



Ranger explains NAGPRA's impact on Mesa Verde

For The Dolores Star

Park Ranger Lara Lloyd will present a thought-provoking talk about the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and how it impacts Mesa Verde on Thursday, July 30.

The program, titled "Race, Science, and Burials: The Impacts of NAGPRA on Mesa Verde," begins at 7 p.m. at the Far View Lodge in Mesa Verde National Park, and is free to the public.

The passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act served as a catalyst for a change in relations between the Native American nations, archaeologists, museums and federal agencies. Mesa Verde National Park illustrates those changes on a world stage in which visitors experience the results of more than two decades of consultation.

Lara Lloyd works summers as an interpretive ranger at Mesa Verde National Park. She holds a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a master's from Northern Arizona University, and has worked on archaeological projects in the Southwest and Belize. Her research interests include human-environmental relations, exchange, and archaeological law. In the winter, Lara teaches in the Cultural Science department at Mesa Community College in Arizona.

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