



# Historical Happenings

*Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

*December*

WONDERFUL THINGS

## What's New at HQ?

Long time preservation colleague and Forest Service FPO Mike Kaczor retired in late October. Mike was an ardent supporter of FWS Cultural Resources here in HQ and an outspoken advocate among the DC federal preservation professionals both in and out of DOI. Good Luck Mike!!

## Around the Regions....

### Region 4

In late October, Camp Lawton artifacts (recovered from Bo Ginn Fish Hatchery, outside of Savannah GA) were featured in a display called "Georgia, can you dig it?" as part of a public outreach event at the 2016 Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

The event was a success with the general public and other archaeologists. Both groups showed a good deal of interest in the archaeology of Camp Lawton. The event booth was staffed by Georgia Southern University graduate and undergraduate students (figures 1 and 2). Georgia Southern has led the research efforts at Camp Lawton for the past several years.



Figures 1 and 2. GSU students at a public outreach event featuring artifacts recovered from Camp Lawton, a civil war prison located within the boundary of Bo Ginn Fish Hatchery.



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## Region 6

Historic preservation work at the Miller House is wrapping up this month, with the Refuge's premier cultural resource now sporting new logs that will help maintain the structure's integrity (figure 3). The aging wooden buildings known as the Miller Ranch have been on site since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Miller House and surrounding land was the first property purchased by the Federal government to become part of the National Elk Refuge, which was established in 1912. The Miller House is open during the summer season, allowing visitors to step back in time and listen to stories of homesteading, ranching, and conservation.

Read more [here](#) about this great example of historic preservation.



**Figure 3:** Fernando Escobedo hews the flat side of a log to fit against the backside of the wall's interior paneling.

## Other Agency News

**DOI**—The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act Proposed Regulations are complete and have been sent to the Federal Register for publication. The Rule will enable DOI to properly permit research on these resources and to implement the casual collecting component of the Act.

*Thanks to Karen Mudar at NPS for this information.*

focused on the history and importance of the Battle of Midway, what it means today, as well as for the future.

If you or anyone you know has any resources (memorabilia, images, etc) associated with the BOM, or know of a BOM veteran who might be willing to be interviewed, or if you have any suggestions regarding the type of information you'd like to see in a website that is designed to promote understanding of the human experience at BOM and generate interest in the June 4, 2017 event, please contact [virginia\\_parks@fws.gov](mailto:virginia_parks@fws.gov).

### LEGISLATIVE NEWS

*Thanks to Terry Childs (DOI) and Karen Mudar (NPS) for news stories and other contributions for this issue of HH.*

### VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Check for more news soon!

### TRAINING, UPCOMING EVENTS, EDUCATION, AND NEWS

#### Upcoming FWS Events

The Pacific Region is gearing up for the 75th Commemoration of the Battle of Midway in June 2017. An interactive website, social media campaign and an event are being planned to commemorate the Battle of Midway and to honor those who served at this critical turning point of the War in the Pacific during WWII. The ceremony and associated outreach will be



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