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Mike Kaczor has asked me to respond to you on behalf of the USDA Forest Service regarding the December 20, 2006 final draft of the "ACHP Policy Statement regarding Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains and Funerary Objects". We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

The proposed policy is consistent with existing law including the NHPA and NAGPRA, and while some see it as redundant, the policy emphasizes the importance of those statutes and the sensitivity necessary when applying them in situations involving human remains, burial sites, and funerary objects. There is still lingering concern that the policy does not address the value of scientific study in appropriate situations or the use of careful archaeological methods when consultation has concluded that removal is necessary. Having said that, however, we feel the proposed policy allows federal agencies the flexibility, indeed encourages federal agencies, to develop plans in consultation with appropriate parties and we trust that consultation will guide us in the appropriate and sensitive treatment of human remains, burial sites, and funerary objects.

Please contact Mike Kaczor, USDA Forest Service FPO, at 202-205-1427 if you have questions regarding these comments.

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