

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Montana Missoula, Missoula, MT

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Montana Missoula (UM) 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 November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Courtney Little Axe, NAGPRA Coordinator and Collections Manager, University of Montana—Missoula, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812, email courtney.littleaxe@umt.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 UM, 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

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, two individuals have been reasonably identified. The one adult (likely female) and one subadult (likely male) arrived at UM prior to 1991 and were assigned University of Montana Forensic Collection (UMFC) accession number UMFC 50. The 18 associated funerary objects are two unmodified copper wire bracelets, one copper wire bracelet with linear marks, and 15 machine twisted copper wire bracelets (two of which are double strand). The adult individual was reported as wearing these 18 bracelets on the forearm at the time of discovery. It is unknown whether or how the two individuals were

connected. To date, their geographic place of origin and history of how they came to be at UM remains unknown and to the best of UM's knowledge there is no recorded use of hazardous substances to treat the human remains or associated funerary objects.

Cultural Affiliation

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

Determinations

UM has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 18 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 Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.

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 November 30, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, UM 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. UM 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: October 22, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Birmingham Museum of Art (BMA) 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 November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Dr. Anne Forschler-Tarrasch, Director of Collections & Exhibitions, Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Boulevard, Birmingham, AL 35203, email aforschler@artsbma.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 BMA, 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 one unassociated funerary object is a miniature totem pole carved of walrus ivory. The one object of cultural patrimony is a spoon. The three sacred objects/objects of cultural patrimony are one harpoon head, one harpoon point,

and one spear point. The items were collected on unknown dates from unknown locations, possibly in the Arctic and Subarctic. The miniature totem pole was collected by Thyrza Hamilton Orr of Birmingham, Alabama on an unknown date before 1971. Orr gifted the item to the BMA in 1971. The miniature totem pole is documented in museum records as Inupiat or Tlingit or Haida. The spoon was collected by Dr. Noble Ashworth Endicott, Jr. and Dr. Wilma Jean Gunter Endicott sometime prior to 1991. The Endicotts donated the item to the BMA in 1991. The spoon is documented in museum records as Inupiat. The harpoon head, harpoon point, and spear point were collected by Axel Rasmussen, who served as superintendent of schools in Wrangell, Alaska from 1926 to 1938, and in Skagway from 1938 until his death in 1945. In 1948 the Portland Museum of Art purchased the entire Rasmussen Collection. BMA purchased the items in 1956. The three items are documented in museum records as Inupiat.

BMA has no knowledge of any potentially hazardous substances used to treat the cultural items. However, no testing has occurred.

Determinations

The BMA has determined that:

- The one unassociated funerary object 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.

- The one object of cultural patrimony described in this notice has 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.

- The three sacred objects/objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice are, according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an

Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, specific ceremonial objects needed by a traditional Native American religious leader for present-day adherents to practice traditional Native American religion, and 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).

- There is a connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government.

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 November 30, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the BMA 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 BMA 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.

Dated: October 22, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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Notice of Inventory Completion: University of California, Santa Barbara, Repository for Archaeological and Ethnographic Collections, Santa Barbara, 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, Santa Barbara (UCSB), Repository for Archaeological and Ethnographic Collections 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 November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Hugh Radde, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106, email NAGPRA@ucsb.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 UCSB Repository for Archaeological and Ethnographic Collections, 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 have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The ancestral human remains were collected from an unknown location near Lompoc in Santa Barbara County, CA. The collector and date of removal are unknown. Around 1984, the ancestral remains were donated to UC Santa Barbara by Helen Loney. It is unknown whether they were treated with preservatives or other potentially hazardous substances.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural