

## **Notice of Intended Disposition**

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.6 (c), of the intent to transfer custody of Native American human remains in the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (National Lakeshore).

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore officials in consultation with representatives of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan; Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan; and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan (hereafter referred to as “The Tribes”).

In summer 2017, human remains were removed from the shoreline of Lake Michigan in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Leelanau County, MI by a local resident. The remains were returned to the National Lakeshore in February 2019 and then transferred to Western Michigan University where non-invasive osteological analysis was conducted. The remains show characteristics of Native American populations and are most likely prehistoric in age. No known individuals were identified.

Officials of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d) (1), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.

Lastly, officials of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.6 (a), the human remains were removed from lands that are recognized as the aboriginal land of The Tribes.

Representatives of any other Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that wishes to claim ownership or control of the human remains should contact Scott Tucker, Superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9922 Front Street, Empire, MI 49630, telephone (231) 326-4702, before January 23, 2021. Disposition of the human remains to The Tribes may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is responsible for notifying The Tribes that this notice has been published.