

leasing under the mineral leasing laws by Public Land Order No. 6802.

DATES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be received on or before December 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 1, 2000, the DOE filed an application to extend their withdrawal of public land at Yucca Mountain in Nye County (Public Land Order No. 6802, 55 FR 39152, FR Doc. 22615, September 25, 1990). An extension, if approved, would continue the withdrawal of public land from location under the United States mining laws and from leasing under the mineral leasing laws for the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 13 S., R. 49 E., (Protraction Diagram No. 44)

Secs. 7, 8, and 9;

Sec. 10, except that part withdrawn by Public Land Order No. 2568;

Sec. 15, except that part withdrawn by Public Land Order No. 2568;

Secs. 16 and 17;

Sec. 20, NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 22, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, except that part withdrawn by Public Land Order No. 2568.

The area described contains 4,255.50 acres in Nye County.

The DOE proposes to extend the withdrawal through January 31, 2010. The extension of the withdrawal would maintain the physical integrity of the subsurface environment to ensure that scientific studies for site characterization at Yucca Mountain are not invalidated or otherwise adversely impacted. Site characterization activities will be used to determine the suitability of Yucca Mountain for a permanent nuclear waste repository.

This withdrawal extension will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the Nevada State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is

afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed extension must submit a written request to the Nevada State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and at least one local newspaper 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Dated: September 14, 2000.

Jim Stobaugh,

Lands Team Lead.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items from Grand Portage, MN in the Possession of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Minnesota Historical Society that meet the definition of "sacred object" and "object of cultural patrimony" under Section 2 of the Act.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 43 CFR 10.2 (c). The determinations within this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of these cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

The 11 cultural items consist of 1 woven yarn bag, 2 hand drums, 2 birchbark scrolls, 2 drumsticks, 2 peace medals, and 2 British flags.

In 1930, one hand drum and drumstick were collected by Frances Densmore at Grand Portage, MN, specifically for the Minnesota Historical Society. Accession records identify this hand drum and drumstick as a Grand Medicine man's drum and stick. This hand drum has been identified by representatives of the Grand Portage Band as having been used in ceremonies at Grand Portage, MN.

In 1931, a drumstick identified as a bent drumstick for use with Ojibwe water drums was collected by Frances Densmore at Grand Portage, MN, specifically for the Minnesota Historical Society.

In 1962, two birchbark scrolls were donated to the Minnesota Historical Society by William Bushman, then chairman of the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians. At the time of their acquisition, it was noted that the scrolls were associated with "Grand Medicine" or "Midewiwin" and that they had been in the possession of the Bushman family for many years.

In 1984, a Midewiwin woven bag and hand drum were donated to the Minnesota Historical Society by Mrs. Evelyn Albinson of Chanhassen, MN. Mrs. Albinson's husband, Elmer Albinson, collected the items at Grand Portage sometime between 1936-1970. Information with the yarn bag indicates that it was used in Midewiwin ceremonies. The drum is described in museum records as belonging to Chief Alec (Alex, Alexis) Posey, a traditional religious leader of the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians.

Extensive anthropological, ethnographic, oral history, and historical documents indicate that these seven cultural items associated with Midewiwin practices would be used only by traditional religious leaders. In Ojibwe culture, objects used by members of the Grand Medicine Society or in Midewiwin practices are part of the traditional activities that have religious significance in the continued observance of such ceremonies. These seven items have been identified by representatives and elders of the Grand Portage Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota as Midewiwin items necessary for the practice of traditional Native American religion by present-day adherents.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the Minnesota Historical Society have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(3), these seven cultural items are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. Officials of the Minnesota Historical Society also have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between these seven items and the Grand Portage Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota.

In August, 1979, two British peace medals and two Union Jack flags were donated to the Minnesota Historical

Society by Mrs. John (Helen) Flatte and Mrs. Lucile Cook. Mrs. Flatte is the recognized donor of the British peace medals and Mrs. Cook is the recognized donor of the two Union Jack flags. Mrs. Flatte was married to the last "hereditary chief," Mr. John Flatte.

Oral history presented by representatives of the Grand Portage Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota states that "the medals have been passed on as a hereditary assignment, which provided for one individual of prominent status recognized as the 'first Chief' or 'Principal chief' of his own clan." The Ojibwe at Grand Portage initially were organized into biological families and clans who claimed descent from a common mythological ancestor such as the Pike, the Moose, the Marten, or the Caribou. Often these bodies functioned as bands and were under the acknowledged leadership of a clan chief or "Headman." In the case of Mr. John Flatte as hereditary chief, this is recognized as an affinity or consanguinity relationship with the Maymaushkowaush (Crane Clan) family. These peace medals and flags are the Grand Portage Band's communal property, and no individual had the right to alienate or transfer these cultural items. In 1979, the people of the Grand Portage Band were unaware that these peace medals and flags had been presented to and received by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the Minnesota Historical Society have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(4), these four cultural items have ongoing historical, traditional, and cultural importance central to the culture itself, and could not have been alienated, appropriated, or conveyed by any individual. Officials of the Minnesota Historical Society also have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between these four items and the Grand Portage Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Grand Portage Band and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Marcia G. Anderson, Head of Museum Collections/Chief Curator, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102-1906, telephone (651) 296-0150, before October 23, 2000. Repatriation of these objects to the Grand Portage Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota

may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: September 6, 2000.

John Robbins,

Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: September 28, 2000, at 2 p.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meetings: none.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-888-890 (Preliminary) (Stainless Steel Angle from Japan, Korea, and Spain)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on October 2, 2000; (Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce on October 10, 2000.

5. Outstanding action jackets: none. In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: September 19, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an

opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection of financial data for the Indian and Native American Programs Grantee Activities on a modified Standard Form 269 Financial Status Report (ETA 9080). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressees section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressees section below on or before November 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Isabel Danley, Division of Financial Grants Management Policy and Review, Office of Grants and Contract Management, United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Rm. N-4720, Washington, DC 20210, (202-219-5731 x115—not a toll free number) and, Internet address: IDanley@DOLETA.GOV and/or FAX: (202-208-1551).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 105-220, dated August 7, 1998 and 20 CFR 652, *et al.*, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Final Rules dated August 11, 2000, the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has revised the financial reporting instruction for the Indian and Native American (INA) Programs Grantee Activities. The WIA regulations at part 668, subpart A, establish that the general administrative requirements found in 20 CFR part 667 apply to the INA program. The proposed reporting format and corresponding instructions have been developed in accordance with the Reporting Requirements contained in 20 CFR 667.300, including the provision for cumulative accrual reporting by fiscal year of appropriation. The data elements contained on the prototype format will be incorporated into software which will be provided electronically to the INA grantees to enable direct Internet reporting.