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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Ending December 31, 2005

Cooperative Agreement Number H8R07010001

Task Agreement Number J8R07050006

Re-evaluation of the Main Ridge Site and Adjacent Areas

Executive Summary

- Hired graduate student to conduct the archival research
- Purchased computer and camera for archival work
- Met with Steve Daron about desired archival research methods
- Presented a Fall 2005 brown bag lecture to the UNLV Anthropology Department about the upcoming project
- Presented paper on upcoming work at the Three Corners Conference, held on October 15, 2005 at UNLV

Program Activities

Archival Research

Since the task agreement was awarded on September 1, 2005, the university's primary focus has been on getting the equipment and personnel together for instituting the archival portion of the project. The archival research will be initiated January 15, 2006. To prepare for this project, we have identified and hired a graduate student, Leilani Espinda, to conduct the work; we have purchased a laptop computer and digital camera to be used in the project; and we have met with the Ms. Espinda and with Steve Daron of the National Park Service to determine how she should approach the project and enter the information into the computer.

Scholarly Activity

The university has worked to publicize this upcoming research, with the hopes of increasing student involvement and awareness of the project among archaeological professionals. To this end, Dr. Karen Harry presented a brown bag lecture to the UNLV Anthropology Department during Fall 2005, in which she described the work to be conducted at Lost City and discussed ways that students might become involved. As a direct outcome of this lecture, one graduate student has already expressed an interest in completing her master's thesis using data obtained from this project. This student has a general idea of her research direction and is currently working to more specifically define her project.

Dr. Harry also presented a paper on the upcoming research at the Three Corners Conference, held at UNLV on October 15, 2005. This professional conference was attended by students and professional archaeologists from the Nevada, Utah, California, and Arizona region.

Summary

During the next quarter, the university anticipates actively commencing the archival research called for in the task agreement and will provide a fuller assessment of our progress report in the next quarterly report.

Submitted by:

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December 31, 2005
Date