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## **Cooperative Conservation: Increasing Capacity through Community Partnerships: Cultural Site Stewardship Program: Quarterly Progress Report, Period Ending December 31, 2004**

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## **QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Period Ending December 31, 2004

Cooperative Agreement Number H8R07010001

Task Agreement Number J8R07040007

Cooperative Conservation: Increasing Capacity through Community  
Partnerships: Cultural Site Stewardship Program

### **Collaboration with Interagency Team**

Nancy M. Flagg, Director of the UNLV Public Lands Initiative, announced in early November 2004 the federal managers' approval to hire George W. Phillips as Project Manager for the Cultural Site Stewardship Program (CSSP). The decision to recommend hiring Mr. Phillips was made collaboratively with the interagency cultural resources team, who participated in the interviews with job finalists during the month of October 2004.

Mr. Phillips started his position on December 1, 2004. On December 3, 2004, an initial meeting was held between Mr. Phillips and the seven-member Clark County Heritage Resources Team (CCoHRT) led by Steve Daron, archaeologist for the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, to review expectations for fulfillment of the task agreement (see attached meeting notes). Another team meeting to follow progress has been set for January 13, 2005.

On December 14, 2004, a meeting between George Phillips and Bobbie Antonich, Government Technical Representative, provided the project manager with the history, requirements, and relevant financial details of the Cooperative Conservation project as it affects the CSSP.

### **Program Development Activities**

During his first week on the job, Mr. Phillips contacted Mary Estes, Coordinator for the Arizona Site Stewardship Program, and Art Krupicz, Manager of Site Watch, the New Mexico Site Stewardship Program, to request updated site steward training manuals and forms. A review of the procedures and presentation from these two programs is now underway. Eva Jensen, archaeologist of the Overton Museum, is assisting to adapt the information to the Southern Nevada cultural site steward program.

A list of cultural sites unique to each of the four agencies is in the process of being compiled by the project manager and will be presented to the appropriate archaeologist and team leader at the January 2005 CCoHRT meeting. The first round, currently numbering more than 300 sites, is being defined in general categories by location and urgency for attention. Additions, refinements, and corrections will be ongoing.

Trainers for Nevada Heritage Site Stewardship – Darrell and Terri Wade – along with Mary Estes of Arizona were questioned in order to begin tailoring operating procedures for CSSP recruitment and training. Community leaders Don Hendricks (Red Rock Canyon NCA), Dr. Barron Haley (Little Red Rock), Bill James and Charlie Carroll (Sloan Canyon NCA), and Elise McAllister (Gold Butte) were also contacted and are submitting comments. Law enforcement ranger Don Miller and park rangers James Cribbs and Charlie Carroll have also been contacted for comments regarding procedures. An outline of these comments is incomplete to date. Procedures will cover both standard operations and those to be followed with law enforcement and cultural resource personnel if looted sites are found.

On December 12, 2004, George Phillips met with Donna Grady, the manager of the Interagency Volunteer Program (IVP) – a similar and related SNPLMA Conservation Initiative – to discuss the volunteer forms and common database that have been agreed upon for that interagency project. The university has an interest in seeing that the CSSP and IVP programs collaborate where possible and create efficiencies between both projects. Mr. Phillips is reviewing the IVP volunteer forms to ensure that they will meet the needs of the CSSP, and he has been working closely with UNLV’s database coordinator, Chuck Williams, to upload information on CSSP site stewards to the coordinated volunteer database.

#### **Website/Public Relations**

As an introduction to the Southern Nevada Cultural Site Stewardship Program, Mr. Phillips drafted letters on December 20, 2004, to the Southern Nevada Rock Art Association (SNRAA), the Friends of Red Rock Canyon, Friends of Sloan Canyon, Friends of Gold Butte, and to Alanah Woody of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation (see attached copy of letter). Mr. Phillips also recently attended meetings of SNRAA and the Friends of Gold Butte and addressed the members to give them an introduction to the program. Plans to address the BLM Resource Advisory Council (RAC) with Susanne Rowe, BLM archaeologist, have been arranged at an upcoming meeting at Red Rock Visitors Center.

#### **Summary**

The program is off to a good start, and we believe many further developments will be reported in the next quarter as the project manager has more time to work with the team and focus on the year one deliverables of this task agreement.

Submitted by:

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