

Special Summer Meeting 3 July 1992

The executive board met in the morning, but did not have a quorum. No business was discussed, save the query of whether or not any one would show up for the afternoon meeting!!

The special summer meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Thirteen members were present. A bill for the cost of the newsletter was submitted by Beth Sennett. The total was \$131.93 and will be submitted to the treasurer.

The major topic of discussion was presented by Dianne Berrigan concerning the BLM proposed definitions of Category I and Category II sites.

It appears that the BLM is attempting to cut down paper work and time for comment periods. Category I sites would be all sites listed as not eligible for NRHP inclusion. SHPO would not have an immediate comment period. They would get a "data drop" every four months. A short form was considered to record these sites in the field. As defined by the BLM in the proposed PA, a Category I site is a resource where the information is potentially or virtually exhausted through recording of location and description of artifacts. It would contain no features, integrity of location or setting, or activity areas. The members present felt this was essentially the present definition for an ineligible site according to Criterion D.

Many comments were generated resulting in several suggestions for Dianne to take to a BLM meeting concerning this issue the week following the present meeting. Comments included the following:

- Eligibility decisions are made in the field by only one person- the crew chief.
- This creates a site category that will never be considered in the future for eligibility. Lithic scatters on dunes could be eligible, but never if they are on desert pavement.
- Short form could become a 'short cut' resulting in serious loss of data. If anything, the recording form should be longer, so all possible information is obtained.
- Lack of SHPO comment removes part of the checks and balances of the present system.
- The only benefit appears to be for the client; the 30 day waiting period is eliminated.
- This should only be considered at the review level and not at the field level.

The definition presented in the PA for a Category I site was reworded as follows:

- 1) Archaeological resources where the potential for data recovery is exhausted through complete recordation.
- 2) These sites do not contain information important in prehistory or history, such as features, activity areas, horizontal, or vertical stratification.

It was agreed upon by those present that as long as this is strictly administrative paper shuffling and SHPO is not left out of the process, the definition is acceptable. However, it was emphatically emphasized that there should be no differential recording in the field. NO SHORT FORM!! Dianne will have the results at the fall meeting.

New Business:

Since Steve Creasman has left our wonderful state of Wyoming for the soggy realms to the east, Beth Sennett was named Newsletter Editor.

A motion was made and seconded to resubmit a ballot for changing the bylaws regarding meeting times during the year. The ballot will also include the nominations for office from the Spring 1992 meeting. The ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. PLEASE, return it ASAP.

The fall meeting will be held October 23 and 24 in Thermopolis. Arrangements will be made by Mike Bies. Paul Miller announced that July 6-17 there would be an excavation on a stone circle site south of Custer, SD. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting around 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beth Sennett

Please, remember to submit any information or announcements you would like included at least two months prior to the meeting date. We can't have a newsletter if you folks don't send me any news!!!

FALL MEETING

WHEN: October 23 and 24, 1992

WHERE: Holiday Inn at Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis, Wyoming. The hotel has blocked out 15 rooms. For reservations call 1-800-HOLIDAY or 1-307-864-3131. Please, make reservations by October 14, 1992.

DISCOUNT RATE: \$45.00 one person/room
\$51.00 two people/room

HOT WATER HOLIDAY PACKAGE: 2 nights/3 days \$119.95/couple, kids under 19 years free in room; complimentary bottle of champagne, free use of steam room, jacuzzi, etc.; prime rib dinner for two; late Sunday checkout. Ask for details!!

Executive Board will meet Friday, 23 October, 10:00 a.m. in restaurant.

Business meeting will be Friday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. in hotel meeting room (will be posted).

Paper presentations will be Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. at the Washakie County Museum. Speakers include Lynn Harrell, Russ Tanner, John Albanese, Julie Francis, and possibly two more.

Mary Lou Larson, and Marcel Kornfeld.