

46.215. For use of this CE, the Responsible Official must document this review. If the Responsible Official cannot use this CE to support a decision to authorize density management in forests or woodlands due to the presence of extraordinary circumstances, the Responsible Official must prepare an EA or EIS before authorizing such activities, consistent with 43 CFR 46.205(c) and 42 U.S.C. 4336(b).

The Department consulted with CEQ on the establishment of this new forest and woodland density management CE consistent with section 102(2)(B) of NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(B).

III. Text Added to the U.S. Department of the Interior Handbook of NEPA Implementing Procedures, Appendix 2: Bureau Categorical Exclusions

The *DOI Handbook of NEPA Implementing Procedures, Appendix 2: Bureau Categorical Exclusions* includes the following language:

Bureau of Land Management

11.9 Actions Eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CE)

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C. Forestry

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(11) **Modification of tree density up to 5,000 acres of treatment area. Does not include silvicultural methods that are intended to regenerate whole stands, such as even-aged regeneration harvest, clearcutting, or variable retention harvest, or vegetation management intended to convert forest or woodlands to non-forest vegetation cover.*

(a) *Covered actions include:*

(i) *Cutting, yarding, and the use of landings and skid trails to facilitate the removal of commercial and non-commercial trees*

(ii) *Chipping/grinding or removal of residual slash.*

(iii) *Group selection silvicultural treatment to promote regeneration of shade intolerant species and early successional habitat in an uneven-aged context not to exceed 2-acre individual patches and 10 percent of the treatment area. Group selection openings will retain overstory legacy elements consistent with the applicable land use plan (e.g., large fire resilient trees, snags).*

(iv) *Pile burning or underburning of fuels created by covered actions described in subparagraphs (i)–(iii) of this paragraph and fuels within or in close proximity to those actions' treatment boundaries whether created by those actions or not.*

(v) *Seeding or planting necessary to accelerate native species re-establishment.*

(b) *Such actions:*

(i) *Must not exceed 5 miles of new permanent road construction to facilitate the covered actions and all segments must conform to applicable land use planning decisions with route-specific designations disclosed where travel management planning has been completed.*

(ii) *May include maintenance and renovation of existing roads as needed.*

(iii) *May include construction of temporary roads not to exceed a ratio of 2.5 miles per 1,000 acres of treatment area as needed, provided they are not part of the bureau's permanent transportation system, are designed to standards appropriate for their intended use (safety, erosion control, sedimentation prevention, and resource protection), are not needed for long-term resource management, and are decommissioned and stabilized after use to minimize erosion and protect water quality.*

(iv) *Must disclose design features in documentation of finding that an action is excluded pursuant to the use of this categorical exclusion that address the following resource considerations, consistent with applicable land use plan decisions, or, where no plan requirements apply, and specify how these considerations are addressed:*

(1) *Snag and downed wood—amount to be created or retained;*

(2) *Erosion control—specifications or measures (e.g., water bars, dispersed slash);*

(3) *Soil compaction—criteria for avoidance, minimization, or remediation;*

(4) *Logging systems—types and scope of constraints (e.g., seasonal, location, extent, etc.);*

(5) *Seasonal operations—purpose and extent of operating restrictions;*

(6) *Invasive species—measures to prevent or limit spread;*

(7) *Riparian areas—buffer widths and/or operating restrictions;*

(8) *Prescribed fire—operating constraints for underburning or pile burning; and*

(9) *Temporary roads—decommissioning standards.*

(c) *Definitions:*

(i) *Permanent road: A road constructed or reconstructed, managed as part of the bureau's permanent transportation system.*

(ii) *Temporary road: A road authorized by contract, permit, lease, written authorization, or emergency operation, not added to the permanent system, and decommissioned after use.*

(iii) *Group selection: An uneven-aged harvest method where groups of trees are removed to promote spatial heterogeneity, regeneration of desired tree species, or the establishment of new cohorts.*

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Authorities: NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Stephen G. Tryon,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Beloit College, Logan Museum of Anthropology, Beloit, WI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Beloit College, Logan Museum of Anthropology (LMA) has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after September 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Nicolette B. Meister, Beloit College, Logan Museum of Anthropology, 700 College Street, Beloit, WI 53511, email meister@beloit.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 LMA, 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, one individual have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The LMA purchased a headpiece of

human hair from Reverend Glen H. Ridnour in 1963. The headpiece may be part of the Axel Rasmussen Collection purchased by the Portland Art Museum in 1948. Between 1921 and 1944 Rasmussen, Superintendent of Schools first in Wrangell, AK, and later in Skagway, AK, collected Native American items from the Native communities he served and from dealers in the region. Ridnour purchased portions of the Rasmussen Collection from the Saint Paul Gallery in 1959. The headpiece is from Wrangell Island, Wrangell Borough, Alaska, and is composed of a cloth cap covered in matted tufts of human hair. The headpiece was worn by Tom Ukas (1879–1973) whose Tlingit name was *Ghunaaneistí*. He was *Kiks.ádi* from the Sun House in Wrangell. According to Ukas, the headpiece was made of old scalps taken in war. During consultation, a top knot of bound hair was identified, which supports Tom Ukas's oral history as top knots are worn by warriors going into war. The LMA has no record of treating the human remains with potentially hazardous substances.

Cultural Affiliation

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

Determinations

The LMA has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains 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 described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after September 23,

2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the LMA must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The LMA 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: August 17, 2026.

Mariah Soriano,

Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology, Andover, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology (RSPI) has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after September 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Ryan J. Wheeler, RSPI, Phillips Academy, 180 Main Street, Andover, MA 01810, email rwheeler@andover.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 RSPI, 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, one individual have been identified. The individual was removed from an unknown location in Arkansas and transferred to the RSPI (then known as the Department of Archaeology, Phillips Academy) likely in the early part of the twentieth century.

There is no known presence of any potentially hazardous substances.

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 described in this notice.

Determinations

The RSPI has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Quapaw Nation.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains 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 described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after September 23, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the RSPI must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The RSPI 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.