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QUARTERLY REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
October 1 - December 31, 2007

Cooperative Agreement Number H8R07010001
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Re-evaluation of the Main Ridge Site and Adjacent Areas

Executive Summary

- Visited the National Administration of Records and Archives in College Park, Maryland to collect additional archival data for the Finder's Guide.
- Visited the National Museum of the American Indian to collect additional photographs for the Finder's Guide.
- Submitted Finder's Guide documenting the results of the archival study.
- Completed an analysis of the variation in Tusayan White Ware ceramics from Main Ridge.
- Attended the Virgin Anasazi Pottery Conference at the Museum of Northern Arizona.

Archival Research

- On November 15-16 Dr. Karen Harry and Steve Daron visited Washington, D.C. to conduct additional archival research. During the course of that trip, they visited the National Administration of Records and Archives (NARA) in College Park, Maryland, to collect additional archival data. This visit was brought about when it was learned that NARA held notes and records associated with the Civilian Conservation Corps. Also during the course of their visit, they obtained 47 photographs and several pieces of correspondence associated with the CCC work at Lost City.
- During the same trip, they also visited the National Museum of the American Indian and obtained several historic photographs from the photographic archives of which they had previously been unaware.

- These new data were incorporated into the Finder's Guide, and the revised Finder's Guide was submitted to Steve Daron on December 7, 2007.

Field Research

- Nancy Grey, a student in the UNLV Anthropology Department, completed an analysis on the Tusayan White Ware sherds recovered from our field investigations. The purpose of this study was to explore the variation in these ceramics in order to evaluate whether possible differences in production groups could be identified. Ms. Grey identified three discrete groups of sherds, which varied in terms of texture and temper. Thin sections of these sherds have been prepared, and they are currently being petrographically analyzed (point-counted) by Dr. Brett McClaren of the University of Pennsylvania.

Professional and other Miscellaneous Activity

- Dr. Karen Harry and students Nancy Grey and Sharlyn Anderson attended a pottery conference on November 9 and 10. This conference, held in Flagstaff, Arizona, was sponsored by the Museum of Northern Arizona; Dr. Harry, Ms. Grey and Ms. Anderson were invited attendees. The purpose of the pottery conference was to revise the Virgin Anasazi sequence; data obtained from the Lost City project are being used help develop these revisions.
- Sharlyn Anderson, a UNLV graduate student, successfully defended her M.A. thesis proposal, in which she plans to conduct technological experiments on the ceramics recovered from Main Ridge, in order to evaluate long-distance exchange networks.

Submitted by:



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Dec. 31, 2007

Date