

SUMMARIES
LCAI Project Proposals
Round 2, 2009

1. Historic Mining District Inventory, Evaluation, Protection and Management with specific emphasis on Panaca Kilns, Fay, and Deer Lodge

Proposes a project to document and evaluate the archaeological resources at the Panaca Charcoal Kilns and the two primary residential areas associated with the Eagle Valley Mining District, Fay and Deer Lodge, and to provide management recommendations for these early historic locales. These places, like other historic mining related areas, are popular with visitors. Visitation can lead to the inadvertent destruction of fragile resources or vandalism. A Class III archaeological inventory will be conducted at all three locations as well as an architectural inventory of existing structures. High quality archival photographs will be included in the documentation. Monitoring the condition of the mining sites will be accomplished through repeat photography at established photo points. Deliverables will include a technical report on the inventories that includes detailed discussions of the condition of the resources, recommendations regarding National Register eligibility, and recommendations for short and long-term protection measures as well as the standard requirements for inventory project reports. Public involvement will be achieved through web-based materials, a tri-fold brochure on the history of each location, and a poster that will be distributed to Lincoln County and nearby schools, local and state historical societies, and to museums.

2. Formative (Fremont) Settlement Inventory in Lincoln County, Nevada: Conduct Class III Inventories and Evaluation of Areas at Risk due to Current or Predicted Increased Public Use

Proposes a project to conduct Class III archaeological inventories to identify Formative sites in eastern and southern Lincoln County. The goals and context for this project are similar to Proposal #3, emphasizing at risk locations of Formative sites. However, projects #3 and #5 will be conducted in different geographic areas by different contractors. Research questions to be addressed by this proposal relate to the age of Formative period occupations in the area, the Formative economic adaptations, and Formative ceramic data. Also, this project will involve trained volunteers in the fieldwork. The deliverables are a Class III inventory report including recommendations for National Register eligibility and the public dissemination of the information through web-based materials and presentation of results at the Great Basin Anthropological Conference.

3. Formative (Fremont) Settlements Inventory and Educational Outreach in Lincoln County, Nevada

Proposes to conduct a Class III archaeological inventory of 1,000 acres to document Formative (Fremont) sites in areas where prehistoric land use and current population impacts overlap. Formative sites tend to be located in lowland areas near well-watered drainages due to the horticulture practiced by these ancient people. These places are the same locations where future impacts are most likely from recreation and development. The nature and extent of the Fremont occupation of eastern Nevada is not well understood and this project is a targeted approach to finding and detailing local variability. The identification and documentation of these resources, coupled with an evaluation of their eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places, will clarify

the future management needs for Formative sites. Deliverables will include a Class III archaeological inventory report; a web-based public-oriented downloadable document available to the general public that can be linked to schools and other interested groups; and a brochure to direct people to the web site.

4. Survey and Conditions Assessment of 10 Spots with Rock Art Habitation Sites on Public Lands in Lincoln County, Nevada

Proposes a project to record and assess the condition of 10 high-profile habitation sites that contain rock art. These sites are well known to the public and receive frequent visitation as a result of information available on the internet or from recent exposure by the media or popular rock art publications. An archaeological inventory will be conducted for a three-acre parcel surrounding each site. In addition, there will be an assessment of the current condition and integrity of the pictographs/petroglyphs and the subsurface habitation deposits. The deliverable is an inventory and conditions assessment report with recommendations for protective measures to reduce on-going impacts to these sites. The data also will provide a baseline for site stewardship monitoring activities. Presentations on this work will be given to local interest groups and at professional meetings.

5. Cultural Resources Digital Data Clean Up for Lincoln County, Nevada

Proposes work to enhance the Nevada Cultural Resource Information System (NVCRIS) for Lincoln County. NVCRIS is the Nevada state-wide spatial database of archaeological sites and inventories that is managed by the State Historic Preservation Office. It provides a restricted access, Geographic Information System data-hub for cultural resources information. The purpose of this proposal is to verify the existing archaeological data for Lincoln County and update the database. This effort is needed because the initial data digitization was not comprehensive and included some errors inherent in the documents used to generate the digital information. When this work is completed, Lincoln County land managers can be confident in the NVCRIS archaeological data, resulting in improved resource management practices to preserve and protect archaeological resources. Deliverables include monthly reports on work progress and a revised and current archaeological database for Lincoln County.

6. Documentation, Analysis, and Evaluation of the Rock Shelters of Evergreen Flat, Lincoln County, Nevada

Proposes a three-year program to conduct investigations at seven rock shelters and archaeological deposits in southern Lincoln County. These locations have suffered various levels of vandalism and were not fully recorded prior to the impacts. The purpose of the project is to review the data from the vandalism investigation, fully record these sites and their environs, and conduct in-field analysis of the extant archeological data at each site. Fieldwork will include involvement by site stewards and other volunteers and the results will be shared through public presentations. The final report, besides presenting the formal archaeological results of this work, will develop a baseline for site monitoring and include recommendations for site protection and stabilization.