

**Bureau of Land Management Preservation Board**  
**June 2020 Meeting (Virtual)**  
**June 2-5, 2020**

**BLM Preservation Board Members**

Kristen Martine	Deputy Division Chief - HQ 420 filling in for Federal Preservation Officer
Bob King	Deputy Preservation Officer - Alaska
Matt Basham	Deputy Preservation Officer - Arizona
Tony Overly	Deputy Preservation Officer – California
Natalie Clark	Deputy Preservation Officer – Colorado (Acting)
John Sullivan	Deputy Preservation Officer – Eastern States
Kirk Halford	Deputy Preservation Officer - Idaho
Gary Smith	Deputy Preservation Officer - Montana
Bryan Hockett	Deputy Preservation Officer – Nevada
Cynthia Herhahn	Deputy Preservation Officer – New Mexico
Diana Barg	Deputy Preservation Officer – Oregon/Washington (Acting)
Nathan Thomas	Deputy Preservation Officer - Utah
Kathy Boden	Deputy Preservation Officer - Wyoming
Vacant	Tribal Liaison – HQ 420
Jamie Palmer	Field Archaeology Representative - Oklahoma
Jenny Blanchard	Field Archaeology Representative – Alaska
Mary D'Aversa	Line Manager Representative - Idaho
Lance Porter	Line Manager Representative - Utah

**BLM Participants**

Theresa Hanley	Field Committee Representative
Scott Foss	Division Chief – HQ 420

**Partners/External Participants**

Erik Hein	National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
Bill Marzella	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Tom McCulloch	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The June Preservation Board meeting was conducted virtually due to the pandemic. At the time of the meeting the BLM had no formally designated Federal Preservation Officer because of a recent retirement. BLM Nevada took the lead on developing the agenda since the board was originally slated to meet in Reno. BLM Nevada then worked in conjunction with the HQ-420 Deputy Division Chief to facilitate the discussions.

On day one, the board agreed on adjustments to the charter language for line manager and field archaeologist member qualifications. A discussion on cultural resources GIS technology and policy issues covered the National Cultural Resource Information System (NCRIMS), Federal information Security Management Act (FISMA), Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS), ArcGIS Online (AGOL), and other coordination issues. No GIS decisions were made.

On the second day, Mike Smith of the Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, gave a presentation on the relationship between law, regulation, policy, and executive orders. The presentation engendered discussion on the Administrative Procedures Act and the relative utility of a BLM Record of Decision versus a BLM decision record when using the substitution process at 36 CFR Part 800.8. Later the board discussed definitions for traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, sites of religious and cultural significance, and cultural landscapes in light of BLM's multiple-use mandate and potential shifts in the meaning of these heritage resource concepts. No decisions were made.

On the final day, Bill Marzella of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) joined the meeting. Topics discussed with the ACHP included recent COVID-19 consultation guidance, emergency response provisions, and future BLM training topics. Preservation Board discussion later that day focused on the upcoming expiration of the BLM's national Programmatic Agreement (nPA) in 2022. The board decided that renewing the nPA for two years as stipulated in Component 11 was the best alternative. The Deputy Division Chief of HQ-420 provided the board updates on moving the office to Santa Fe, staffing, and budget. The meeting concluded by confirming that BLM Arizona planned to host the December meeting at Lake Havasu if the pandemic had abated and travel was no longer limited.