

*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

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#### Notice of Intended Repatriation: University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of California, Berkeley intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony 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 July 6, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Alexandra Lucas, Government and Community Relations, Office of the Chancellor, University of California, Berkeley, 200 California Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720, email [nagpra-ucb@berkeley.edu](mailto:nagpra-ucb@berkeley.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 the University of California, Berkeley, 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 five cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The five objects of cultural patrimony are three jars, one vessel, and one 'Pueblo stone image'.

In 1903, George H. Pepper was in Santa Fe, New Mexico, conducting

archaeological and ethnological fieldwork for multiple sponsors, including Phoebe Hearst and Professor F.W. Putnam. An accompanying ledger in the accession file lists the specific cultural items acquired, including three jars and a vessel that originated from the Pueblo of Pojoaque.

On May 7, 1908, the University of California Museum of Anthropology acquired a 'Pueblo stone image' via an exchange with the Peabody Museum at Harvard University. The cultural item had originally been collected by F.W. Putnam, and was noted in the Museum's original ledgers to have come from Pojoaque Pueblo.

Collections and collection spaces at the Phoebe A Hearst Museum of Anthropology were treated with substances for preservation and pest control, some potentially hazardous. No records have been found to date at the Museum to indicate whether or not chemicals or natural substances were used prior to 1960.

#### Determinations

The University of California, Berkeley has determined that:

- The five objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.
- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico.

#### 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 July 6, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of California, Berkeley 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 University of California, Berkeley 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[N7203; NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0042935; PPWOCRADN0-PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Lincoln National Forest, Alamogordo, NM

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Lincoln National Forest 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 July 6, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Jason Freeman, Forest Supervisor, Lincoln National Forest, 3463 Las Palomas Road, Alamogordo, NM 88310, email [Jason.Freeman2@usda.gov](mailto:Jason.Freeman2@usda.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 Lincoln National Forest, 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, 10 individuals have been identified. The approximately 102 associated funerary objects include faunal remains, pottery sherds, sticks, sandals, sandal fragments, nets, strings, cordage, scrapers, knives, comingled soil, mats, lithics, fragments of an unspecified material, ropes, burial wrappings, pieces of charred woven baskets, wooden tools, rabbit fur robe fragments, and miscellaneous items (one or more each of the following: tassel, prayer stick or Paho fragment, gourd fragment, awl, loop Yucca, stone, bowl, bead ornament, sotol stalk, rabbit skin blanket fragment, small bundle containing reed, fur, feathers, and cordage).

These ancestors and funerary objects were removed from Site LA538, Last Chance Canyon Burial Cave, in Eddy County, New Mexico. They were excavated between 1929 and 1932 by Dr. E.B. Howard with the University of Pennsylvania and Harry P. Mera with the New Mexico Laboratory of Anthropology. They were then curated at the Museum of New Mexico (subsequently divided between the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Santa Fe and the Maxwell Museum, University of New Mexico), the Carlsbad Museum and Art Center, and the University of Pennsylvania Museum. It is not known whether potentially hazardous substances were used to treat the ancestors and funerary items.

### Cultural Affiliation

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

### Determinations

The Lincoln National Forest has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 10 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The approximately 102 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 Mescalero Apache Tribe of the

Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo.

### 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 July 6, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Lincoln National Forest 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. The Lincoln National Forest 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### Notice of Intended Repatriation: Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Los Angeles, CA

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History (LACMNH) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary

objects, sacred objects, and/or objects of cultural patrimony 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 July 6, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Amy E. Gusick, NAGPRA Officer, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007, email [agusick@nhm.org](mailto:agusick@nhm.org).

**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 LACMNH, 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 23 cultural items have been requested for repatriation, including one unassociated funerary object and 22 objects of cultural patrimony.

The one unassociated funerary object is an urn removed from the Cajon Pass area of San Bernardino County in 1955 by Ike Stoddard, who described it as, "Plainware olla, formerly held a skeleton". The urn was donated to LACMNH by Ted Stoddard in 1956.

A total of 12 objects of cultural patrimony include lots of worked steatite, asphaltum, shell, faunal remains, floral remains, worked lithics, one tarring pebble, one incised tablet, one striated stone, one stone weight and two perforated stones. These items were removed from the Nestor Young Ranch at Barrel Springs, located near Palmdale in Los Angeles County. Nestor Young owned the ranch from 1913 to 1921 and conducted excavations in the vicinity. Sometime between 1947 and 1948, Young sold his collection to the Hancock Foundation Anthropology Lab, a now disbanded museum once part of the University of Southern California. In 1966, the Hancock Foundation Anthropology Lab collection was loaned to LACMNH and then in 1983 the collection was transferred as a gift to LACMNH.

A total of five objects of cultural patrimony are pestles, projectile points, and other. These items were removed from Lovejoy Springs and Anaverde in the Antelope Valley region of Los Angeles County by Carl D. Hegner. They