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Executive Summary

- A total of 25 stewards initiate Abandoned Mines survey for NP
- CSSP stewards record Grapevine Canyon near Laughlin
- CSSP recognition event draws 103 participants

Summary of Attachments

- Agendas and Minutes for October 1 and December 10, 2009 team meetings.

Collaboration with Interagency Team

The Interagency Cultural Site Stewardship Team (ICSST) met on October 1 and December 10, 2009 (see attached agenda and minutes). During the October meeting, the team discussed preparation to modify the current CSSP funding agreement to extend the program beyond its expiration of June 2010, to December 2011. Steve Daron will work with George Phillips, Program Manager to submit a request by early January 2010. In response to an August 21, 2009, Southern Nevada Agency Partnership (SNAP) meeting, the Board agreed the stewardship program merited consideration for Round 11. CSSP prepared a request to SNPLMA board to further extend funding until December 2013. Paperwork was submitted at the end of October and we are waiting for a response.

A new ICSST leader was unanimously chosen within the framework outlined in the team charter. Mark Boatwright, Archaeologist for BLM, completed two years as team leader while Kelly Turner, Archaeologist for USFS, became leader beginning December 10, 2009.

On November 16, 2009, 25 trained Cultural Site Stewardship Program (CSSP) volunteers launched the Abandoned Mines Lands Project along the Colorado River under direction of the National Park Service overseen by Steve Daron, Lead Archaeologist for NPS. Stewards documented hazardous mine openings and identify historic and prehistoric sites for NPS follow-up. After end of the first month’s work in November, stewards reported more than 275 volunteer hours and donated more than 1,240 driving miles.
Areas assigned by NPS extend 180 miles from the southern tip of Gold Butte to Davis Dam in Lake Mojave. Work will extend through the winter.

Project 1 – Recruitment, Training, and Retention of Volunteer Site Stewards

Task 1 – Site Stewardship Database

The CSSP database continues to provide secured data and reports for land managing agencies. Changes to cultural sites, agency information relating to stewardship, and site steward data are kept beginning from the program inception five years ago. The database hardware was submitted for use by the Nevada State Historical Preservation Office and the Nevada Heritage Site Stewardship Program by interagency request.

Task 2 – Recruit additional volunteer cultural site stewards.

As reported last September 2009, three classes were held during the 2009 fiscal year adding 46 new trained volunteers. There are 452 stewards on the CSSP database. The program showed an increase of 46 stewards or 13.8% over 2008 totals. The next scheduled training class will occur in late January. The annual growth of CSSP stewards reflecting both total and active volunteers is shown in Figure 1.

Task 3 – Deliver, evaluate, and refine basic training classes for volunteer cultural site stewards.

No new stewardship training classes were held this quarter.

Task 4 – Deliver, evaluate, and refine optional educational training for volunteer cultural site stewards.

Optional classes in First Aid and CPR were held in collaboration with the Interagency Volunteer Program.
Two Rock Art Recording classes were organized for 27 stewards to record Grapevine Canyon on November 8, 2009 and November 14, 2009 at the Alan Bible Visitors Center at Lake Mead. The recording project, assigned by Steve Daron of NPS, was managed by Dr. Angus Quinlan of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation and was completed in three weeks. Elaine Holmes, CSSP Regional Coordinator and George Phillips, CSSP Manager assisted in preparing the site for recording. This event is significant and is necessary to preserve one of Nevada’s most highly valued rock art sites.

**Task 5 – Obtain and evaluate feedback from volunteer cultural site stewards about the program and incorporate into program improvements.**

As reported, CSSP completed re-assignments for stewards based on information obtained from direct contact and e-mails by Regional Coordinators. Direct calls to stewards has proven the most efficient method to obtain feedback for 2009. Written feedback including complete written evaluations and anonymous program assessments will be used for all stewards in 2010.

**Task 6 – Plan and implement volunteer recognition initiatives and events.**

The annual CSSP Recognition Picnic was held at the Boulder Beach Picnic Grounds on Saturday, November 7, 2009. A “Site Steward of the Year” was awarded a memorial plaque, and three stewards received framed certificates for outstanding contributions. A plaque thanking the ICSST leader, Mark Boatwright for two years of service was also awarded. The event was attended by 103 stewards, guests and agency personnel.

**Project 2: Monitoring of Cultural Resource Sites and Reporting Results**

**Task 1 – Assign, monitor, supervise, and evaluate volunteer site stewards to protect cultural sites on public lands.**

Twenty-one newly trained volunteers were assigned sites this quarter. This does not include 25 additional site stewards independently assigned to USF&W land by the agency archaeologist.

**Task 2 – Report incidents to appropriate agencies.**

All incident reports have been submitted to the appropriate agencies. Impacts in Clark County are shown below:

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Graffiti, OHV related incursions and sign destruction lead all reports of site impacts. Incidents of site impacts remain highest in Gold Butte comprising over 42% of all reported cultural site destruction in Clark County.

Shown in Figure 2 below are impacts reported for the last calendar quarter in 2009. The number of site impacts remained the same as those reported during the last quarter in 2008.

![1st Quarter Impacts by Year](image)

**Figure 2. Impacts measured annually through June.**

**Task 3 – Collect, maintain, and provide longitudinal statistics to federal land managing agencies and create and maintain a central database containing site steward and cultural site monitoring information and statistics from all five agencies.**

All site monitoring activities are kept in compliance with agency instructions and are provided upon request.

**Project 3: Community Outreach and Education**

**Task 1 – Inform the community about the Cultural Site Stewardship Program and their opportunity to get personally involved in protecting public lands.**

Phillips reported the status of CSSP and projects completed at a Nevada Archaeological Association board meeting on October 3 in Tonopah, Nevada. Ten state and federal archaeologists were present from each section of Nevada. Phillips also made a presentation to the Caliente Regional Archaeologist Association on November 11, 2009 on stewardship effects on site preservation. All fourteen association members attended.
Task 2 – Educate the public about the need to protect cultural sites, increase public awareness of the significance and value of heritage resources, and educate the public about proper site etiquette in accordance with existing state and federal laws enacted for historical preservation.


Submitted by:

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12/31/2009
ICSST MEETING AGENDA
October 1, 2009
IA Building, USFS Conference Room

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. George -Picnic November 7, 10:30 – 1:00 at Lake Mead Boulder Beach
3. Reporting Impacts
4. CSSP SNAP Assessment results
5. IA Monitoring Program meeting results
6. Steve – ICSST Charter
7. CSSP Modification discussion
8. Succession
9. Other.
10. Next meeting - adjourn.
ICSST MEETING NOTES
October 1, 2009
USFS Conference Room

Present: Mark Boatwright    Elaine Holmes    Kathleen Sprowl
         Steve Daron        Kelly Turner       Laureen Perry
         George Phillips   Sali Underwood

Absent: Ruth Lopez

Meeting began at 9:45 a.m.

1. **ICSST Minutes:** Corrections and clarifications were made and approved to the previous minutes; Item #5: “Funds were for the BLM to close gaps created from site steward monitoring.” Item #9: Refers to the letter committing the database software to SHPO. Ruth questioned the wording, but the letter had already been sent anyway. No further corrections will be made to the minutes. Motion by Kelly to approve as amended, seconded by Elaine.

2. **Picnic:** George reminded the team of the recognition picnic coming up on 10/7/09 at Boulder Beach. Food and awards are arranged. VIP invitations were mailed to all SNAP and PLI interested parties. There will be plenty of help to organize and coordinate event.

3. **Reporting Impacts:** George requested evaluation and suggestions on how to report site impacts. Should a number of impacts be reported as one report, or as a series of reports? i.e., if one site had graffiti, bullet holes and trash, should they be reported as one impact or three? The team decided to show one report with multiple layers. CSSP will continue reporting as advised.

4. **SNAP Assessment:** The SNAP Assessment was attended by Ruth, Steve, Kelly, Laurie, Kathleen and George. Results were very favorable with suggestions by the board to work for a Round 11 funding followed by researching other financial resources to continue CSSP beyond 2013. The SNAP board lent its support for continuance and thanked the ICSST members.

5. **IA Monitoring Meeting:** Mark and George reported on the Interagency Site Monitoring meeting held this month at the IA office and facilitated by Dr. Elizabeth Barrie. CSSP offered information and suggestions to the newly forming wilderness, natural and trails wilderness groups. There was no effort by the organizing groups to obtain the CSSP database at this time.

6. **Modification Request:** Steve is working on arranging funds for a Modification Request to extend the CSSP maturity date to 12/2011 from 6/2010. Laurie pointed out that BOR is supplying $60K - $65K to support the extension. Steve and George will work on the Modification Agreement.

7. **Succession:** ICSST responded to Ruth Lopez’s comments regarding transfer of ICSST Leadership as presented during the August 13 meeting and unanimously voted Kelly Turner as team lead beginning next meeting (December, 2009). Comments were reported in the August 13, 2009 meeting minutes: “Ruth requested that insofar as succession is concerned, Mark should continue as team leader for 6 more months or allow USFS to assume the team lead.”

NOTE:
“Ruth Lopez respectfully requests that the following be read into the record and included in the minutes:
I am requesting a change to item No. 7 of the Oct. 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes: (sic)

7. **Succession:** ICSST responded to Ruth Lopez’s comments regarding transfer of ICSST Leadership as presented during the August 13 meeting and unanimously voted Kelly Turner as team lead beginning next meeting (December, 2009). Comments were reported in the August 13, 2009 meeting minutes which at that time, Ruth Lopez offered an alternative to a Charter change proposed by Mark Boatwright and George Phillips to require a vote to remove or install subsequent Team Leads. She offered that instead of a complicated charter change possibly requiring Board approval, that as a solution to the problem of the FWS appointment expiration date prior to the two year Team Lead term, the existing rotation schedule simply be adjusted to provide for USFS to serve as team lead next (before FWS) or
alternatively that Mark continue as team leader for 6 more months to provide him time to complete Round 11 funding submissions.

[The ICSST members accepted Ruth’s additions underlined in brown above. Ruth did not attend the 10/1/09 meeting but wished to explain the minutes in detail as she perceived them. Gwp]

8. **Other:** Sali said Katherine Adamson with the BLM at Black Rock would like wording for signs. We will discuss again at the December meeting when Steve will bring the sign information and wording prepared by Billy Whitcomb.

The team discussed the issues surrounding a lack of a satisfactory repository in reference to cultural resources.

Sali passed out the following:  
- Centennial Hills Day information
- Lincoln County Land Management Act Proposals
- Letter from Alice Baldrica to the team

Next meeting will be 12/10/09 @ 9:30 am in Boulder City.
Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.
Minutes taken by George Phillips
1. Minutes of 10/1/09 meeting
2. Results of picnic
3. Stewards working through NRAF
4. Stewards on AML
5. Steve - Sign wording and information from Billy Whitcomb
6. Ruth – Forms
7. Change of the guard
8. Other
Minutes of previous meeting:

Ruth presented a written set of additions to minutes of previous meeting of 10-1-09. Team members were reminded that Ruth was not present during the meeting of 10-1-09. Laurie stated that a change in the ICSST charter regarding team succession was not needed. There were no corrections to the minutes at this time, but George will e-mail Ruth’s suggestions to ICCST members and will respond to a team vote via internet to accept or reject the suggestions. Steve moved and Kelly seconded this course of action.

Recognition Picnic:

George reported 86 stewards, 6 guests and 9 VIP’s attended the CSSP recognition picnic. Response to the event was good and everyone seemed to have had a good time. Awards were handed out to the Steward of the Year (Linda Faas), and stewards with exceptional dedication: Larry Burkholder and Atsuko Koga. Mark Boatwright was honored with a plaque for his two years as ICSST leader.

Stewards Recording Rock Art:

Elaine reported that many Clark County stewards attended one of NRAF’s two classes on Rock Art Recording. They assisted with NPS recording of Grapevine Canyon near Laughlin directed by Steve. Angus Quinlan, Executive Director of NRAF, said the stewards were very effective and he was pleased with their performance.

AML Project:

George reported that 25 CSSP stewards were actively involved with the NPS Abandoned Mines Project. During the months of October and November, they donated more than 275 hours and 1,240 miles. Gold Butte presents a problem accessing sites. The terrain requires ATV or similar equipment to enter the area. The time and distance are great enough and exposure to major equipment problems is an issue for consideration. George will go down the approved access road and report back tomorrow for evaluation.

Poster Wording:

Steve brought the wording of potential posters created by Billy Whitcomb. The wording was discussed further with Sarah Clark, Billy’s successor. Three possible poster examples were sent around and 2 were chosen (Black and Sandy-colored). There was discussion of the layout of pictures and Kelly suggested increasing the size the words, “Protect, Don’t Collect”. ICSST members liked the posters.

Forms:

Ruth submitted a forms design for “route monitoring,” good for multiple sites. The team suggested that George look at the design to see if the form can be used in CSSP.

Other:

Laurie mentioned that the “Protect, Don’t Collect” brochures were available for distribution from the BOR. She also offered to print site steward brochures for future use.

Laurie made a request for presentations for the NAA annual meeting to be held on March 26 and 27 at the Desert Research Institute. She suggested George and Sali make individual presentations on the status of site stewardship. She asked for field trip ideas and said she was trying to get entrance for the group to the Atomic Museum. The Theme for the meeting is “Volunteers in Archaeology.”

Sali asked Elaine for her collection of wording on cultural resource signs to be sent to the Winnemucca BLM. Elaine will send her examples to Sali.

Next meeting will be held February 11, 2010, at the USFS Conference Room at the IA Office. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. George Phillips