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Warm regards, The Museums & Mobile Team

Sierra National Forest and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Announcement

6th Annual DATA SHARE

"ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE SOUTHERN SIERRA"

A Joint Venture to Learn More

Sequoia and Sierra National Forests and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Cultural Resources Programs invites you to its sixth data share to meet and discuss archaeology in the Southern Sierra Nevada.

When: May 4-5, 2013, Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 4pm.

Where: Sierra National Forest Supervisors Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road Clovis, CA 93611

Audience: Archaeological Professionals (Federal, and State Agencies, Contract Archaeologists), Tribal Members, Academic Archaeologists, Archaeology Students, and anyone interested in the Archaeology and History of the Southern Sierra Nevada.

Format: Saturday, 3-6 presentations, open discussions on specific topics, and Sunday, field trip

Contacts: Linn Gassaway, Archaeologist, Sequoia National Forest, (559) 338-2251 ext. 396, lgassaway@fs.fed.us

SPEAKERS - please RSVP no later than Monday, April 19, 2013.

ATTENDEES - RSVP not required but recommended for agenda and facilities purposes.

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We are seeking speakers and suggestions for roundtable topics.

Topic Suggestions: _____

Would like to give a paper?: YES NO Topic: _____

Mail to: Linn Gassaway, Hume Lake Ranger District, 35860 East Kings Canyon Road, Dunlap, CA 93621 or lgassaway@fs.fed.us

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"Wherever men have lived, there is a story to be told." --Henry David Thoreau

49th Review Committee Meeting – Now Telephonic

The 49th NAGPRA Review Committee meeting originally scheduled for May 22-23, 2013, in Denver, Colorado, will now occur only on May 22, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT. This meeting will be telephonic and open to the public. A new meeting notice will publish. All existing deadlines for agenda items will remain as noticed in the Federal Register, August 31, 2012. Those wishing to present public comment must register for the meeting and advise the DFO of their desire to present, and also submit any written items for distribution to the Review Committee, by March 22. The DFO can be contacted at: Sherry_Hutt@nps.gov. Meeting time

is limited and advance notice will allow the Review Committee to accommodate as much public comment as possible.

To register for the meeting, please send an email to NAGPRA@rap.midco.net by May 17, 2013. Late requests may not be honored due to time and space constraints.

Upcoming Training in April

Determining Aboriginal Lands under NAGPRA
Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. EDT

Under NAGPRA, museums and Federal agency officials must consult with Indian tribes from whose aboriginal land human remains and other cultural items were removed. With respect to discoveries on Federal lands after November 16, 1990, aboriginal occupation may be recognized by a final judgment of the Indian Claims Commission or the United States Court of Claims. With respect to holdings or collections, aboriginal occupation may be recognized by a final judgment of the Indian Claims Commission or the United States Court of Claims or, in addition, by a treaty, Act of Congress, or Executive Order. This webinar will demonstrate how to go about identifying "aboriginal land" tribes under NAGPRA. [Click here to register for online event.](#)

New Notices Templates Posted

New Notices templates can be downloaded from: <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra/NOTICES>

The Notice templates are available in MS Word format, and may be downloaded for use in preparing draft *Federal Register* notices.

National NAGPRA Program Website

Please continue to frequently check the National NAGPRA Program Website for updates on NAGPRA implementation and training opportunities: <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra>

Tar Sands Resistance Escalates in Massachusetts

Tuesday, 12 March 2013 12:43 By [Chris Longenecker](#), [Truthout](#) | Op-Ed

"Funeral for our Future" coffin positioned into place while clergy members speak out about the toxicity of the Keystone XL pipeline. (Photo: Chris Longenecker)

The national week of actions against the Keystone XL pipeline called for by the nonviolent direct action group Tar Sands Blockade is supposed to run from March 16-23. Activists in Massachusetts decided they wanted to turn up the heat a little early. On Monday, March 11, 2013, at about 10:30 AM, over 100 protesters stormed the Massachusetts offices of TransCanada, the company that stands to profit most from the pipeline's construction. After two hours, 26 people were arrested for handcuffing their bodies together, blockading the entrance and refusing to leave until the pipeline project was abandoned. The action was billed as a Funeral for Our Future and included somber songs, construction paper flowers and a homemade coffin. This was the third protest as part of an escalating direct action campaign in Westborough, Massachusetts, targeting the TransCanada offices there.

Action, Preparation and Rehearsal

The energy was palpable on the evening before the action. The buzzing electricity of a convergence hours before a protest is simply intoxicating. About 100 activists were gathered, preparing to put their bodies on the line to stop the Keystone XL pipeline. I found a few friends, and we started chatting about what the next day's events might look like. After scarcely ten minutes of conversation, a friend on the tactical team was summoned to a last-minute meeting of the folks committed to risking arrest. I followed, feeling lucky to have help navigating through the massage circles, prop construction tables and slumbering masses, towards the tense midnight consensus meetings I know all too well.

Inside the room were 25 or so people discussing their plans for the morning. Everyone had their own pair of handcuffs, which nearly all were fiddling with - getting accustomed to feeling the cold, binding metal against their wrists. The irony of locking their bodies together, using handcuffs as a tool of resistance, only to later be carted out of the offices in a similar set of jewelry, did not escape me.

Blockaders get in place and handcuff themselves together in the shadow of TransCanada's corporate emblem. (Photo: Chris Longenecker)

At their meeting, the "arrestables" were figuring out a number of loose ends. Since the support team was considered unarrestable and would leave when asked to by police, they would quickly lose their police liaison, a role designed to ensure conversations taking place between police and protesters have a single voice and message. A second police liaison was chosen from among the folks planning to handcuff themselves together, although it was decided this person would speak up only if absolutely necessary. This is not a group that was in any way eager to negotiate or converse with agents of the state.

They later debated whether to use wax or glue inside the locking mechanisms of the handcuffs to make extraction more difficult and prolong the length of time they would be able to obstruct the offices. While some supported it, many were concerned about their safety if something went wrong and they wanted to get up and leave the stationary mass of protesters. It was decided to leave the keyholes unmodified and keep keys on their persons. Members of the group agreed that they would regularly check in with each other, and use a "green"- "yellow"- "red" model to alert others to their moods and needs. A "red" mood would signify an immediate need to leave the protest and have their handcuffs unlocked - a word everyone was hoping to avoid uttering during the action.

Civil Disobedience: Putting Our Bodies on the Cogs of the Machine

The morning was hectic and the complex system of transportation to and from the TransCanada offices proved more difficult than envisioned. Protesters became visibly nervous that they were behind schedule and beginning to fear what might await them at the offices. Rumors began to circulate through the crowd that the police had been tipped off. People feared police would be waiting for them before they were able to go inside. A suspicious car seemed to be circling our convoy at the final rendezvous location and the driver sped off when a protester pointed in his direction. The assembled activists, already exhausted and stressed about the gravity of what they planned to do, feared the worst.

Arriving at the parking lot of the TransCanada offices, the spirits of the group instantly lifted. Police were nowhere to be seen and their tactical team was in place, guiding the cars in. After a few minutes, the protesters gained access to the facility and ran up the back stair toward their target. All their planning and rehearsing had paid off. They assembled in two lines, blocking the door to the offices and lining the hallways. A coffin bearing the slogan "Our Future" was brought in through the crowd and placed at TransCanada's door. Exuberant songs of resistance, chanting and rhythmic stomping bellowed throughout the halls of the normally drab building.

Nearly an hour into the protest, police began to confront the protesters. They informed the group that anyone who didn't vacate the premises would be arrested. Most left at that point, leaving the last 26 to their chosen fate. The remaining blockaders crossed arms, held hands and snapped their handcuffs into place. Sitting down in a large mass completed their act of civil disobedience.

Some of the first arrestees being brought out, still singing, chanting and feeling empowered.
(Photo: Chris Longenecker)

The protesters who had left the blockade now gathered outside. They were singing and chanting in solidarity with their comrades inside, making sure they were loud enough that their friends chained together could hear their cries. Cheers erupted from the lively crowd every time an arrestee was brought out of the building. Eventually, the police seemed to grow weary of this and tried to get the remaining arrestees out through the back entrance. The protesters, nearly 100 strong, simply ran around back to greet their friends and thank them for their act of bravery and sacrifice.

In the end, over 100 people entered the Westborough offices of TransCanada, 26 were arrested for blockading the entrance, and business as usual in the facility was disrupted for about two hours.

When called for comment about the protest, TransCanada provided a boilerplate response emphasizing its investment in renewable energy and what it claims is the inevitability of oil consumption. "The Keystone XL pipeline offers Americans a choice of receiving that oil from a friendly nation in Canada or the U.S. continuing to import higher-priced foreign oil from nations that do not share American values," read part of the lengthy statement.

The Birth of a Horizontal Direct Action Movement

Observing this action, one could almost feel mainstream-nonprofit-style lobbying fading away, finding itself replaced by a vibrant, grassroots environmental movement operating horizontally using consensus principles and practices. Every meeting included the theater-esque, finger-wiggling hand gestures made ubiquitous by the 2011 park occupations in Spain and the United States and long used in other movements as a silent way to measure the level of consensus in a group. Indeed, these activists were clearly more influenced by the direct-action-oriented Occupy Wall Street movement than by the lobbying of groups like [United States PIRG](#).

The action's core organizers included campus activists trained by Students for a Just and Stable Future alongside members of [350.org](#) and Sierra Club, all working together in solidarity with the

Tar Sands Blockade. No one group has dared try to smack its logo over what is quickly proving to be a formidable and expanding direct-action campaign in the heart of Massachusetts.

The first action, in October 2012, was a banner drop and protest outside the very same TransCanada office. Activists were feeling empowered and decided to enter the building itself, further disrupting the branch. The protesters left when staff started to pressure them and did not risk arrest. Two months later, on January 7, 2013, they came back to occupy those same offices. Eight protesters super-glued their hands to each other, sat down in the lobby and wrapped an enormous chain around their waists. It took local police three hours to extract them from the offices. This time, armed with four times as many arrestables and a support team of nearly 100 more activists, the campaign was able to escalate its actions against TransCanada and keep the pressure on to stop the Keystone XL pipeline from ever becoming a reality.

Much inspiration can, and must, be drawn from this nascent campaign in Massachusetts as the environmental resistance movement looks forward to the upcoming national Tar Sands Blockade week of actions March 16-23 and beyond. Using tools derived from the occupied plazas and parks of 2011, these Massachusetts activists are beginning to organize horizontally and build a truly inclusive grassroots movement. Their commitment to escalating direct action, rather than lobbying the government for change, shows a dedication that will only further blossom if cultivated. If Massachusetts turns out to be part of a larger trend, and if members of the environmental movement continue to demand results with their bodies rather than via the failed strategy of lobbying the government, they may just stop this pipeline. And we should all be wishing them great success. The future of all life on this planet may very well depend on it.

[State Department Keystone XL Report Written by TransCanada Hiree](#)

Judy Molland, Care2: It's hardly surprising that the statement came out strongly in favor of the pipeline.

[Read the Article](#)

[Feds must pay \\$2.4M to California water users](#) MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI, Capital Press

The federal government has been ordered to pay \$2.4 million for breaching a water delivery contract with a group irrigators and other water users in California.

[Coastkeeper's Community Advisory Council Launches LEAP -- Five-month](#)

mentorship program aimed at high school students San Diego Coast Keeper

Are you a motivated high school student with a passion for our environment? If you want to take that passion and put it into action, San Diego Coastkeeper wants you. Coastkeeper's Community Advisory Council is looking for a few good youth environmentalists to apply for Coastkeeper LEAP, its newly devised mentorship program.

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From: ["Greenroofs.com" <virtual@greenroofs.com>](mailto:virtual@greenroofs.com)

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The World Wide Web. - (March 12, 2013) - Due to an overwhelming response, Greenroofs.com, in association with the World Green Infrastructure Network (WGIN), is pleased to announce that our [Greenroofs & Walls of the World™ Virtual Summit 2013 - Connecting the Planet + Living Architecture: People, Projects & Design](#) has been extended to April 13, 2013.

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CWI TEACHING RESOURCES OF THE WEEK

SPRING SYMPOSIUM, TUCSON, Arizona -March 16, 2013

Creating Transformational Learning Communities K-16

Community Works Institute is pleased to join with our partners at City High School in Tucson this March 16th for City High's annual *Spring Symposium*. We invite Arizona educators to join us for a day of collaboration as we share, sharpen, and develop innovative approaches to teaching and learning. The symposium's focus this year will be on how we can use our schools and classrooms to create sustainable communities through place-based education and service-learning. Keynote speaker, Joe Brooks from Community Works Institute (CWI), will share CWI's approach to curriculum planning that focuses on empowering youth through engagement in the needs of their local community. The day is designed to maximize participant learning with participants sharing their own challenges and success, and acting as resources for each other by providing thoughtful feedback through facilitated small and large group discussions.

Spring Symposium 2013 will be held at City High School, 48 E. Pennington St, in downtown Tucson, on Saturday, March 16, from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Street parking in downtown Tucson is free on Saturdays or you can park in the Pennington St. Garage on the corner of Pennington St. and Scott Ave. Light breakfast and catered lunch will be served. All Arizona educators K16 and community based are invited to attend. The registration fee is \$60. To register go to: <http://cityhighschool.org/tssp-outreach/spring-symposium/>. For more information email Brett Gobles at: bgoble@cityhighschool.org

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from delancey.com

In today's selection -- **Thomas Jefferson's garden** at Monticello, built during his retirement and a source of much personal happiness, was a showcase for the American, African and Middle Eastern plants we take for granted as summer vegetables today, but were slow to appear in American gardens because of the pervasive influence of European tastes:

"Thomas Jefferson's garden during his retirement from public life at Monticello, 1809-1826, was the terraced vegetable garden, a thousand-foot-long experimental laboratory overlooking the rolling Piedmont Virginia countryside. ...

"[The] Monticello vegetable garden was a revolutionary American garden. Many of the summer vegetables we take for granted today -- tomatoes, okra, eggplant, lima beans, peanuts, peppers -- were slow to appear in North American gardens around 1800. European travelers

commented on the failure of Virginia gardeners to take advantage of 'the fruitful warmth of the climate' because of the American reliance on 'the customary products of Europe': cool-season vegetables.

Jefferson's garden was unique in showcasing a medley of vegetable species native to hot climates, from South and Central America to Africa to the Middle East and the Mediterranean. ...

"The Monticello garden is distinctly American in its scale and scope. More than two hundred thousand cubic feet of Piedmont red clay was moved with a mule and cart by a crew of enslaved men Jefferson hired from a Fredericksburg, Virginia, farmer.

Over three years they created the garden terrace, which was retained by five thousand tons of rock laid as high as twelve feet and extending the length of the garden.

Jefferson's four-hundred-tree south orchard, surrounding two vineyards, extended below the wall and vegetable terrace, and the entire complex was enclosed by a ten-foot-high paling fence that ran for more than half a mile. ... Atop the massive stone wall, Jefferson designed a classically inspired temple or pavilion, described appropriately as an 'observatory' by some Monticello visitors. ...

"The creation of the one-thousand-foot-long vegetable garden was the fulfillment of Thomas Jefferson's retirement yearnings, and he finally began to direct the actual work during a late spring 1806 visit to Monticello. ...

Monticello

"It was backbreaking work, and one can imagine, particularly in wet winter weather, the heavy, raw, red clay, slippery to even stand on, being chiseled out of the earth one spade at a time. ...

"[Jefferson] returned to Monticello from Washington on March 17, 1809. ... Despite the 'remarkably backward' (cold) season the garden was apparently in a state of general completion, a miraculous feat considering the haste in which work had proceeded over the previous winter. ...

"Jefferson's retirement year was the most active and prolific vegetable gardening year in his lifetime, with the [calendar] including nearly one hundred different plantings. These spilled exuberantly from the terrace -- to the asparagus squares, nursery, orchard, and vineyards below the garden. ... Jefferson described his retirement to [Monticello's maitre d'hotel] Etienne Lemaire on April 25 in the flush of spring:

'I am constantly in my garden or farms, as exclusively employed out of doors as I was within doors when at Washington, and I find myself infinitely happier in my new mode of life.' "

"A Rich Spot of Earth": Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello
Pages: 3, 5, 7, 29, 30, 33
by Peter J. Hatch by Yale University Press
Hardcover ~ Release Date: 2012-03-26

Can Civilization Survive Capitalism?*Noam Chomsky, CounterCurrents.org*

Chomsky writes: "There is 'capitalism' and then there is 'really existing capitalism.' The term 'capitalism' is commonly used to refer to the U.S. economic system, with substantial state intervention." [READ MORE](#)

[Water Replaces Soda as Americans' Drink of Choice](#)

Americans [drink more water than any other beverage](#) — a turnaround from 1998, when the average United States person drank more soda than water in a year. Soda consumption is down from 54 gallons to 44 gallons per person per year, the *Associated Press* reported, while water is up from 42 gallons consumed per person annually to 58 gallons.

Los Angeles Water Battle to Court

The city of Los Angeles is back in court over its obligations to clean up Owens Lake — now a salt flat the size of San Francisco and the [largest dust polluter in the United States](#). The city agreed to the cleanup plan because diverting water from the Owens River, *NPR* reported, created a major water source for Los Angeles, but also dried out the lake and created the dust pollution.



Don't forget them.....