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LCAI Research Priorities

At Risk Rock Art and Cave Sites in Lincoln County, Nevada: Document and evaluate rock art sites and caves which are attractive nuisance evidenced by visitation and/or disturbance.

As more and more people spend time in Lincoln County, there is increased visitation to easily identifiable archaeological sites along travel routes, resulting in impacts to these sites. Examples of such areas are the rock art and cave sites near roads on the Desert and Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuges.

The contractor is expected to document rock art sites and caves that are visible from travel routes and accessible to the passerby. The work will involve a review of the pertinent literature and known sites in the project area(s), followed by a field inventory. The contractor will evaluate each site for its archaeological potential and National Register eligibility, determine and describe past and present impacts to each site, and assess potential threats. An example of a threat assessment would be an analysis of distance to road or trail access in the vicinity of the site.

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Damage Assessments of Sites in Lincoln County, Nevada: Document and evaluate the effects of vandalism, other human impacts and/or the impacts of natural processes, such as erosion, on one or more sites.

In Lincoln County, some archaeological sites have been repeated targets of vandalism, have suffered from overuse of the area by visitors, or have been altered by natural processes, such as flash floods. The purpose of this project is to record the present condition of such a site(s), determine the impacts to the site(s), assess the archaeological potential and data loss, and conduct repair or restoration. The contractor is expected to have Federal Damage Assessment Training or can present evidence of completing successful damage assessments for a federal agency; to document and evaluate the effects of vandalism, other human impacts and natural processes on one or more sites. The contractor will develop and implement restoration, stabilization, and mitigation strategies to repair damage and recover data from the archaeological site(s) impacted by activities or actions. Examples of such sites on BLM land are the Delamar Township, the Sand Dune site, and the Evergreen site. An example of such a site on the Desert and Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuges is data recovery at looted sites recorded by the Operation Indian Rocks case, particularly the Artifact Mine site.

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**Formative (Fremont) Settlements Inventory in Lincoln County, Nevada:
Conduct Class III inventories and evaluation of areas at risk due to current or predicted increased public use.**

In Lincoln County, there are a few places, such as Pahranaagat Valley, where Formative sites are known to exist but are poorly documented. The purpose of this work is to obtain information on the extent, types, and frequency of Formative (Fremont) archaeological sites with a focus on locations where expected modern development may initiate or expand human impacts on these sites. Also, Formative sites are attractive to visitors because they usually are occupied by prehistoric people for a long length of time and can be recognized more readily than some other types of sites. Another risk is the overlap between the Formative peoples and today's population in identifying some of the same locations as optimal residential locales, resulting in the potential for archaeological sites to be impacted by future housing developments.

The contractor is expected to identify an at risk geographical area(s) for a Formative archaeological sites Class III inventory, conduct the inventory and site recording, and evaluate the sites for National Register eligibility (with the possibility of site testing). The project should include a public involvement and outreach component, for example the development and implementation of a public school program. In addition to a final report, the contractor will prepare some educational materials for dissemination.

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**Historic Mining District Inventory, Evaluation, Protection and Management:
Conduct intensive inventory of one or more mining districts or historic sites.**

Mining districts and historic sites in Lincoln County often are destinations for recreational activities by locals and visitors alike. The purpose of this work is to document the historic sites and mining districts most at risk from impacts due to urban expansion and increased visitation. The contractor is expected to conduct an intensive inventory of one or more mining districts or historic sites. The work will include historic archaeological inventory and evaluation, built environment inventory and evaluation with detailed recording of historic structures (historic structure reports and detailed drawings), and preparation of National Register nominations. The contractor will prepare and, in consultation with BLM and involved land owners, implement management plans to reduce damage at districts, such as the installation of physical and administrative protection measures. The planning and execution of this work is to be done in phases and be required to follow federal architectural guidelines. The contractor also will develop heritage tourism program materials and implement public outreach. Examples of at risk historic sites and mining districts are Delamar, Pioche, Logan City/Crescent Mill, the Panaca Kiln, Fay, and Deer Lodge.

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Cultural Resources Digital Data Clean up for Lincoln County, Nevada.

According to a work process defined by the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which manages the Nevada Cultural Resources Inventory System (NVCRIS), digitize hand ledgers, locate and digitize missing sites and surveys relating to BLM resources in the NVCRIS GIS inventory; correct and merge several GIS layers at the Ely Field Office; find and scan missing site forms. Contractor will work jointly with BLM Cultural Resources staff and SHPO NVCRIS Manager. Contractor must meet Secretary of Interior's Standards for archaeology and must be familiar with databases and GIS technology

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Ethnographic evaluation of archaeological sites

The intent is to conduct an ethnographic evaluation of archaeological sites in Lincoln County, Nevada, on lands managed by BLM. Other lands may be proposed for such examinations but arrangements for access will have to be made with the respective land owners or managers. The archaeological interpretation of a site presents a particular view of prehistoric and historic activities. This project seeks to expand the understanding of past life ways by conducting interviews with people of Shoshone and Paiute heritage that have local knowledge of landscape and customary uses in places where archaeological sites are identified. The recipient in consultation with the BLM or other appropriate agency will identify the archaeological sites where the interviews will be conducted. The BLM will provide access, when appropriate, to the archaeological site data. The recipient will identify the tribal groups and number of people that will be interviewed and the BLM will review the interview protocol. The recipient will submit interview transcripts to the BLM and, in consultation with the BLM, management recommendations for sites will be developed. The recipient will provide a draft report and educational materials, such as a traveling educational kit and brochures, for BLM review. Following the review, a final report and final educational materials will be provided to the BLM. Sensitive information will be protected by the recipient and the BLM to the extent allowed by law and regulation.

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Inventory, analysis and/or upgrade of archaeological collections from Lincoln County

The intent is to inventory, upgrade, and/or analyze one or more archaeological collections from Lincoln County, Nevada. For decades, archaeological projects have produced collections of artifacts and other materials that are stored in repositories and museums in Nevada. However, over the years, the standards for collection have changed with little funding available to meet the current requirements in 36 CFR 79. This project provides the opportunity to conduct inventories of existing collections that need additional work. This need may be due to the absence of an original inventory or the need to upgrade an existing inventory to current standards. The work will be conducted in conjunction with a review of the field notes and reports on the pertinent archaeological project. Another goal is to improve the storage conditions of existing collections. Some collections are not stored in bags and containers that meet current standards and repackaging of the collections will contribute to their longevity and utility to researchers. The BLM or other federal agency will be consulted regarding the inventory protocols and/or the

repackaging process. Another purpose is to encourage new or additional analysis of existing collections. The collections have the potential to contribute important information to the understanding of Lincoln County prehistory. Use of the collections for professional research and supervised graduate-level research is supported under this project with the approval of the BLM or other federal agency.

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Archaeological research at sites described in the ethnographic literature

This project is intended to identify and study archaeological sites that are identified in ethnographic literature for Lincoln County, Nevada. This information will provide a connection between the ethnographic data and the archaeological understanding of late Native American occupation as well as the history of Lincoln County, Nevada. In order to identify places that were used by Shoshone and Paiute peoples, the project will begin with a review of the ethnographic literature that discusses the Lincoln County area. The results of the literature review will guide the rest of the project. The recipient will work with the BLM or other appropriate federal agency to select which sites would be feasible to find. For example, some places may be discussed in literature; however if no information is provided about the location, it is highly unlikely that the place may be found by fieldwork efforts. During the initial fieldwork stage, project effort will focus on locating the site(s) noted in the literature review. Of the site(s) that are found, the recipient in consultation with the BLM will determine which one or more of the sites will be intensively recorded and documented. The site(s) also will be evaluated for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. The results of this research will be provided in a final report, reviewed and approved by the BLM. If sites occur on land under the jurisdiction of another federal agency, similar requirements will apply. The public will benefit through dissemination of the information and its application to the conservation of archaeological resources.

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Inventory of historic cemeteries

The intent is to inventory the historic cemeteries in Lincoln County on federal land and document the condition of each cemetery. The conditions of the features at these old cemeteries are deteriorating. Information and resources they contain may soon be lost and, in some cases, there has been vandalism. These places have importance to the local people and those interested in Lincoln County history. The recipient will record the cemeteries and conduct a damage assessment of each, consulting with the BLM on situations requiring immediate action. Following the fieldwork, the recipient will meet with the BLM to discuss recommendations for protection and preservation options. The recipient will provide IMACS forms for each cemetery and draft and final reports for BLM to review that include descriptions of the cemeteries, an assessment of the conditions and damage at each cemetery, and recommendations for protection. If cemeteries are recorded on land under the jurisdiction of another federal agency, similar requirements for the work will apply. The project has a high potential for public involvement due

to expected interest from local descendants and other interested parties. There also is a strong potential for heritage tourism.

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Site monitoring and site stewardship

Increased visitation to Lincoln County from nearby population centers and new developments within the area are having direct and indirect effects on the archaeological landscape and some sites are deteriorating due to natural elements. The objective of the site monitoring and site stewardship program is to recruit, train, manage, and retain community members to serve as a volunteer workforce to quarterly monitor archaeological sites on BLM lands in Lincoln County under the direction and supervision of a full-time Site Stewardship Program Coordinator. Regular documentation of the condition of archaeological sites will be conducted to protect sites and to understand when and where impacts are occurring in order to develop appropriate management strategies for preservation and public visitation, where appropriate. The Site Stewardship Program Coordinator will work in partnership with the BLM and there will be some assistance from the State Historic Preservation Office. The coordinator will maintain and expand the existing site monitoring and stewardship program. To achieve these objectives, the coordinator will recruit, train, and supervise the qualified volunteer site stewards that monitor those archaeological sites assigned to the program by the BLM. This effort will include the management of travel, per diem, supplies, and equipment for the volunteers. The coordinator also will collect site monitoring information, maintain site information confidentiality requirements, provide site condition update reports from the volunteers, and keep the BLM informed on the progress and results of this work. This project is dependent on the participation of the public as volunteer site stewards.

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