

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Intended Repatriation: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology, Nashville, TN

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC–DOA) intends to repatriate certain cultural items from Hamilton County, TN, that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after January 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Phillip R. Hodge, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC–DOA), 1216 Foster Avenue, Cole Building #3, Nashville, TN 37243, email [Phil.Hodge@tn.gov](mailto:Phil.Hodge@tn.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 TDEC–DOA, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

### Abstract of Information Available

A total of one cultural item and two lots of artifacts from Hamilton County, Tennessee have been requested for repatriation.

*Site 40HA52, Hamilton County, TN:* One lot of faunal remains identified on the box label as originally being from mortuary contexts. These materials were donated to TDEC–DOA in 2022 by archaeology faculty from Sewanee, the University of the South. No information exists as to the circumstances of original collection. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

*Site 40HA407, Hamilton County, TN:* One lot of material including ochre and lithics. These materials were excavated by a consultant in August 1995 according to a cemetery removal petition to the Hamilton County Chancery Court. All skeletal materials from the project were transferred to the “Ghost Children of Heart Nations, Inc.” for reburial in April 1998. There is no information on how these specific materials entered or remained in TDEC–DOA collections. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

*Unknown site, Hamilton County, TN:* One ceramic vessel. The vessel was donated to TDEC–DOA in 1997. No additional information is available as to site location. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

### Determinations

The TDEC–DOA has determined that:

- The three unassociated funerary objects described in this notice is reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near human remains, and are connected, either at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony of a Native American culture according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization. The unassociated funerary object has been identified by a preponderance of the evidence as related to human remains, specific individuals, or families, or removed from a specific burial site or burial area of an individual or individuals with cultural affiliation to an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas; Cherokee Nation; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Poarch Band of Creek Indians; The Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town; and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

### Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items 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 not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 20, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the TDEC–DOA must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The TDEC–DOA is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

*Authority:* Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N6734; NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0041638; PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Augustana University has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after January 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Gina Palefsky, Augustana University, Archaeology Laboratory, 2001 S Summit Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, email [gina.palefsky@augie.edu](mailto:gina.palefsky@augie.edu).

**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 Augustana University, 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 two individuals and their associated funerary objects have been identified. The one lot of associated funerary objects consists of lithics, faunal bone, and ceremonial items with a sacred purpose. The human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from Minnehaha County, South Dakota. No hazardous chemicals are known to have been used to treat the human remains or associated funerary objects while at Augustana University.

#### Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

#### Determinations

Augustana University has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of at least two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The one lot of associated funerary objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects 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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 20, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Augustana University must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. Augustana University 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: December 11, 2025.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Inventory Completion: California Department of Transportation, Oakland, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed an inventory of associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after January 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice to Lindsay Busse and Althea Asaro, California Department of Transportation, District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612, email [lindsay.busse@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lindsay.busse@dot.ca.gov) and [Althea.Asaro@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Althea.Asaro@dot.ca.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 Caltrans, 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

Associated funerary objects have been identified totaling 5,324 catalog entries representing lithics, faunal remains, shell, beads, and ground stone artifacts. Of the 5,324 associated funerary objects, 294 catalog numbers are missing. These 19 collections are from Sonoma County along State Routes 12 and 116 and are housed at Sonoma State University (SSU). The collections are the result of Caltrans project-delivery related excavations at the following sites between 1978 and 2022: CA-SON-25/H (92-004, 92-041), CA-SON-26 (92-004, 92-0421), CA-SON-120 (86-14), CA-SON-159 (93-38), CA-SON-921 (93-36; 78-04), CA-SON-957 (2022-005), CA-SON-1107 (78-04, 80-05), CA-SON-1532 (87-15), CA-SON-1695 (93-37), CA-SON-1697 (90-79), CA-SON-1698 (90-78), CA-SON-1757 (90-80), CA-SON-1921/H (92-002), CA-SON-1940 (92-004, 92-043), CA-SON-1941/H (92-004, 92-044), CA-SON-2103 (93-41), and CA-SON-2102 (93-40). There are no known/documented potentially hazardous substances used to treat any of the cultural items.

#### Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the associated funerary objects described in this notice.

#### Determinations

- Caltrans has determined that:
- The 5,324 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
  - There is a connection between associated funerary objects described in