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Re-evaluation of the Main Ridge Site and Adjacent Areas

Executive Summary

- Finalized the report on the fieldwork conducted during the Fall 2006.
- Finalized the Finder's Guide documenting the results of the archival study.
- Received reports from (a) Dr. Mary Malainey, on the results of the residue study of the Main Ridge pottery, (b) Dr. Linda Scott Cummings, containing the results of the pollen and macrobotanical analyses of samples recovered during the Fall 2006 fieldwork, (c) Sharlyn Anderson, on the results of the ceramic analyses, and (d) Dr. James Watson, on the results of the faunal analyses.
- Visited the National Museum of the American Indian to (a) collect additional archival data for the Finder's Guide, and (b) analyze the whole ceramic vessels held by that repository from the Lost City projects.
- Submitted an abstract (which was accepted) for the Three Corners Conference, an archaeological conference to be held on the UNLV Campus on October 13, 2007.

Archival Research

- Time was spent this quarter putting final touches on the draft Finder's Guide, due to Steve Daron at the National Park Service by October 1, 2007. This digital Finder's Guide, which contains more than 8 GB of data, contains information gathered from 18 repositories and includes information on or duplicates of more than 3500 artifacts, 2000 photographs, and hundreds of letters, field notes, and newspaper articles.
- Dr. Karen Harry and UNLV students Sharlyn Anderson and Nancy Grey visited the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. in August. During this visit, they spent approximately 20 person-days in the Collections Department, documenting the whole vessels held by NMAI that are associated with the Lost City Project and analyzing 146 vessels.
- Spent approximately one person-day in the Archival Records Department locating additional paper records that are related to the project but had not yet been incorporated into the Finder's Guide.

- Spent approximately a one-half-person day in the Photographic Records Department locating additional historic photographs of the Lost City Project for inclusion in the Finder's Guide.

Field Research

Analyses of all artifacts and materials recovered from the Fall 2006 field school have been completed. Results of the analyses are included in the following reports, which were received during this quarter:

- Ceramic residue study: Dr. Mary Malainey;
- Pollen and macrobotanical analyses: Dr. Linda Scott Cummings;
- Faunal analyses: Dr. James Watson; and
- Ceramic analyses: Sharlyn Anderson.

The reports listed above will be included in one larger report detailing the results of the field investigations. That report is due to the National Park Service on or before October 1, 2007.

Professional Activity

An abstract on the Lost City archival research was submitted, and accepted, for presentation at the Second Biennial Three Corners Conference to be held on the UNLV Campus on October 13, 2007.

Submitted by:



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September 30, 2007
Date