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STATE LANDS

UPAC President Bruce Louthan recently sent a letter of authorization to Claudia F. Berry, Wayne Petty, and Michael Heyrend to represent UPAC in legal action against the State of Utah to ensure adherence to the laws of the state regarding antiquities. See a copy of this letter attached to the newsletter.

RUINS PRESERVATION CONSORTIUM

In concert with the Centennial celebration of the first documented stabilization work, at Casa Grande Ruins in southern Arizona, a new preservation society is proposed. The Ruins Preservation Consortium would provide a forum for information exchange among the disciplines dealing with ruins preservation/stabilization: archaeologists, prehistoric and historic architects, soil scientists and chemists, structural engineers, and other preservation practitioners who deal with stone, earthen, mud/adobe, or wooden structures built in the Native

American or southwestern Euro-american traditions.

Potential topics of interest include but are not limited to (1) aspects of deterioration; (2) "hard science" studies; (3) preservation materials testing; (4) architectural documentation packages/case studies; (5) preservation philosophy, issues, project design and implementation; (6) anthropological studies of architecture, behavior, and proxemics; (7) condition assessments; and (8) training, education, and professional qualifications.

A questionnaire has been developed to help identify the appropriate level of information exchange (meetings, bulletins, journals, etc.) and the necessary dues structure to support the consortium. If you are interested in participating in this forum, please contact either Todd Metzger or Larry Nordby at 1028 Osage Circle, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, or telephone (505) 989-8528 or 988-6778.

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Relatively few Utah archaeologists belong to the Society of Professional Archaeologists (SOPA). The 1991 directory lists Michael Polk, Alan Schroedl, and Betsy Tipps. Perhaps the reason Utah archaeologists are not interested in SOPA is that it is not required in order to work in this state. Other parts of the country require membership in SOPA in order to work under specific municipality's, county's, or state's jurisdictions. For this reason California has a large number of SOPA members.

You do not have to join SOPA to be certified as meeting the basic criteria of a professional archaeologist. For more information contact the SOPA Secretary-Treasurer, J. Raymond Williams, Dept. of Anthropology, U. of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620-8100, (813) 974-2138.

SOPA was organized in 1976 to establish national standards for archaeological practices and to identify those who possess the ability and willingness to meet national standards. It also represents the profession and gives more professional status to archaeologists.

An archaeologist who meets the criteria may qualify to be a member of SOPA under any of these categories; field research, collections research, archaeological administration, archaeological resource management, museology, teaching, underwater survey, historical archaeology,

archeometric and national science research, underwater archaeology, and document research.

To obtain information on applying for membership in SOPA and the specific certification requirements for each category listed above, contact the SOPA Certification Chair, David L. Carlson, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas A and M University, College Station, TX 77843 (409) 845-4044.

UTAH ARCHAEOLOGY 1991

Articles for the next edition of Utah Archaeology 1991 are now being solicited. Joel Janetski has already received several articles but has room for more. Deadline for submission this year is the end of May.

UPAC MEETING MINUTES

The spring 1991 meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm on March 22 by President Bruce Louthan. Twentyfive members were in attendance. Gordon Topping, Superintendent, welcomed UPAC members to Fremont Indian State Park. Bruce Louthan introduced the new officers, Betsy Tipps as Vice-president for Governmental Affairs and Julie Howard as the new Secretary. These new officers will serve for two years. Bruce Louthan gave special thanks to Shelley Smith and Steve Simms for all the work they completed during their terms.

Treasurer Lorna Billat reported that the UPAC treasury has a balance of \$4,118.92 as of March 22, 1991. Expenses from

10/27/90 to 3/11/91 total \$1,164.47. Deposits for the same time period were \$1,529. UPAC has 73 members, 66 voting. She will provide a list of members to the Newsletter Editor, for distribution.

Joel Janetski was honored with a plaque as the latest UPAC fellow.

Shelley Smith and Deanne Matheny discussed the status of State Lands Legal Action. At this point, all they've done is file suit with SUWA. They are continuing to look at state land sales. Shelley said they need a professional archaeologist to survey and note any sites present on these parcels and prepare an affidavit.

Steve Simms reported on the Reburial Committee developments. Since passage of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act on November 16, 1990, there is a new direction for the committee. Martin Wilson has proposed three drafts based on the new legislation, contact him to receive copies. The committee will complete their proposal by July. There will be two more meetings. Steve proposed that UPAC support the Northwest Band of Shoshoni to acquire funding and a burial site on Antelope Island (sacred rock art) to be used as a location to put a vault for reburial.

A motion was made by Steve Simms to support the Northwest Band of Shoshoni's request for federal funds and to acquire state land at a place of their choice. Jim Wilde seconded the

motion. The vote passed with a majority of the voting members present.

Shelley Smith reported that UPAC has been asked as an organization for input on the SHPOs budget.

David Madsen reported on the State Regulation Committee. He said the law changed last year separating permitting from archeological vandalism. They have been working on the permitting regulations for a year using the Secretary of Interior's Standards as a guideline. He requested that UPAC have a representative at the next meeting. Betsy Tipps was selected as a representative.

A motion was made by Kevin Jones to establish UPAC as an affected party to potential or existing burial issues or situations. Joel Janetski seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Bruce Louthan discussed the tax-free status of UPAC. Two provisions of the tax code are; a professional organization is allowed to lobby, but a charitable organization cannot lobby. UPAC qualifies as a professional organization that is non-profit, so we may lobby.

Pam Miller presented the goals and objectives of the Collections Documentation Committee prepared by the Castle Valley Chapter. Their groups is gathering and documenting information about local collections. UPAC members supported their efforts to acquire information.

Bruce presented a video on "Changing Paradigms" with a roundtable discussion of current and potential change. Presentations were; Kevin Jones on Research Structuring, Pam Miller on Professional-public Interface, Bruce Louthan on State-National Professional Organization Linkage, and Shelley Smith on Futures for UPAC.

---Julie Howard

AGENCY REPORTS

The Salt Lake District of the BLM is currently working on a MOA with the Division of State History and the Division of Water Resources to obtain information from vandalized Floating Island Cave. This cave was partially excavated during 1986 by the Division of State History and the BLM because the pumping project conducted by the Division of Water Resources would allow access to this pristine cave. Unfortunately, potholes were found in the unexcavated portion of the cave last fall and the BLM immediately proceeded to do what it could be salvage information and protect the resources it manages.

It is hoped that as a result of this long term agreement, the Division of State History and the Salt Lake District may continue research into understanding the prehistory of this relatively poorly known area. We will begin in May with a two-week investigation at Floating Island Cave and other sites in the area and continue this annually.

The district continues its surveys in Utah County as part

of the cooperative cost share project with BYU's Museum of Peoples and Cultures, the Uinta National Forest, and USAS's Utah County and Salt Lake-Davis County Chapters. We continue field survey in the southern portion of Utah County and hope to interest BYU in testing some of the sites which may contribute to our understanding of the use of this area.

The district continues it's volunteer archaeological intern program and will use students this year to conduct survey of large land parcels on sand dunes in the west desert and near Grouse Creek in northwestern Utah for several large land exchanges.

We will greatly miss Shelley Smith, who has proved a very positive and productive influence in promoting cultural resources in the district. But we know that her skills will broaden and help to improve cultural resources on a statewide level.

NEW ARCHAEOLOGISTS

The Manti-LaSal National Forest recently hired Leeann Hunt as an archaeologist in the Monticello office. Leeann is from the El Dorado National Forest in California and will soon receive a master's degree from Northern Arizona University.

Nancy Coulam was recently hired as archaeologist for the National Park Service in Moab. She reports on May 7.

And, Shelley Smith was selected as the new cultural resources program leader in the Utah State Office of the BLM.

ARCHAEOLOGY JOBS

New archaeology jobs will soon be announced in the Tonopah and Elko Resource Areas of the BLM. More information on when these jobs open and how they will be advertised may be obtained from:

Nevada State Office
850 Harvard Way
PO Box 12000
Reno, Nevada 89520-0006
(702) 785-6431

The Salt Lake District will announce a position at the GS 9/11 level for those with reinstatement rights with the federal government around the end of May. For a copy of the job announcement when it becomes available, write to the district at

Salt Lake District, BLM
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
(801) 977-4300

UTAH PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Bruce Louthan, Moab District BLM, 82 East Dogwood, PO Box 970, Moab, UT 84532 (801) 259-6011 **VICE-PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ETHICS:** Kevin Jones, Division of State History, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 (801) 533-4563 **VICE-PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH:** Betsy Tipps, P-III Associates, 2212 South W. Temple, Suite 21, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 (801) 467-5446 **SECRETARY:** Julie Howard, Grand Resource Area BLM, Sand Flats Road, PO Box M, Moab, Utah 84532 (801) 259-8193 **TREASURER:** Lorna Billat, Office of Public Archaeology, 105 Allen Hall, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602 (801) 378-4783 **JOURNAL EDITOR:** Joel Janetski, Museum of Peoples and Cultures, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602 (801) 378-5188 **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Diana Christensen, 242 Rye Grass Circle, Kaysville, UT 84037 (801) 977-4358.

FIELD SCHOOLS OR EXCAVATIONS

June 11 to August 4, 1991, Southern Utah University field school at Hildale/Colorado City, contact Ric Thompson for info.

June-July 1991, Cal State University at Long Beach field school 30 miles east of Kanab. Contact the Kanab Resource Area office of the BLM for info.

April 1-30, 1991 and Nov 1-April 30, 1992, Lava Hills/Southgate Excavations (south of St. George airport) by the Dixie Resource Area office of the BLM. Contact them for info. Volunteers welcome.

May 1991 survey of 9 Mile Canyon, contact Ray Matheny at BYU for info, (801) 378-3059. Volunteers welcome.

May 1-June 22, 1991 ongoing excavations at historic Camp Floyd, contact Dale Berge at BYU for info, (801) 378-6110.

June 24-August 9, 1991, Snake Valley Archaeological Project, excavations of a Fremont village near Baker, Nevada, contact Jim Wilde of BYU for info, (801) 378-7123.

Summer 1991, Yuba Lake Inventory by the Richfield District BLM office and the Sevier Chapter of USAS. Contact Craig Harmon for info, (801) 896-8221. Volunteers welcome.

Spring and Fall 1991, weekends, Utah Valley Project, survey near Utah Lake, contact the Salt Lake District BLM at (801) 977-4300 for info. Volunteers welcome.

September 16-20, 1991 Excavation of an Anasazi Site with Winston Hurst sponsored by the White Mesa Institute for Cultural Studies. \$220.00 fee does not include food and lodging. Call (801) 678-2201 for information.

COMING EVENTS

May 7-9 Rock Art Site Management and Protection Workshop, Marina Del Rey, CA. American Rock Art Research Association, PO Box 65, San Miguel, CA 93451-0065, (805) 467-3704.

May 17-19 Symposium on Anasazi Architecture and American Design at Mesa Verde National Park, call (303) 529-4465 for more info.

May 20-22 Introduction to Federal Projects and Historic Preservation Law, Advisory Council's Section 106 training course, Albuquerque, NM. For information on this course, contact the Washington Office of the Advisory Council.

May 22-24 Rock Art of the San Juan River trip by Joe Pachak, Utah Museum of Natural History, for information call (801) 581-6928, \$410 fee.

May 25-26 Rock Art of San Juan County by Joe Pachak, Utah Museum of Natural History, \$180 fee

May 25 Flintknapping and tool making workshop at Fremont State Park, \$15 fee.

June 7-9 USAS Statewide Convention, Holiday Inn, Provo. Numerous family activities scheduled. Contact Sharon Gant at (801) 226-0813 for info.

June 9 Utah state parks free use day.

June 12-13 Anasazi Ceramics: Workshop and Fieldtrip with Winston Hurst and Wayne Howell at Kelly Place in McElmo Canyon, Colorado. \$199.00 fee includes lodging, food, and van. Contact White Mesa Institute for Cultural Studies at (801) 678-2201 for information.

June 13-16 Southwest Archaeology: The Archaeologists View with Drs. David Breternitz, Jim Judge, William Lipe and Joe Ben Wheat at Kelly Place near Cortez, Colorado. \$397.00 fee includes lodging, food, and van. Contact White Mesa Institute for information.

June 19-21 Introduction to Federal Projects and Historic Preservation Law, Advisory Council's Section 106 training course, Los Angeles, CA.

June 20 summer solstice activities at Fremont State Park

June 22-23 workshop on the Rock Art of Clear Creek at Fremont State Park, \$20 fee.

July 9-11 Introduction to Federal Projects and Historic Preservation Law, Advisory Council's Section 106 training course, Denver, CO.

August 23-25 Sacred Land, Sacred View: The Navajo of Southeastern Utah with Bob McPherson and Bertha Parrish. \$359.00 fee includes food, van, and lodging. Contact White Mesa Institute for information.

October 3-5 Anasazi Symposium at Mesa Verde National Park, contact the park for more details.

October 4-6 Seldom Seen Spots: Southeastern Utah with Winston Hurst, Frank DeCourten, Michael Windham, and Joe Pachak sponsored by the White Mesa Institute. \$344.00 fee includes food and van. Call (801) 678-2201 for information.

October 12-13 Grand Gulch Rock Art with Joe Pachak sponsored by the Utah Museum of Natural History, \$180 fee, limited to 12 participants, contact the museum for more info.

October 16-20 National Preservation Conference in San Francisco commemorating the 25th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington D.C., 20036 for information.

September 8-10 San Juan Hill/Hole in the Rock Area: Prehistory and History with Ken Sleight and Winston Hurst, Utah Museum of Natural History, \$395 fee.

November 13-16 49th Plains Anthropological Conference, Holiday Inn, Lawrence, KA. For information contact William B. Lees, Kansas State Historical Society, 120 West 10th, Topeka, KA 66612 (913) 296-2625.

Utah Professional Archaeological Council

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March 15, 1991

Claudia F. Berry
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Dear Ms. Berry:

On behalf of the members of the Utah Professional Archaeological Council (UPAC), I request and authorize Claudia F. Berry, Wayne Petty, and Michael Heyrend to represent UPAC in legal action against the State of Utah to ensure adherence to the laws of the state regarding antiquities.

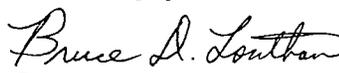
The members of UPAC are archaeologists working in public and private institutions, state and federal agencies, and as private consultants. They are affected professionally and financially by the quality of archaeological resources of the state, and are united in the desire to see adequate protection accorded these valuable assets.

Our organization and individual members have often voiced dissatisfaction to the Utah Division of State Lands and Forestry and other state agencies about numerous cases which, in our view, have disregarded antiquities laws and resulted in needless destruction of cultural and archaeological sites. Unfortunately, these protests have resulted in little or no change in overall policy and procedures of the agencies regarding antiquities.

UPAC is extremely concerned that the rich and varied archaeological resources of our state are being endangered through inadequate implementation of state laws and regulations by agencies developing, leasing, selling, or exchanging state lands. Legal action may be needed to correct this situation.

Please help us ensure that the laws of the State of Utah regarding antiquities are implemented and enforced. Let me know how I or any of our members can assist in this effort in any way.

Sincerely yours,



Bruce D. Louthan
President

Utah Professional Archaeological Council

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Moab, Utah 84532
Ph.: 801-259-6111
April 7, 1991

Representative Sidney R. Yates
2234 RHOB
South Capitol St & Independence Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: REBURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS ANCESTRAL TO THE NORTHWESTERN
BAND OF THE SHOSHONI NATION

Dear Representative Yates:

In testimony March 1, 1991 before your Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, the Northwestern Band of the Shoshoni Nation sought funding for a burial vault for ancestral human remains. The vault would provide a permanent resting place for skeletal remains repatriated to the Northwestern Band, with funds channeled via the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Utah Professional Archaeological Council (UPAC) strongly endorses the construction of such a burial vault and urges you to support this request.

As you are aware, H.B. 5237 was passed late last year to begin the process of repatriation of Native American remains. Professional archaeologists in Utah are supportive of repatriation in consultation with local tribes, and Utah has been working toward a state solution that is congruent with the federal legislation. In July 1990, the Governor formed an Advisory Committee on Native American Reburial to help develop a long-term state policy.

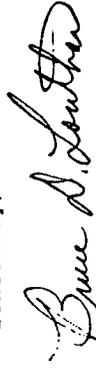
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In deliberations of the Reburial Committee, an interesting convergence of interests has emerged. The Band recognizes the historical importance of the remains and understands their scientific potential. For their part, the scientific community recognizes the spiritual value of these remains and the moral imperative to properly inter them. A vault is the most far-sighted option since this would protect the remains, create a place where future finds can be reinterrred, and hold the potential for future scientific research should such be agreed upon via consultation.

At the Spring Meeting of UPAC on March 22, 1991, a resolution was passed to support the Northwestern Band in their effort to construct a burial vault to be located in a place agreeable to them. On behalf of UPAC, I urge you to support funding of this project when this matter arrives at your Senate Committee, probably later this spring. Please let me know if I can be of help in any way.

Sincerely,



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April 7, 1991

Governor Norm Bangerter
State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: REBURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS ANCESTRAL TO THE NORTHWESTERN
BAND OF THE SHOSHONI NATION.

Dear Governor Bangerter:

On behalf of the Utah Professional Archaeological Council (UPAC), I commend your efforts to protect Native American skeletal remains exposed along the Great Salt Lake and your formation of the Advisory Committee on Native American Reburial to help develop a long-term state policy.

The Northwestern Band of the Shoshoni Nation have played a leadership role in the work of the Reburial Committee. The 75 individuals recovered from the edge of the Great Salt Lake in 1990 along with a dozen more Shoshoni remains removed from the GSL area over the years and taken to the state medical examiner are of concern to the Shoshoni and to the scientific community. These skeletons comprise the second largest collection of human remains ever encountered in the Great Basin region. The Band recognizes the time-depth represented by the remains and understands their scientific potential. For their part, the scientific community recognizes the spiritual value of these remains and the moral imperative to properly inter them.

To move toward a solution, the Northwestern Band approached the U.S. House of Representatives for funding to construct a burial vault (Testimony to Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies 3/1/91). In a letter to you dated 11/27/90, the Band explained their position on these issues and sought your support in locating a site for a burial vault to inter the remains, most of which are from state lands.

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UPAC is pleased with the Band's decision to seek a vault since this would protect the remains, create a place where future finds can be reinterred, and holds the potential for future scientific research should such be agreed upon via consultation. From the standpoint of the scientific community (which includes not only archaeologists, but physical anthropologists and medical researchers), reburial in a vault is the most far-sighted option.

This small underground site, likely on the order of a quarter acre or less in size, will be unobtrusive and will have no tourist purpose. It will be of practical value to the state and a spiritual place for the Shoshoni. Its location should be in concert with religious values held important in tribal history and in concert with contemporary spiritual values. Of course, the precise site will have to be evaluated in terms of logistics and construction needs, etc., but it is very important that the Shoshoni are an integral part of the site selection process.

At the Spring meeting of UPAC at Fremont State Park on March 22, 1991, a resolution was passed to support the Northwestern Band of the Shoshoni Nation in their effort to construct a burial vault to be located in a place agreeable to them. UPAC urges you to strongly consider the Band's views on this matter. We will continue to work with other interests in this important process that you have been so supportive of.

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