been made to verify the accuracy of the data presented in this database, slight discrepancies between these and the actual museum and agency inventories may remain.  
The database was updated **December 31, 2006**. It now includes 15,901 records describing 118,400 Native American human remains and 828,641 associated funerary objects inventoried by 627 **museums and Federal agencies**. Among the human remains included here are 5,238 that have been affiliated or transferred since they were first inventoried as culturally unidentifiable. Corrections, updates, and additions to this database will be made as museums and agencies continue to verify the data that have been entered, or submit revised inventories. A **map** has been added to show the provenience of the human remains in the database.

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## NAGPRA Grants

NAGPRA Grants are awarded to Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums for financial assistance in carrying out projects associated with NAGPRA compliance.

A new online [NAGPRA Grants to Tribes and Museums](#) (PDF) brochure highlights examples of successful NAGPRA grants projects and provides information on other sources of cultural resources funding.

**The National NAGPRA program administers two types of awards, each with a different application process. Use the same proposal form for either type of grant.**

**Consultation/Documentation grants** are awarded competitively once per fiscal year.

Collaborative documentation and consultation proposals are especially encouraged.

**Repatriation grants** are awarded on a continuing basis throughout each fiscal year.

Proposals are accepted October 1 through June 30. Repatriation grant proposals require documentation of transfer of control. See [template](#).

### NAGPRA Grant Calendar for FY2007

<b>September 20, 2006</b>	FY2007 NAGPRA Tribal and Museum Grant guidelines and application forms available on-line.
<b>December 29, 2006</b>	Draft FY2007 NAGPRA Tribal and Museum Consultation/Documentation grant applications due for optional pre-review.
<b>March 1, 2007</b>	Final FY2007 NAGPRA Tribal and Museum Consultation/Documentation grant applications due.

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**July 15, 2007**

Target date for announcement of FY2007 Consultation/  
Documentation awards.

**Repatriation grant applications should be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the scheduled repatriation. Funding may not be immediately available.**

### **Guidelines and Forms for Applicants:**

- **FY 2007 Grant Guidelines [PDF](#)**
- **FY 2007 Proposal Form [PDF](#) or [Word document format](#)**
- **SF424: Application for Federal Assistance form [PDF](#) or [Word document format](#)**  
(This is a mandatory form to be submitted with all grant applications.)

**The FY2007 Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for  
NAGPRA Grants is 15.922.**

### **Information for Grant Recipients:**

- **[Interim Progress Report Cover Sheet](#)**
- **[Final Project Report Cover Sheet](#)**

### **Submitting Grant Proposals, Interim Progress Reports, and Final Project Reports:**

**Address proposal packages sent by U.S. Postal Service (including Express Mail) to:**

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National NAGPRA Program

1849 C Street NW (Org. Code 2253)

Washington, DC 20240

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National NAGPRA Program

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**Awards to Date:**

The National Park Service has awarded NAGPRA grants since 1994. From 1994 through September 15, 2006, 523 NAGPRA grants have been awarded. Click for the complete list of

[NAGPRA grant awards](#) to date.

- 349 NAGPRA grants totalling \$18,909,241 have been awarded to Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- 174 NAGPRA grants totalling \$8,737,841 have been awarded to museums.

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## NAGPRA Training

The National NAGPRA program offers a variety of training opportunities for individuals who are interested in better understanding and implementing NAGPRA.

The National NAGPRA Program sponsors one-day NAGPRA training at least twice a year.

These training courses generally take place at the site where the Review Committee is meeting, and either immediately precede or follow the meeting.

### NAGPRA Training

**Coming to Phoenix, AZ on October 13, 2007: Details coming soon**

### Registration Form

**Sample Agenda** for NAGPRA Training

The National NAGPRA Program also can provide training at the invitation of a hosting group, at a location and time convenient for the host. The Program prepares a set of training materials and certificates of course completion, and sends Program staff to the training site. At the host's discretion, the Program can advertise the training on this web page. In return, the host pays the costs of the instructors' travel, lodging, and per diem, and the copying costs of the training materials.

Please direct your inquiries about both National NAGPRA Program-sponsored and invitational training to David Tarler (telephone 202-354-2108; email [David\\_Tarler@nps.gov](mailto:David_Tarler@nps.gov)).

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The National NAGPRA Program also participates in training sponsored by the National Preservation Institute and other associations.

- **October 8, 2007: International Legal Issues: The Current Debate over the Immunity of Foreign Cultural Property Suit in the United States**, Washington College of Law, American University, 4801 Massachusetts Ave NW, Room 603, Washington, DC @ 4:00pm. [Registration Information](#) or call (202) 274-4445
- **December 4 -5, 2007: Native American Cultural Property Law**, sponsored by the National Preservation Institute, Seattle, WA.

## Training Resources

Several of the handouts that National NAGPRA uses in its training courses are available online:

- [NAGPRA Glossary](#)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs list of federally recognized tribes [PDF](#)
- NAGPRA at a Glance [PDF](#) or [HTML](#)
- NAGPRA Collections vs. Excavations and Discoveries: Overview [PDF](#)
- Summary and Inventory Overview [PDF](#)
- Cultural Affiliation [PDF](#)
- 43 CFR 10 Subpart B Overview (Excavations and Inadvertent Discoveries) [PDF](#)
- Inadvertent Discoveries on Tribal Lands - Overview [PDF](#)
- Inadvertent Discoveries on Federal Lands - Overview [PDF](#)
- Intentional Excavations on Tribal and Federal Lands - Overview [PDF](#)
- NAGPRA Section 3 and the Requirements of ARPA [PDF](#)
- Priority of Custody/Ownership Flowchart [43 CFR 10.6 and 25 U.S.C. 3002(a)] [PDF](#)
- Plan of Action Checklist [PDF](#)
- Comprehensive Agreement Checklist [PDF](#)
- Comparison of NAGPRA, ARPA, and NHPA Section 106 [PDF](#)
- 36 CFR 79 Overview (Curation of Federally Owned and Administered Archaeological Collections) [PDF](#)

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### About NAGPRA Notices

As part of the NAGPRA compliance process, the National NAGPRA program assists museums and Federal agencies in publishing Notices of Inventory Completion and Notices of Intent to Repatriate in the *Federal Register*.

A **Notice of Inventory Completion** is published when a museum or Federal agency has made a determination of cultural affiliation for Native American human remains and associated funerary objects in its possession or control. By law these were due November 1995.

A **Notice of Intent to Repatriate** is published when a museum or Federal agency, in consultation with tribes, receives, reviews, and accepts a claim by a tribe for sacred objects, unassociated funerary objects, or objects of cultural patrimony.

A **Notice of Intended Disposition** is published in newspapers by the Federal agency official responsible for cultural items excavated or removed from Federal lands. The responsible Federal agency official must send copies of published Notices of Intended Disposition to National NAGPRA.

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## Notice Templates

Notice templates are available in Word, and may be downloaded for use in preparing draft

Federal Register notices to be sent to National NAGPRA. Draft Federal Register notices may

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to [Jaime\\_Lavallee@contractor.nps.gov](mailto:Jaime_Lavallee@contractor.nps.gov).

- [Notice of Inventory Completion Template](#)
- [Notice of Intent to Repatriate Template](#)
- [Correction Template](#) (used to correct a previously published notice)
- [Notice of Intended Disposition Template](#)

Many of the terms that are used in Notices of Inventory Completion and Notices of Intent to

Repatriate have specialized meanings under NAGPRA. Such terms include:

- [Aboriginal lands](#)
- [Associated funerary objects](#)
- [Burial site](#)
- [Control](#)
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## Published Notices

The text of published **Federal Register** notices may be viewed in either HTML or PDF

formats. Select from:

- [Notices of Inventory Completion Database](#)
- [Notices of Intent to Repatriate Database](#)

A table of published [Notices of Intended Disposition](#) is available in PDF.

## State Reports

Provenience data, including State, County, and Site information, derived from published Notices of Inventory Completion have been assembled in the following MS Word Documents. [Click here for Help](#) in using these tables.DF.

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## National NAGPRA Documents and Publications

### Maps

Maps showing the location of Indian reservations, Indian land claims, and military bases are available to provide information that can be used during consultation. The National NAGPRA program does not have printed versions of these maps available for distribution. However, PDF versions can be downloaded and taken to your local printing or copy center.

- **Indian Reservations** shows the location of Federal Indian Reservations in the continental United States, and is based on information compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs .
- **Judicially Established Indian Lands** is based on information provided by the Indian Claims Commission. The Indian Claim's Commission was established by Congress in 1946 to settle land claim disputes between Indians and the U.S. Government.
- **Military Bases in the Contiguous United States** is a low-resolution map showing locations of Department of Defense (DOD) installations. The map is intended to serve as a consultation resource for helping to identify collections from DOD lands.

### National NAGPRA Reports

are the official reports of National NAGPRA program activities. The reports summarize a variety of information, including the program expenditures, notice publication statistics, grant information, status of draft regulations, and status of disputes. Additional reports are posted as they become available.

- **FY07 Midyear Report (June 2007)**

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## **National NAGPRA Brochures**

- [NAGPRA Grants to Tribes and Museums](#)
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## Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee

### About the Review Committee

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee was established under NAGPRA "to monitor and review the implementation of the inventory and identification process and repatriation activities." They have requested that information on compliance with the law be maintained and they make annual reports to Congress. They also hear disputes on factual matters to resolve repatriation issues between Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. The Review Committee is an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Questions regarding Federal agency procedural practice are addressed by the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 501 et seq. Review Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior from nominations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, traditional Native American religious leaders, national museum organizations, and scientific organizations.

Review Committee information includes:

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- **National NAGPRA Reports to the Review Committee**

The National NAGPRA program provides administrative and staff support to the review committee on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior. The Manager, National NAGPRA program, serves as the Review Committee's Designated Federal Officer.

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## Special Topics

The National NAGPRA program serves as a resource on a variety of topics related to repatriation. If you have suggestions for other topics that could be added to this page, please contact National NAGPRA at [NAGPRA\\_Info@nps.gov](mailto:NAGPRA_Info@nps.gov).

### Contaminated Collections

- NPS [Conserve O Grams](#) dealing with collections contamination.
- [Proceedings](#) of the symposium, *Contaminated Collections: Preservation, Access and Use*, held at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, April 6 - 9, 2001.
- [Links to non-NPS web sites](#) concerning pesticides and contaminated collections.

### International Repatriation

- The National NAGPRA program has created a Web page with information on [international repatriation](#), and links to additional sites with more information.

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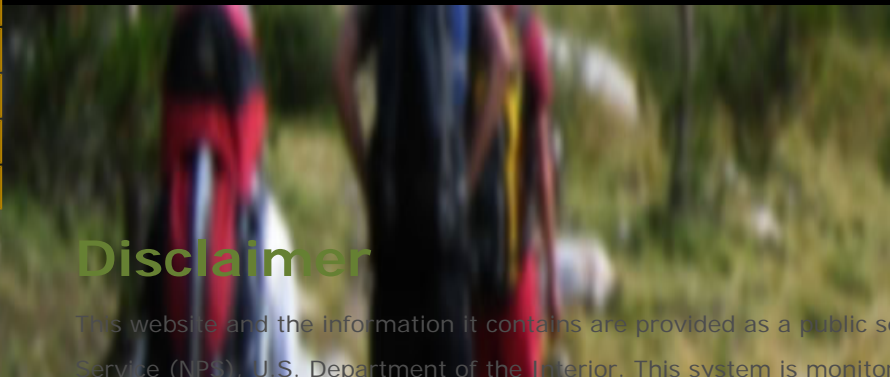
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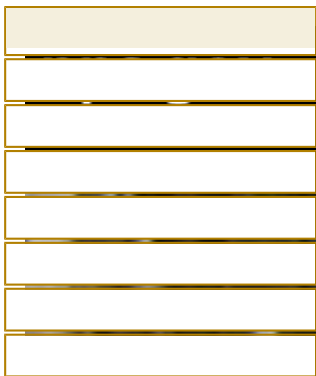
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