Archaeology Awareness Month Poster Wins Two Awards

This year's Archaeology Awareness Month poster, which features the Big Horn Medicine Wheel, won two important awards. It won a bronze medal in competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. CASE is a professional organization for people involved in educational publication services, public relations, and academic recruitment according to Kim Gould, the senior editor with Publications Service/University Relations, who helped design the poster. Gould said there were over 600 entries from 52 institutions in the central United States, not all of them posters. The Archaeology Awareness Month poster won third prize in the four-color poster category. Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and Archaeology Awareness Month organizer Judy Wolf is pleased with both the poster and the medal.

It also won first place in the annual competition sponsored by the Society for American Archaeology. Archaeology posters from throughout the country were displayed at the SAA annual conference in Seattle in late March. The Wyoming poster was voted the best. In 1996, the Wyoming Archaeology Week poster won third place in SAA competition in New Orleans.

Congratulations on such an excellent poster. What are you going to do for an encore this year?
MAS/WAS/WAPA Spring Meeting,
May 8-10, Billings, Montana

Yep, Mother's Day weekend. The Montana Archaeological Society has invited us to have a joint meeting this spring in Billings, Montana.

The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Billings at north 27th St and First Avenue North. The hotel is offering a special room rate of $55 (single or double) and will also honor the government rate (with ID). Call the Sheraton at 406-252-7400 and be sure to mention the MAS/WAS meeting to get the special rate.

Amateur, avocational, and professional archaeologists from the Wyoming Archaeological Society are encouraged to give 15-20 minute long papers. Contact Mark Miller 307-766-5301 or email mmiller@uwyo.edu.

WAPA Officers:

- President: Gary DeMarcay
- Vice President: Paul Sanders
- Treasurer: Julie Francis
- Secretary: Karen Kempton
- Members-at-Large: Bill Current, Judy Wolf

Correction:

Susan Carlson was accidentally misidentified in the Archaeology Awareness Month signing ceremony photo. I'm sorry Susan, and I flogged myself with a pointy Marshalltown - ed.

Delinquent Dues

Just a reminder to pay your 1998 dues of $20 to Julie at the spring meeting or mail to Julie Francis, WAPA Treasurer, P.O. Box 3431, University Station, Laramie, Wyoming, 82071.
Three Generations of Bozovichs Work Site

One fine fall weekend in October 1997, three generations of Bozovichs showed up at the site complex named after the patriarch, Joe. The site complex is northeast of Rock Springs in the Leucite Hills. These volcanic intrusions poke through the surrounding terrain. Sites are often found around the bases of these volcanic plugs. The Bozovich site (48SW5950) is a stratified multicomponent buried site about halfway up one of these plugs, where there is a seep/spring.

Chronologically, diagnostic artifacts ranging from Paleoindian projectile points to pottery have been found on the surface and in some of the six test units that have been excavated since the late 1980s by volunteers from the Sweetwater County Chapter of the WAS and professionals from Archaeological Services at WWCC.

At age 86, Joe Bozovich is still able to make the climb up to site that wins younger visitors. "My balance and eyesight aren't so good anymore, but I still walk a couple miles a week and use a rowing machine."

The family has a computerized catalog of their finds. Artifacts and sites have been plotted on topographic maps. Bozovich's collection has been made available to Archaeological Services for study.

Archaeological Services director Kevin Thompson has worked closely with the Bozovichs for years now. Their cooperation on archaeological matters has fostered close ties between the two families. Thompson recalled that one of his young children asked if Joe Bozovich was his granddad.

On Sunday, volunteers worked on two of the six test units. It was a gorgeous fall day with bright autumn leaves, warm temperatures, and a "gentle" Wyoming breeze. Thompson and Pat Bower, a USPS archaeologist from Idaho who worked for Archaeological Services, excavated the rock-hard dirt of the test units while volunteers screened, picked flakes, labeled bags, and milled about enjoying the sun. Both units were poised above the Paleo level, which was about 80 cm below surface. Artifact density was quite high and tools are fairly common in the Archaic levels but density dropped off in the Paleo levels.

"This is the richest site I have excavated in Southwest Wyoming," says Thompson. Stratigraphy and density, location, and environmental conditions are similar to the Pine Springs site west of Flaming George.

All the work at the site is done on a volunteer basis, and given the difficulty of organizing a volunteer weekend, it will be some time before the test units are completed, artifacts are analyzed, and the findings are published, according to Thompson. One volunteer, Jill Anderson, wrote a feature story about the site that appears in the spring 1997 issue of the Wyoming Archaeologist.

UW Thesis Questions E-bot Assumptions

A recently completed Masters thesis in Anthropology by Daniel R. Bach questions the assumption that "seasonality of site occupation and prehistoric diet can be inferred from the presence of charred seeds in hearths" (Bach 1997:1). Bach sets a cautionary note for interpreting ethnobotanical results by his use of experimentation, replication, and standard flotation techniques.

Bach excavated seven modern hearths and found charred seeds from cheno-ams, pine, mustard family, and buckwheat family among others (1997:21). He suggests that modern seed rain and use of detritus as tinder account for the seeds.

After collecting soil samples in different plant communities well away from modern and prehistoric hearths, he floated the samples and analyzed the seeds. He cautions that the "seed species used ethnographically are also the dominant seeds found in the soil. Goosefoot (Chenopodium sp.) is the dominant seed species showing up in almost every sample" (Bach 1997:40).

Uncharred seeds can become charred without intentional plant roasting activity "when a hearth is dug, the new surface will expose buried seeds and subsequently these seeds will become charred" (Bach 1997:40).

Two other noteworthy findings in this thesis are 1) that bison dung used as fuel can introduce charred seeds that will give false results for season of hearth use and prehistoric diet (Bach 1997:43) and 2) that edible quantities of seeds can be collected out of season (Bach 1997:34).


John Byram Fisher Dies

John Francis Byram Fisher died April 18, 1998, in Bradford, Vermont, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born January 15, 1932, in Cheyenne. He attended school in Cheyenne, graduating from St. Mary's. He will be remembered as a gifted musician, poet, and a gentle spirit. He worked as an archaeologist, most recently on the East Coast.

Memorial services will be held this summer in Bradford. The family's address is 249 A. Elm St., Montpellier, VT, 05602.

The Laramie Daily Boomerang, 4/19/98
Conferences

Wyoming and Montana Spring Meeting

The Wyoming and Montana Archaeological Societies will meet this spring, May 8-10, in Billings, Montana. The Mother's Day weekend meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Billings, Montana. For more information, see page 2.

WAPA Major Contributor to 6th Island in the Plains

WAPA received the following letter from Tim Cowan of the Island in the Plains Planning Committee:

The planning committee for the 6th Annual Black Hills Archaeological Symposium, "Island in the Plains" thanks you very much for your generous contribution. WAPA will be identified as a major contributor by placing the organization's name in the fine print (reserved for acknowledgments) at the bottom of this year's poster. I will leave some copies of the poster with Cher Burgess as soon as they are received from the printer. Additional posters will be available to WAPA members at a reduced price reserved for contributors. We hope many of your folks will attend this year's meeting in Belle Fourche and perhaps become involved with efforts to assure future meetings.

Sincerely,
Tim Cowan, Island in the Plains Planning Committee

(The Island in the Plains Archaeological Symposium was held on February 14-15, 1998 - ed.)

1999 SHA Conference

The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) 1999 Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 5-10, 1999, at the Hilton Hotel. The conference is being hosted by Sagebrush Archaeology and co-hosted by the Utah Historical Society and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). Key conference personnel are Michael R. Polk, Conference Chair; Don Southworth, Program Chair; Wendy Simmons-Johnson, Terrestrial Chair; and Shane A. Baker, Registration Chair.

The theme of the conference is Crossroads of the West: 19th Century Transportation, Mining and Commercial Development in the Intermountain West.

I have had several conversations with Conference Chair Mike Polk who has extended a special invitation to Wyoming Archaeologists to participate. The conference theme seems to involve most of the topics of concern to people doing archaeology on historic era resources in Wyoming.

Absaroka WAS Chapter Address Change

Barbara Nahas sent out the following notice in October, 1997:

The Absaroka Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society has a new Post Office Box number. Please send all mail to: Absaroka WAS, P.O. Box 725, Cody, WY 82414

The officers are Jerry Ward, President; Barbara Nahas - Vice President; Jackie Anthony - Secretary; Ken Helfrick - Treasurer.

Interested persons need to be members of the SHA to present papers or symposia at the conference.

During discussions at the fall 1997 WAPA meeting, I told Mike that WAPA would probably donate an as-yet-undetermined amount of money to help defray conference expenses and keep the cost as low as possible for participants. I did tell Mike that in the past WAPA has donated around $200-250 to conferences, but an actual amount will be decided at our spring meeting, May 8-10, in Billings, MT.

Mike said he would appreciate any donation, but was more interested in having Wyoming people participate in the conference. He would especially like to see symposia concerning Historic Trails; Expansion Era Roads and related sites; Fur Trade Sites; Historic Mining; Railroading Sites; Stagecoach and Mail Services; Ranching and Farming; Industrialization; and Historic Landscapes.

There will also be opportunities to assist with registration and other things having to do with the conference. Volunteers will probably be eligible for some reductions in registration fees. Interested persons should contact Mike.

Symposia, major papers and research reports are being solicited for the conference. The deadline for submitting abstracts is June 1, 1998. As I mentioned at the fall WAPA meeting, we don't have national meetings this close to Wyoming very often, and I think this is an opportunity for WAPA to gain some much needed exposure as a professional organization.

Russ Tanner

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UW Accepts WAPA Donation

WAPA received the following letter from Dr. Audrey Shalinsky, Chair of the UW Anthropology Department:

Dear Association Members:

The Department of Anthropology wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to you for your most generous contribution to the department. These funds will most certainly be put to good use in supporting our students and faculty in their research projects and in general departmental support. Please come visit the department at any time. We would like to see you and have you tour our facilities. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Audrey Shalinsky

State Archaeologist Compiles Speakers List

State Archaeologist Dr. Mark Miller has compiled a wide-ranging list of speakers and topics. The list features nine presenters talking about 18 different topics. The topics range from Wyoming prehistory and history to Paleolithic sites in the Russian Far East and are geared toward an interested lay audience. If you are interested in receiving a copy or being added to the list, please contact Dr. Miller at 307-766-5901.

Archaeology Awareness Month Planning

September 1998 will be Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month, and this year's theme will be "Mysteries of the Past," according to Deputy SHPO Judy Wolf, a member of the planning team. Keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Dillehay will discuss the newest research on the Peopling of the Americas in Casper on September 19.

Once again, Julie Francis of WYDOT is compiling a statewide list of activities. If you or your group, district, organization, or office is planning a WAAM event please contact Dr. Francis at 307-777-4740.

WAPA Endorses Historic Trails Center

Past WAPA President Russ Tanner sent the following letter to Edna Kennell, Executive Director of the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center, dated November 19, 1997:

At our fall 1997 meeting, WAPA members voted to endorse the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (NHTIC). WAPA believes the NHTIC has the potential to increase appreciation for the various historic trails within and across Wyoming. This appreciation in turn could bring both aesthetic and economic benefits to Wyoming.

WAPA's endorsement is prefaced with the recognition that physical remnants of historic trails across Wyoming are the primary resource around which the efforts of the NHTIC will center. As such, it is our belief that the existence of the NHTIC should enhance, not diminish, the trail resource. That is to say, WAPA believes state or federal agencies should never be allowed to cite the existence of the NHTIC as a reason for allowing the physical trail resource to be destroyed.

Sincerely,
Russ Tanner, President

Bibliography and Index of UW Anthropology Theses Updated

The Bibliography and Index to Graduate Theses, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, originally published in 1993 in the Wyoming Archaeologist 37(3-4):49-55 has been updated. As of summer 1997, 71 theses have been completed. The new version is available through the Department of Anthropology's home page, http://www.uwyo.edu/a&s/anth/thesis.html.
Project Archaeology

Wyoming’s Project Archaeology began last March with a facilitator workshop, attended by 12 teachers and 12 archaeologists. Since then six 15-hour workshops have been held across the state. If you don’t recognize the name, the person listed is a local teacher.

- The first workshop was taught by Jim Stewart and Craig Bromley and was in Ethete.
- Two back-to-back workshops were held in Riverton. These workshops were taught by Fred Chapman, Alleta Baltes, and Maureen Miller.
- Rawlins was the next target city. That workshop was taught by Sandy Meyers, Dave McKee, and Louise Farr.
- Later, in the fall, Dave McKee, Annette Kelley, and Rod Laird held a workshop in Saratoga.
- And we finally got one filled in Cheyenne this past January.

Those teaching at that workshop were Ranel Capron, Fred Chapman, Karen Kempton, Kirsten Rief, and Linette Jesperson.

Three mini-workshops (6 hours) were taught in conjunction with the University of Wyoming’s Conservation Connection (environmental education) summer workshops. Some of the teachers who attended these workshops were out-of-staters.

The Flaming Gorge mini-workshop was taught by John and Sherryl Gores, from Wright, and Dave Vicek. The Gores and Jamie Schoen taught at the Teton Science School mini-workshop and the Gores and Rick Laurent taught a mini-workshop at Fishery.

We are currently working on scheduling workshops for 1998. If you are interested in hosting a workshop in your city, or if you work with a local teacher who might be interested in this program, please let me know.

Our materials have been solicited by other states looking to start a Project Archaeology in their state, so I consider this a very productive start. Here are some basic statistics (for those of you who are number crunchers like me): besides the initial 12 teachers who became facilitators (and used the lessons in their classes), we also reached 140 teachers. Multiply those numbers times an average class size of 20 students, and we estimate that over 3,000 students, as well as others, were taught about archaeology this year in our state.

I hope all of you will get interested in this program. As time goes by, I expect that the work you are doing in the field will help us revise and update the material taught in “Discovering Archaeology in Wyoming.” I’m looking forward to that and to having another great year with this fun program.

Ranel Capron

Frison Talks a Mile for a Camel

Emeritus Anthropology Professor, first State Archaeologist, and National Academy of Science member George C. Frison talked about the latest thinking on the earliest Paleoindian sites on the High Plains with a special emphasis on camel bones. In an hour-long slide show on October 4, 1997, at WWCC in Rock Springs, he wove an intriguing tale of a paradigm shift in archaeological theory while piquing local interest by discussing a camel site near Rock Springs.

Frison began with a discussion of the problem associated with the Plainview/Goshen cultural complexes. The Goshen cultural complex dates to about 11,500 years before present (BP) at a number of sites in Wyoming, Montana, and South Dakota, while identical projectile points from Texas and southern states are much younger. Goshen is definitely older than Folsom at these northern sites, and according to researchers, Plainview sites are definitely younger than Folsom in Texas. The problem is that the point styles are identical.

The paradigm shift has resulted from the relatively recent dating technique known as accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) that has refined the chronology of Paleoindian occupations such that we can see that the unilineal procession of Paleoindian cultures is no longer valid, according to Frison. Microstratigraphic excavation at sites like Hell Gap is showing that Clovis, Goshen, Folsom, and Agate Basin occupations overlap in time.

Tantalizing evidence from sites excavated years ago shows that camel may have persisted until about 10,000 years BP in the High Plains. While no unequivocal camel kill sites have yet been found, there are camel bones at Paleoindian sites that appear butchered. Camel bones have been found at the Pine Springs, Carter-Kerr/McGee, Agate Basin, Lindenmier, and Casper sites. At the Casper site, there is evidence that camel were trapped along bison in a parabolic sand dune, said Frison.
Tom Dillehay Speaks

On Saturday, September 19, 1998, Dr. Tom Dillehay will give a talk on the Archaeological phenomena known as Preclovis. The talk will be given at Casper College. Dr. Dillehay is a professor of Anthropology at the University of Kentucky and is best known for his work at Monte Verde in Argentina. Monte Verde has yielded radiocarbon dates that are earlier than the accepted dates for Clovis. These dates, along with other early dates from both North and South America has forced the Archaeological community to reevaluate the timing of human arrival in the New World. A reception will be held after the talk. For more information contact either Gary DeMarcy (307-328-4215) or Judy Wolf (307-777-6311).

- The 55th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference will be held in Bismark, North Dakota, October 14-17, 1998. The meeting will be held at the Radisson Inn, 800 S. Third St., Bismark, ND, 701-224-8212.
- The 56th annual Plains Anthropological Conference will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1999.

1998 Field Season

- OWSA plans excavations at Sybille Canyon northeast of Laramie, along the North Fork of the Shoshone River west of Cody, and testing in Yellowstone and at Camp Guernsey. Contact David Eckles, 307-766-5301.
- Mike Bies, BLM Worland District archaeologist, says the UW field school will again work at Black Mountain this summer.
- Rock Art Recording at the Nature Conservancy Ten Sleep Preserve, third or fourth weekend in June 1998. Contact Mike Bies, BLM Worland District archaeologist, email wymbies@wy.blm.gov.
- TRC Mariah will be completing additional excavations in the northwestern Black Hills near Aladdin this summer. Contact Craig Smith, email trcmariah@wyoming.com.

One of the three housepits excavated at the Elk Head site (48NA1181) near Worland. These housepits date between 4170 and 3510 years ago. Large cylindrical pits with oxidized sides were found within and adjacent to the housepits. The Elk Head site was one of five sites that contained evidence of housepits investigated for the Express Pipeline.
WAPA By-Laws

(Editor's note: We have been asked to print the WAPA by-laws and are happy to oblige.)

This version of the by-laws is dated 23 MARCH 1997

Constitution and By-Laws, Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists

Section I - NAME
1. The name of the organization shall be the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists (WAPA), hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Section II - DURATION
1. The period of existence and duration of this Association shall be perpetual.

Section III - PURPOSE
1. The Association is a nonprofit voluntary organization that exists for the purposes of maintaining and promoting the goals of professional archaeology in the State of Wyoming.
2. These goals shall include but shall not be limited to:
   a) establishing and promoting high standards of archaeological research, reporting, and management;
   b) establishing and promoting professional archaeological interests in public and private forums;
   c) establishing and promoting communications with the archaeological community;
   d) establishing and promoting forums for discussing research problems and data;
   e) promoting public education and interest in cultural resource preservation and conservation;
   f) promoting research in the fields of prehistoric and historic cultural resources;
   g) providing Association input to appropriate State, Federal and local agencies.

Section IV - MEMBERSHIP
1. Voting Members
   a) Qualifications
      i) Minimum of a BA or BS degree in Anthropology;
      ii) Minimum of 12 months full-time professional archaeological experience in Wyoming;
      iii) Exceptions to i and ii shall be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Association Membership and Ethics Committee;
      iv) No breaches of the Association Code of Ethics.
   b) Entry Procedures
      i) Application, including submission of vitae and statement of research interest in Wyoming archaeology;
      ii) Acceptance by majority vote of the Association Membership and Ethics Committee after review of credentials.

2. Associate Membership
   a) Qualifications
      i) BA in, or active participation in a BA degree program in Anthropology;
      ii) Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Membership and Ethics Committee.
   b) Entry Procedures
      i) Application, including vitae and statement of interests in Wyoming archaeology;
      ii) Acceptance by majority vote of the Membership and Ethics Committee after review of credentials.

3. Honorary Members
   a) Qualifications
      i) An honorary, non-voting membership can be awarded to persons who make a significant contribution which furthers the goals of the Association.
   b) Entry Procedures
      i) Acceptance by the Membership and Ethics Committee, or nomination at a regular meeting, followed by a 60 percent acceptance by the voting membership.

4. Institutional Members
   a) Qualifications
      i) An institutional, nonvoting membership can be awarded to any organization wishing to house WAPA newsletters or any other Association publications in its library.
   b) Entry Procedures
      i) Acceptance by the Membership and Ethics Committee, or nomination at a regular meeting, followed by a 60 percent acceptance by the voting membership.

5. Rights and Duties
   a) Acceptance of the Code of Ethics;
   b) Receipt of all Association publications.

Section V - MEETINGS
1. The Association shall hold one business meeting per year and meet on other occasions as the membership shall deem necessary. A petition by ten voting members may request that the Executive Committee call a special meeting. Notice must be mailed to members at least 4 weeks prior to all meetings, regular or special.
2. Passage of a motion at a meeting shall require 51 percent, sustained, by the voting members present at that regular meeting, whereas business conducted at a special meeting shall be sustained by a 60 percent affirmation by the voting membership, to be contacted by mail ballot.
3. Modification of these By-laws requires a 60 percent affirmation by the voting membership.

Section VI - FINANCES
1. Dues shall be paid to the Association at rate(s) established by majority vote of the membership. Dues notices shall be sent to all members prior to the spring semi-annual meeting. Dues are payable to the treasurer by the spring semi-annual meeting.
2. Dues shall be used for the purpose of financing the business of the Association, including but not limited to fees for secretarial services and expenses of officers incurred in the normal course of Association business.
3. If dues remain unpaid for two consecutive meetings, membership shall be revoked. Prior to revocation, delinquent dues notices shall be sent by the treasurer. If dues remain unpaid, notice of revocation shall follow. Terminated members shall have an opportunity to reapply for membership.
4. Finances shall be administered by the Treasurer. Records shall be available for inspection by the membership at all times and shall be audited for the preceding fiscal year prior to the semi-annual spring meeting.
5. Single expenditures in excess of $200 require the prior concurrence of the President; single expenditures in excess of $500 require the prior concurrence of the Executive Committee, and shall be within the constraints of available funds.
6. Property
   a) The Association may receive, maintain and hold, by request, device, gift, or otherwise, either absolutely or in trust, for any of its purposes, property, either real or personal, or funds, without limitations as to amounts or values.
   b) The Association may convey such property and invest and reinvest any principal and interest; and may direct, manage, and expand the income and principal of the Association and the agency or agencies...
Protocol with SHPO and Permitting

Some of you may know that the BLM Washington Office has recently sent out new interim guidance (to be used for the next year and finalized next January). The 14 manuals we used in the past have been pared down to five. Those five are: 8100 Cultural Resource Manual (contains copies of all the laws, etc.), 8110 Identifying Cultural Resources, 8120 Protecting Cultural Resources, 8130 Utilizing Cultural Resources for Public Benefit, and H-8160-1 (the old handbook on Native American Consultation Guidance).

We have also worked out a "State Protocol" that tells how BLM and SHPO will work together, meaning when and how we will bring them into our planning processes, how and when we will send them reports, how and when we need to consult, etc. (It really deals with internal stuff.) Permitees were sent a copy of the final draft of the Protocol Agreement for their review and comment in late February.

We are scheduled to have our annual meeting with the SHPO staff and ACHP staff in April. At that time, a mandatory training session on the National Programmatic Agreement (that was signed at the Washington level) and the State Protocol (signed at the state level) will be provided to all BLM archaeologists, their line managers, SHPO staff, and ACHP. After the training, we expect to be writing to all permittees and explaining whatever changes might affect them.

As for permitting, our Washington Office has advised us to follow the 8130 Manual more clearly than we followed the old 8151 Manual. You see, legally, the only broad type of permit we are supposed to issue is the old Noncollection Survey and Recordation permit. This falls under FLPMA (Federal Land Policy and Management Act), which is our prevailing guidance. The old Survey and Limited Testing and the old Excavation and/or Removal Permits fall under the jurisdiction of ARPA. And those are supposed to be site- or project-specific.

So a lot of changes are going to be made shortly. Consultants who are getting new or renewed permits have already fallen under the new permit types. In March, all consultants will get a letter with the new application form and the new instructions about permit types and qualifications of crew chiefs (yes, we changed it from field supervisor) and principal investigators (ditto from project director).

We anticipate that everyone will have a Survey and Recordation Permit, and the Limited Testing and Collection permit should not be difficult to get. There will be no need to re-evaluate people who are already on the SR type permit, and there should be a one-day or even same-day turnaround for the LTC permits. The process on Excavation and/or Removal permits will remain the same.

So for those of you who already know you are going to be testing in a certain area (like the Jonah II field), we anticipate being able to issue those testing permits ahead of schedule. You will just have to file a testing plan with the Resource Area Archaeologist.

If you have questions about it once you receive the permitting information in the mail, please feel free to email me at wyrcapron@wy.blm.gov or give me a call at (307) 775-6108.

Ranel Capron

SHPO Moves Back to Barrett Building

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be moving back to their newly renovated "digs" in the Barrett Building on April 6, 1998, according to Deputy SHPO Judy Wolf. Their phone and fax numbers will remain the same. Wolf expects minimal delays as they unpack and get settled.

BLM Statewide Agreement

The new BLM statewide agreement should be out for comment by now, according to Deputy SHPO Judy Wolf. A new national Programmatic Agreement (PA) replaces the old statewide PA. The new agreement should be finalized in mid-April with training sessions for BLM and SHPO managers and staff.
Antiquities on State Lands

In 1935, Wyoming created a law addressing the protection of prehistoric sites, excavation permits, and violations. Statutes 36-1-114 through 36-1-116 detail how these issues will be dealt with on state lands. In 1997, amendments were passed for the penalty clause in 36-1-116. The new wording appears below. Also last year, a series of public hearings were held to take comment on rules revisions relating to subsurface resources and fossil removal permits. The rule-making process is moving along and is expected to take a few more months, the result of which will reflect statutory changes. According to the statute, if you want to remove archaeological resources from state lands, you need to contact the State Board of Land Commissioners for permission: State Land and Farm Loan Office, Herschler Building, Third floor west, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002, 307-777-7331.

36-1-116. Protection of prehistoric ruins; penalty.
(a) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or more than one hundred dollars ($100.00), or imprisoned in the county jail not more than six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment, and shall forfeit to the state all articles and materials discovered by or through his efforts.
(b) Persons holding permits or leases on state lands may not sublease or subcontract archaeological or paleontological removal without prior written approval of the board.
(c) All state leases are subject to inspection by state or county law enforcement agencies or their designees for violation of W.S. 36-1-114 and 36-1-115.

State Land Board Acts to Protect Archaeological Resources on State Lands

The Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments has been revising regulations governing state lands for the past several months. As reported at the Fall 1997 WAPA meeting, then President Russ Tanner presented testimony at a public hearing concerning the new rules. In December, Tanner received another generation of proposed regulations together with information answering a number of questions individuals across the state have raised about the new rules.

Among other things, the information points out that "steps shall be taken in the construction and use of easements to protect and preserve archaeological, paleontological, historical, and any other cultural resources on state land." and that applicants for easements across state lands are required to abide by the Wyoming Antiquities Act.

While the new rules do not specifically require cultural resource inventories before surface disturbance is allowed on state lands, Tanner says, they do provide mechanisms for the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist to be involved during development planning. For instance, Section 3(c) of the regulations states that "the Board [meaning the State Land Board] may condition the issuance of any lease upon specific stipulations for the protection of ... historical, archaeological or paleontological materials ... if the Board finds that special circumstance or conditions require such stipulations."

Furthermore, in response to a question concerning Section 3(c), the Land Board staff points out that "much State land adjoins federal land, and in the development scheme, benefits from the requirements of federal land review prior to development."

Of course, it would be difficult for the SHPO to identify concerns in areas where there is no federal involvement. However, as Tanner notes, "the mere acknowledgment that prior knowledge about cultural resources is a benefit is tremendously important. It would be very difficult for the Land Board to not protect something that is brought to their attention with this position having been articulated."

This being the case, it is increasingly important that information about archaeological sites on state lands be presented to the SHPO.

"While I think we still need a much stronger law protecting Wyoming's cultural resources, I am much encouraged by the direction the Land Board is headed," Tanner said. "This, together with the introduction of a new law to protect paleontological resources by Representative Fred Parish of Sweetwater County, I think presents us with an opportunity to work with the legislature and state agencies to strengthen protection of all types of heritage resources.

Dr. Mark Miller, State Archaeologist
making such funds available, for the uses and purposes herein set forth.

7. No officer or member of the Association, in the absence of fraud committed by that officer or member, shall become personally liable for any debts or liabilities arising against or incurred by the Association or its officers, agents, employees, or members; and the private property of the officers and members of this organization shall be exempt from liability for any and all debts, obligations or liabilities of the Association.

Section VII - OPERATION

1. The place of business for the organization shall be at the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist, P.O. Box 3431, University Station, Laramie, Wyoming 82071.

2. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the procedures at each meeting; other rules may govern as established by the President or presiding officer at the beginning of the meeting.

Section VIII - OFFICERS

1. The Association shall have four officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall hold office for one year. The Executive committee shall fill any vacancy during any term of office, by appointment, from the membership. Such appointments shall be for the remainder of the original elected term of office.

   a. President. The President shall serve as the Association’s representative in all its official affairs and transactions. The President shall reside over Association meetings. The President may appoint committees as necessary, with the assent of the Executive Committee.

   b. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall act with the powers of the President in the event that the President is unwilling or unable to perform appointed duties. In addition, the Vice-President shall chair the Membership and Ethics Committee. The Vice-President shall assume the Presidency at the end of the Vice-President’s elected term.

   c. Secretary. The Secretary shall announce all meetings to the membership of the Association and shall maintain minutes of all meetings.

   d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep membership rolls of the Association, shall maintain records of financial transactions in accordance with standard bookkeeping practices, and shall disburse funds according to Section VI.

2. The Association shall appoint or retain a legal Counsel, as needed.

3. The Association shall appoint an Editor who shall solicit and edit material for a newsletter of the Association, and, when authorized, develop other official publications. The Editor shall serve as long as such appointment remains agreeable to the editor, the Executive Committee and the Association.

Section IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Executive Committee

   a) The voting members of the Executive Committee shall be composed of the Association Officers, the newsletter editor, and 2 members-at-large, to be elected in alternate years for 2 year terms. The immediate past president shall serve as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

   b) The Executive Committee shall act in behalf of the Association to further the goals of the Association as set forth in its Constitution and By-laws.

2. Membership and Ethics Committee

   a) The Membership and Ethics Committee shall be composed of the Vice-President and 4 voting Members, appointed by the Executive Committee, no more than 2 of which are Executive Committee Members. The Vice-President shall chair the committee.

   b) The purpose of the Membership and Ethics Committee shall be to review and recommend changes in the Association by-laws and ethical standards that might be acceptable to its members, persons and organizations external to the Association, and, by their actions, promote the good of the Association.

   c) The Membership and Ethics Committee shall determine the potential of cultural resources.

   d) Other ethical standards include, but are not limited to, prompt reporting of results, maintenance of adequate facilities and staff, no employment of unqualified personnel in any capacity, use of common and professional courtesy in all potential or realized interactions with other archaeologists, and strong commitment to promotion of preservation and conservation of cultural resources.

3. Members shall ensure that all specimens recovered through survey and excavation be prepared and deposited at institution with facilities for permanent curation.

4. Members of the Association who are not involved in any capacity in the sale, trade, or transfer of any antiquity (archaeological object, site, or property) for the purpose of anyone’s personal profit.

5. Members shall not deal in, sell, nor trade, nor knowingly aid any individual or organization in the sale, trade, or transfer of any antiquity (archaeological object, site, or property) for the purpose of anyone’s personal profit.

6. As professional archaeologists, members shall actively discourage vandalism of all cultural resource sites, objects, and properties.

7. Members shall be sensitive to and respectful of legitimate concerns of groups whose culture histories are the subject of archaeological investigations.

8. Members shall respond to legitimate requests for information about their projects and research by other archaeologists.

9. Members shall avoid participation in any activity which may result in a conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, those circumstances wherein their own economic interests may be affected by professional duties and responsibilities to an employer or client.

10. Censure:

   a) Determination of a probable breach of the Association Code of Ethics shall be made by the Membership and Ethics Committee, which shall bring it to the attention of the Executive Committee.

   b) The Executive Committee shall determine, following consultation and input from all parties involved, (1) rule on whether a breach of the Code of Ethics has taken place, and (2) if so determined, the Executive Committee shall vote on censure.

   c) Censure may take the form of a letter, written in the name of the Association, denoting the misconduct or may result in removal from the Association.

   d) All such censured members shall have the right to appeal to the voting membership. Such appeal shall take place during the next regularly scheduled business meeting following notice of censure.
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