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New Tribal Historic Preservation Offices Designated

Summary: The designation of two new Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) was announced on October 20, 2003.

The Director of the National Park Service has formally approved the proposal of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer duties within the exterior boundaries of the tribe's reservation in Utah. The Tribe has assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In addition, the Tribe has assumed all of the other State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) functions set out in the Act with the exception of assisting in the certification of local governments. The Tribe's historic preservation officer is Leon D. Bear, who also serves as Chairman of the Tribe. Mr. Bear's Preservation Office Director is Mr. Melvin Brewster, who can be reached at the same address; Mr. Brewster's e-mail address is thpo@earthlink.net. Please address correspondence to:

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The Director of the National Park Service also has formally approved the proposal of the Lummi Nation to assume certain SHPO duties within the exterior boundaries of the tribe's reservation in Washington. The Tribe has assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In addition, the Tribe has assumed all of the other SHPO functions set out in the Act with the exception of assisting in the certification of local governments. The Tribe's historic preservation officer is Mary K. Rossi. Please address correspondence to:

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