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Hi Miriam,
This rattles the cobwebs.

I do not know the whereabouts of these flakes although they must've existed to have generated a record. Some obsidian flakes (which can look like brown agate) were sent in for obsidian sourcing and possibly rind dating. Dr. Tim Canaday was the lead for the CEBR work and I think Tim is working with the USFS in Idaho now. Tim would've had a record of which samples were sent in for analysis. Looking in the report "High-altitude Investigations at Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah" it looks like FWS#133&134 were sent in for obsidian source (XRF) analysis--no mention of 135/136. That's as far as the cobwebs go.

I wish I was at CEBR right now.

Good luck!

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 4:12 PM, Watson, Miriam <miriam_watson@nps.gov> wrote:

Hello, Matt

I am the museum curator for Cedar Breaks National Monument. I am working on our annual inventory and came across two artifacts that are missing from our collection storage. Every other catalog number in the series around them is still in the drawer...Do you have any thoughts or leads regarding this collection?

Thanks!

Miriam

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 3:46 PM, Roelandt, Paul <paul_roelandt@nps.gov> wrote:

I can't recall any of this type of analysis or collections activity in the time I've been here. I see the collector was "Betenson"..would that be Matt Betenson who is now at Grand Staircase BLM? (deputy Manager I think....)
Perhaps he recalls something to do with these?

Sorry I can't be of more help!

Paul

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 12:14 PM, Watson, Miriam <miriam_watson@nps.gov> wrote:

Hello, all

We are working on the 2017 annual inventories. I have come across two flakes that should be at Zion in an easy string of catalog numbers - but they are missing. I looked through all 6 drawers of the cabinet in case the location changed and it wasn't updated in the database. Sarah/Amber - is there any chance these two artifacts went out for analysis? Paul, do you remember any analysis of artifacts or researchers interested in your archeology collections?

CEBR 796, Brown Agate Flake: BROWN AGATE FLAKE RECOVERED FROM SEGMENT G, SAMPLE UNIT 3-G-0b, FS#135. FLAKE WAS REMOVED AS A PETROGRAPHIC SAMPLE #29 FOR PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. TERTIARY FLAKE. CONFIDENT THIS ARTIFACT IS FROM THE CEDAR BREAKS 1997 EXCAVATION BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY REFERENCE MADE IN FINAL REPORT. FS# 135, Collector BETENSON __08/14/1997

CEBR 797, Brown Agate Flake: BROWN AGATE FLAKE RECOVERED FROM SEGMENT G, SAMPLE UNIT 3-G-0b, FS#136. FLAKE WAS REMOVED AS A PETROGRAPHIC SAMPLE #30 FOR PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. SECONDARY FLAKE. POSSIBLY HEAT TREATED. CONFIDENT THIS ARTIFACT IS FROM THE CEDAR BREAKS 1997 EXCAVATION BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY REFERENCE MADE IN FINAL REPORT. FS# 136, Collector: BETENSON __08/14/1997

Any leads would be helpful,

Thanks!

Miriam

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