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KENNEWICK MAN

As a reaffirmation of the Vermillion Accord, the World Archaeological Congress respects the wishes of the five aboriginal tribes of the Columbia Plateau who have requested the repatriation of the Ancient One (Kennewick Man).

The World Archaeological Congress supports respectful treatment of the mortal remains of the dead irrespective of origin, race, religion, nationality, custom and tradition in accordance with the wishes of the local traditional native community and of relatives or stewards of the dead.

The World Archaeological Congress acknowledges the importance and scientific value of skeletal remains and understands that the remains of the Ancient One have already been subjected to extensive study over the last seven years. Pursuant to the findings of the United States Department of the interior that the Ancient One is culturally affiliated to the Colville, Nez Perce, Umatilla, Yakima tribes and the Wanapum band, the Congress supports the repatriation of the Ancient One to those five tribes.

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