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Subject: Re: DOIOIG.gov - Complaint Hotline - Web Site Inquiry - E004477

Mr. Mason,

The Office of Inspector General received your complaint. Our office is charged with addressing allegations of fraud, waste, and mismanagement in the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and its programs. However, allegations are sometimes referred to the responsible DOI bureaus for review and appropriate action. Review by senior officials of the Office of Investigations have determined that the issues raised would be better addressed by the National Park Service (NPS); therefore, your complaint will be referred to the NPS Director's Office for review and appropriate action. Upon completion, they will respond to our office regarding action they have taken and then we will evaluate their response to determine whether or not appropriate action was taken or further involvement by our office appears warranted. We appreciate you communicating this matter to us.



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The following submission was made on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 10:48 pm EDT:

Who : The Director of the National Park Service Midwest Region, Omaha, Nebraska made public that :

"Effigy Mounds National Monument Superintendent Phyllis Ewing has been relieved of her duties, today was her last day."
Florencia Wiles, Administrative Assistant has been named Acting Superintendent until another individual from outside the park will be named Acting Superintendent next week. The Regional Director will travel to Effigy Mounds National Monument on Wednesday May 26th, to meet with the park staff. A day earlier on Tuesday, May 25th an advisory council including members of the 12 affiliated tribes will meet at 8:30am with the State Historic Preservation Officer & National Park Service regional office personal including archeologists to discuss the very sensitive issues at hand, those being the impact to

the burial grounds and natural resources at Effigy Mounds N.M. and what types of remediation & mitigation can be done to correct these regrettable events. Both meetings will take place at the Monument's Visitor Center auditorium.

It is shocking that the very agency entrusted with the preservation of our nation's antiquities have actually negatively impacted on them. Superintendent Ewing and other employees at Effigy Mounds National Monument wantonly ignored laws to insure compliance that would have alerted the tribes, the historic preservation officials as well as archeologists to their development plans. They simply went forward with the construction of huge boardwalks, maintenance building & maintenance trails. This illegal activity began back as early as 2001. It is not public knowledge at this time what other employees may be "relieved of their duties". These actions are federal offences that could be punished with incarceration in a federal prison according to an NPS official.

These are the 12 affiliated tribes .

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Otoe-Missouri Tribe of Oklahoma
Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Upper Sioux Community of Minnesota (Granite Falls)
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota
Lower Sioux Indian Community of Minnesota
Prairie Island Indian Community of Minnesota
Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa
Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma

Effigy Mounds National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation on October 25, 1949 to protect significant prehistoric earth mounds found in NE Iowa. Subsequent legislation expanded the purpose and significance by specifying the wildlife, scenic and the other natural values of the area.

What : Impacted on Pre-historic Indian burial mounds with construction of boardwalk trails & other construction activities. Failed to file legal compliance reports. Wasted many 100s of thousands of tax dollars.

NPS employees Phylis Ewing & Thomas Sinclair.

When : over the last 9 to 18 years.

Where : Effigy Mounds National Monument, NPS Harpers Ferry Iowa just north of Marquette Iowa

How : taking tax dollars and thru waste, fraud, abuse & mismanagement built all this development junk & lied about what they were doing. as said before, & now a cover up by NPS officials at the regional level.

Firsthand : yes & I worked there for many years & have e-mails & photos proving wrong doing over long period of time.

Whereelse : from NPS, Washington, DC, NPS Omaha, Nebraska, & me with help from former & current employees, state archeologist, Indians & the news media.

Whoelse : NPS officials DC & Omaha.