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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Ending June 30, 2006

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Re-evaluation of the Main Ridge Site and Adjacent Areas

Executive Summary

- Archival research continues. Arrangements finalized for August 2006 visit to the Lost City collections housed at the Western Archaeological Conservation Center (WACC) in Tucson, Arizona.
- Arrangements completed to have the known Lost City skeletal remains analyzed (non-destructive analysis only) by Dr. Jennifer Thompson and Dr. Debra Martin, UNLV Department of Anthropology, prior to their repatriation as required by NAGPRA.
- Submitted an abstract for a paper on the Lost City skeletal remains to be presented at the Great Basin Archaeological Conference in October 2006.
- Hired students to work on the Lost City field school for the upcoming academic year.

Program Activities

Archival Research

The archival research was initiated January 15, 2006, by Leilani Espinda, a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology & Ethnic Studies hired for this project. Ms. Espinda worked on this project full-time until the end of March, when she took a hiatus in order to complete field work (unrelated to this project) for her master's thesis. In her absence, curators at the Southwest Museum have continued to duplicate project materials and send them to principal investigator Dr. Karen Harry. Upon her return in August 2006, Ms. Espinda will resume work on the Main Ridge project.

Field Work

Dr. Karen Harry has continued to work on the logistical issues to ensure that the field work will be completed as planned in the Fall of 2006. Specifically, she has (a) purchased the equipment needed for this project, and (b) accepted students into the fall field school.

Academic Research/Data Dissemination

Drs. Karen Harry, Jennifer Thompson, and Debra Martin of UNLV's Department of Anthropology have submitted an abstract for a paper to be presented on the Lost City skeletal remains. This paper will be presented in a symposium on the Virgin Anasazi at the upcoming (October 2006) Great Basin Archaeological Conference.

Submitted by:

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June 30, 2006
Date