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“THEY’RE NOT AT PEACE.”

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ARAPAHOE, WYOMING — It is estimated that up to 200 Northern Arapaho students from the Wind River Indian Reservation in central Wyoming died while attending the Carlisle Boarding School in Pennsylvania. They were never returned home for a proper burial.

They died from sheer depression and some from other diseases.

The Northern Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Office is attempting to have the remains of 41 returned to the Wind River Indian Reservation for a traditional Arapaho burial.

“THE PLAN IS TO REBURY THEM AND HAVE THEM HERE BACK WITH THEIR FAMILIES. IN A WAY, THEY STILL AFFECT OUR LIVES TODAY BECAUSE THEY’RE NOT AT PEACE,” YUFNA SOLDIER WOLF, DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE SAID TO WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA STATEWIDE NETWORK.

“A lot of them were dying from loneliness. A lot of them would get sick. A lot of them just thought maybe their tribes had given up on them,” stated Soldier Wolf.

Soldier Wolf realizes the task to get the remains of the children back will not be an easy one.

“There have been other tribes that have wanted their children repatriated from that area,” she says. “It’s been a big fight. For some reason, they don’t want to let the children go up there. It’s really about the idea of finally bringing these kids home after 150 years.”

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She plans to host a meeting for descendants of the students at the Northern Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Office at 9 Great Plains Road in the town of Arapahoe on January 8, 2016.



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