



WAPA NEWS

WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

WAPA Files Protest on Bridger-Teton Forest Plan

WAPA has filed a formal protest of the Draft and Final Bridger-Teton Forest Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, and Record of Decision. In a letter to the Chief, USDA Forest Service, WAPA Vice President Jim Welch pointed out that the action was necessary due to USDA's failure to give serious consideration to comments on the DEIS made by WAPA and individual members.

The reasons for WAPA protest stem from: 1) The failure of the Plan to identify specifically how the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations will be complied with during Forest land use planning. 2) The use

of paraprofessionals to conduct cultural resource inventories. The membership objected to this in the DEIS, but this objection was ignored in the Final Plan. 3) The management of cultural resources in Wilderness Areas. The plan will allow cultural resources to deteriorate and will not allow any excavation, restoration, or on-site interpretation as part of normal study or management of Wilderness Areas.

New Pottery Exhibit at WWCC Natural History Museum

The museum opened an exhibit on the prehistoric pottery of southwest Wyoming in September. The exhibit focus is on the regional pottery styles dating between ca. AD 750 and AD 1800. With the assistance of local potters, a portion of the exhibit features construction and firing methods. Also being exhibited is a variety of Fremont pottery. The exhibits were partially funded by Wyoming Council for the Humanities, and Sweetwater Centennial Committee. The exhibit will be open through December 1990.

Fall Meeting

The fall meeting of WAPA will be held in Thermopolis, WY on Nov. 9 and 10. The meeting is being co-sponsored by Mike Beis, Worland BLM, and Jim Welch, Frontier Archaeology. The meeting will follow the usual schedule: Friday, 10:00 a.m., Executive Committee meeting; Friday, 1:00 p.m., General Business meeting; Saturday 9:00 a.m., paper session.

The meetings are being held at the Holiday Inn. The Holiday has set aside a block of rooms for WAPA. You must make your reservations one week prior. Please identify yourself as a WAPA member. For reservations call (307) 864-3131.

The paper session will feature current research. Members are encouraged to bring slides and a short presentation of this past season's activities.

Interior Releases New Film

A video entitled "Assault on Time" has been released by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. The video is the result of the anti-looting awareness efforts of several Federal agencies and private organizations. It is intended to be a teaching tool for use as an introduction to archaeological resources protection and is especially effective when shown as part of an organized training program. It also can be used to improve public awareness and, as such, is available in a format suitable for public television broadcasting.

The videotape highlights the extraordinary range of archaeological resources and emphasizes what wanton destruction of our cultural heritage means to different people. Three Bureau of Land Management sites are shown, as well two National Forest and two National Park sites, a U.S. Army Fort, and a National Wildlife Refuge site. An archaeologist or cultural resource manager at each site discusses the nature of the damage, the extent of the loss, and the measures being taken to prevent further or future damage. An archaeologist from the city of Alexandria, VA, is also interviewed.

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WAPA Spring Meeting, 1990

Executive meeting, 6 April 1990, 11:00 a.m.

The executive board met to set the agenda for the regular business meeting and reviewed recommendations for sixteen new members. No pressing issues were discussed other than what follows in the regular meeting minutes.

General Meeting, 6 April 1990, 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from the Fall, 1990, meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the newsletter. Julie Francis presented the treasury report indicating a total of \$1655.35. It was announced that it was time to pay 1990 membership dues.

It was unanimously agreed upon to hold the 1991 Spring meeting in Billings, MT, April 18 or 19 through the 21st, in conjunction with amateurs in Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. Arrangements are being

coordinated by John Rogers in Billings. It will most likely be held at the Holiday Inn on the west side of Billings. There will be time set aside for individual organization meetings and time arranged for various papers to be presented. A call for papers will be made sometime this winter. There will also be some sort of registration fee to help with costs for the meeting rooms, probably around \$15.00.

Mary Hopkins asked the membership to consider donating \$200 toward the publication of a Wyoming Archaeology poster which would be distributed free to schools, libraries, etc. It will be printed by the UW graphics department. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

The executive committee motioned the following individuals be considered for membership with one renewing membership: Bill Slater, Bob York, Fred Chapman, Jon Frizell,

Anthony Swenson, Charlotte Sasonkin, Dale Austin, Ken Deaver, Sherri Deaver, Don Zettel, Michael Kyte, Mike Bies, Pat Carender, Stephanie Crockett, Phylo Thompson, and renewing member, John Whitehurst. (My apologies if any names are misspelled!) All were approved unanimously.

We have yet to acquire the needed votes to revise the bylaws as presented last fall on the ballot. Two thirds of the membership must vote before any revisions can be made. It was decided to send these by special mailing including an addressed return envelope to all members.

Secondary Lithic Procurement

The original committee somewhat fell through, but an ad hoc group consisting of Julie Francis, Mary Hopkins, Sandy Todd, Bob York, Fred Chapman, Barry Shelley, and Anthony Sensen convened in March for a short discussion. They made the following comments/recommendations: 1) Secondary lithic procurement sites are an important component of the archaeological record; 2) As such, these properties need to be accurately recorded and tracked; 3) The committee should be reauthorized at the next meeting to continue work on recording procedures.

Aspects to consider include how to record and mitigate these sites and how extensive it should be. A site definition needs to be created that is more manageable than two or more associated artifacts. There is a need to look more carefully at behaviors associated with these sites.

Two field trips were planned with committee members and other interested individuals. One trip will be June 23-24 near Kemmerer with Lynn Harrell; a second was tentatively set for the first weekend in June near Worland with Mike Beis.

Financial Statement

April 6, 1990

Balance as of November 3, 1989	\$1672.85
Expenditures:	
1989 Sennet-Walker tapes	\$6.75
Dues refund to G. Smith	\$5.00
1990 Albanese-travel	\$91.93
Albanese-copying and mailing	\$67.80
WWC - newsletter and mailing	\$81.25
	Subtotal
	\$252.73
Income:	
1989 Dues	\$65.00
Interest	\$17.77
1990 Dues	\$80.00
Interest	\$15.96
	Subtotal
	\$178.73
Balance	\$1598.85
Petty Cash	\$56.50
Total Assets	\$1655.35

Repatriation: Senate Bill S1980

The most recent information on this issue was presented by Julie Francis. A motion to establish a permanent committee on Native American Affairs to keep WAPA informed on pertinent events in the Native American community was approved unanimously. Individuals interested or suggested for members on the committee were Danny Walker, Charles Reher, and Doug McKay. All previous correspondence concerning Native American Affairs will be given to the committee.

State & Federal Agency Reports

BLM- (presented by Jude Carino for Ray Leicht). New BLM archaeology posters are available at local offices. There is also the possibility of more money being made available for survey, especially for vandalized lands. The ARPA plan for the state has been set; it is general in nature with regard to law enforcement, etc. Site evaluation procedures are set; any questions can be directed to Ray Leicht.

The draft for Paleontology regulations will be out in October or November. In essence, no permit is required to collect or dig for fossils. WAPA should be prepared to comment. It appears the National Academy of Sciences is pushing this, but the Society for Vertebrate Paleontology is very much against the proposal. Concerns raised included the idea this created a double standard and gave carte blanche to disturb any archaeology site on the premise individuals are just looking for fossils.

The draft EIS for range vegetation treatment on BLM land nationwide is being reviewed by Barry Shelley for WAPA and is due by mid May. Public meetings will be held April 10 in Rock Springs and April 12 in Worland.

Forest Service - Bob York announced the new regional archaeologist is Leslie Wildeson. The Service is also trying to eliminate the zone

concept in Wyoming. By next year there should be an archaeologist for the Medicine Bow Forest as a whole.

Bob feels that archaeologists must be more active in reviewing USFS plans and giving input. The Medicine plan is up for review in May and is in serious need of comments concerning cultural resources. Jim Welch will receive the invitation for comment instead of Jamie Schoen to prevent a conflict of interest. It was recommended and approved unanimously that a standing committee for governmental affairs be established to react to all federal plans and proposals. Interested people included: Russ Tanner, Dianne Berrigan, Craig Bromley, Jamie Schoen, Dave Vlcek, Rick Bryant, Leanne McClain, and Danny Walker. Dianne Berrigan was appointed chair by president, Jamie Schoen.

With regards to the Bridger-Teton Plan, Dave Vlcek motioned a protest letter should be written addressing the following: 1) Lack of specified procedures for 106 compliance 2) Union Pass Road- route decided without CRM work 3) Fremont Lake was bypassed as an issue. The motion was approved unanimously with Jamie Schoen abstaining. Dave will write the letter which will be signed by Jim Welch.

The Shoshone Forest plan has been rewritten. The committee will write to be included on the comment-review list. Dianne Berrigan will look at the EA's for the Shoshone Forest.

Medicine Wheel update was presented by Dave Vlcek. Concerns expressed by the Native Americans at the last meeting in April, 1990 was that the site was being promoted more for tourism than religion. WAPA will send a letter stating that we support the Native Americans on the religious issues. Sacred use should be given top priority in land use planning. A specific site boundary must be established with the Indians requesting a 2 1/2 mile radius buffer zone around the Wheel. It was felt that WAPA recommendation should

wait until the inventory is completed. The motion for Dave Vlcek to draft and send the letter was approved unanimously.

SHPO - Tom Marceau presented an update in events at SHPO. As of 1 April 1990 they are officially under the Department of Commerce as the Cultural and Historical Resources Division with D. Kathka as Director. At present they are trying to fill the Historic Architect position and have two nine month positions. Three federal grants have been awarded; one for field inventory on Medicine Mountain with the assistance of the Shoshone elders, a grant to organize an archives for the Shoshone, and money for historic preservation on the reservation.

The State Historic Preservation Plan was the primary focus of the SHPO update. Tom presented a brief history of the original bill and how it was presented during this session. A copy of the bill and other pertinent information was presented to the board. Legislation can be reintroduced this fall, but it would be best if WAPA could ban together with other historic societies and present a joint plan. By mid-September we should have a proposal to submit to the governor with input from all interested parties. A committee was organized to assist with draft legislation including the following individuals: Bob York, Steve Creasman, Julie Francis, Beth Sennett, John Whitehurst, Lee Bonham, and John Albanese. Julie was appointed to chair the committee. A motion was approved unanimously to draft a letter informing people of WAPA's support of the idea of historic preservation legislation. A rather insulting letter was sent by George Ziemans to the National Historic Trust Foundation concerning the professional archaeological community. Julie Francis will write a letter countering the attack.

Baroil Update

Mariah has tested 16 or 17 sites with 9 sites slated for full excavation during the summer of 1990. The major concern is with the BLM. Tom

Zale was transferred to California and the position has not been filled. The BLM management is saying that since there is no one to administer the management plan they can and will ignore it. John Albanese and Dave Vlcek will write a forceful letter addressing this serious problem. Copies will be sent to State BLM Director, Manual Lujan of the Department of the Interior, Gov. Sullivan, all three Wyoming Congressmen, the National Trust in Denver, the Advisory Council, and SHPO.

The final point of business for the day was nomination of officers for the fall election. Nominees include: **Member at Large:** Rick Bryant, Russ Tanner, **Secretary:** Beth Sennett, Sandy Todd, **Treasurer:** Danny Walker, Julie Francis, **VP:** Dianne Berrigan, Bob York, Stephanie Crockett.

The enclosed ballot must be returned by November 5, 1990 or brought to the fall meeting.

A motion to adjourn was unanimously passed.

!!1990 Dues Were Due Last April!!

The following members have not paid their dues for 1990:

Mike Bies	Gail Firebaugh
Karen Bridger	Cheryl Harrison
Mike Burney	Barbara Hickman
Jim Brechtel	Dick Enders
Craig Bromley	Sally Greiser
Carolyn Buff	Jenny Anderson Hartley
George Burns	Ed Jess
Ranel Capron	Michael Kyte
Dave Darlington	Bill Latady
Dan Eakin	Rick Laurent
B.J. Earle	Tom Lennon

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Judy Rose
Greg Smith
Marc Thompson
Alice Tratebas
Chuck Wheeler
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To help us keep track of you, please notify the Editor or Treasurer of any address changes. We want to know where you are!!

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