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On Thursday, September 1, 2005, the ACHP published in the Federal Register a "Notice of Intent to Reconsider the Advisory Council's 'Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Human Remains and Grave Goods.'" The Federal Register notice contains the set of working principles which were developed by the Archeology Task Force to guide reconsideration of the 1988 policy statement. This Federal Register notice will be enclosed with all of the requests for comments that we are sending to Federal agencies, Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, professional organizations and others.

(See attached file: ACHP - Human Remains-Federal Register - 9-1-05.pdf)

Should you have any questions, please contact me at ldean@aachp.gov or Tom McCulloch at tmcculloch@achp.gov.

To: Laura Dean, ACHP

Re: Forest Service Heritage Program comments

We have had a select review of the proposed ACHP Burial Policy revision and commend the Council for proposed revisions that will provide for greater sensitivity to indigenous cultural groups. Our own Heritage workforce is already working in this venue and supports many of the approaches outlined in the proposed policy parameters.

It has been noted that the discussion of scientific values in dealing with human remains has been greatly lessened from the 1988 ACHP Policy. We would encourage the Council to consider basically that all human remains have research value regardless of ethnic affinity, but EMPHASIZE that we need to be highly selective in how this translates to working with indigenous cultural groups. It should be an important basic step to fully* assess and weigh any proposed research with the cultural significance and spiritual values attached to the discovery of human remains, and allow for legally appropriate options and treatment formulated WITH current, affiliated, living communities.

We are very interested in this policy development and appreciate the opportunity to comment. Mk

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