The archives of the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society have a long and interesting history in search of a permanent home. In *Utah Archaeology: A Newsletter*, Volume 13, No. 2, June 1967, Norma Dalton, then Secretary-Treasurer of USAS, compiled and an Index to “Utah Archaeology” 1955-1966. In her introduction to the index she gives a brief summary of the establishment of “Utah Archaeology” as well as the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society, and a call for missing issues from the membership was made. The Society began a file for the Editor and an arrangement was made with Dr. Jesse D. Jennings to keep a file of the USAS Volume of Newsletters in the library of the Anthropology Department at the University of Utah.

In these pages are articles, reports and descriptions that define early modern archaeology in Utah as a practice and a profession. While many are from works published elsewhere, many are of presentations delivered to national and regional conferences and reports of work done by giants in Utah Archaeology, which can be found nowhere else. In addition to this are reports, field notes and photos documenting the work done by the amateur (avocational) archaeologists of our society in those early years.

This history also includes breaks, one break from June of 1972 to June of 1974 and another from July or December of 1976 to December 1984 represent times of trouble when USAS as a Society seems to have disappeared for a time. Finally *Utah Archaeology: Utah’s Journal of Archaeological Research*, in book format, and as an annual publication of the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society (USAS), the Utah Professional Archaeological Council (UPAC), and the Utah Division of State History was begun in 1988.

At that time our archives were held by a number of individuals around the state and in spite of efforts to collect, document and digitize the records, it became an issue of concern and contention. Jeff Roberts, then USAS Statewide President, collected and deposited them with the Office of the State Archaeologist at State History in Salt Lake City. Fittingly, on March 3, 2015, with the direction of Jeff Roberts now again as President, Nate Horton and Ren Thomas successfully moved the archives to the new MPC Museum on the BYU campus in Provo, Utah. It is hoped that through these efforts the archives can become organized, stored and made available for reference and research, becoming a valuable contribution to Utah Archaeology.
Using Conditional Elements to Utilize Archaeological Sites as An In-Situ Artifact

By Jonathan Bailey

The San Rafael region contains well over a thousand rock art sites that I have visited personally and, in my opinion, the highest concentration of scientifically significant archaeological resources. As a landscape of great scenic value, it is especially evident that research has done a great dis-service to both the protection and understanding of these prehistoric cultures.

There is enough scientific evidence to suggest that we can no longer draw a five foot border around these sites and assume that they are protect-ed. These are not just points in space but rather a part of a cultural landscape.

We often wonder what correlations there are and what patterns exist in the placement of rock art imagery. This is especially variable in the San Rafael region. Sites are often located on poor rock, on horizontal bedrock, on the ceilings eroded alcoves, and even on rare surviving clumps of prehistoric shale. This is a uniqueness that isn't shared in any significant quantities within any other regions in North America. This makes the discovery of prehistoric resources in the San Rafael region incredibly difficult to identify and protect. I feel that my record is insufficient in telling the archaeological tale of the San Rafael region but it is the most complete record in existence.

The variability in placement suggests that the experience of place was so vital to the creation of the rock art images. The procession to the site was a part of its creation and so were adjoining features.

Three intriguing forms of study prove to reaffirm this hypothesis. Archaeo-acoustics, archaeo-magnetics, and archaeo-astronomy all look at naturally occurring phenomenon’s which produce abnormalities present at sites. The greater implications of this research proves that significance and context are the primary objectives in creating rock art images.

This is a topic that needs serious consideration as it completely alters how documentation is done and needs to be completed. Conditional elements which include plant life, acoustics, astronomy, geology, and seasonal interaction with rock art scenes may provide the integral component of its locality. We can visit a site 364 days of the year and miss the most vital component of the rock art imagery which only occurs on the 365th day.

This would insist that documentation of rock art on any level is significantly incomplete. That’s why it is important to assure that cultural landscapes are protected with the encompassed cultural re-sources. Landscape modification has occurred in disturbing proportions as it relates to cultural resources. This means that the reason the rock art exists may no longer exist itself. You can completely vandalize a panel by moving a stone a mile away. You can completely destroy a record by permit-ing mineral extraction in culturally significant areas which, aside from the physical landscape alteration, may shift relationships to acoustical features occurring due to geological abnormalities below the surface. These are just the impacts to the things we understand. So much occurs when we aren’t there to no-tice them. Are we really going to settle with sites being recorded? We need to keep them, their experience, and cultural landscapes for generations to come. If we begin looking at rock art as an insitu artifact, we can move forward with assuring that future modification doesn't occur.

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Rochester Panel photo courtesy of Jonathan Bailey
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Comments in Regards to the Public Lands Initiative Recommendations From The Carbon County Public Land Office

The Carbon County Commission

March 12, 2015

Statement

The Utah Statewide Archaeological Society (USAS) has reviewed the Carbon County PLI-4 recommendations for the Public Lands Initiative. USAS feels that since our organization was one of the signatories on the Nine Mile Programmatic Agreement that we should have been invited to consult with the council regarding the Public Lands Initiative, especially in the study of Nine Mile Canyon. However, we were never invited to participate in the research, findings and conclusions of the council that was appointed. USAS is interested to see if Corrine Springer, Field Station Manager and resident archaeologist for Range Creek along with Dr. Duncan Metcalfe, Field Station Director for Range Creek were invited to participate or give any feedback into the findings and conclusions for the Carbon County Initiative in regards to the Range Creek Canyon National Conservation Area. The concerns we have are as follows.

Antiquities Act

The Antiquities Act of 1906 was designed to protect all historic and prehistoric sites throughout the United States. The Act helps protect any artifacts to be excavated and the destruction of any ruins or artifacts. USAS is wondering why Carbon County would try to limit this valuable piece of legislation that the Supreme Court has upheld in three cases (Cameron v. United States, Cappaert v. United States, and United States v. California). USAS believes that Carbon County does not have the authority to restrict this act, it must come from Congress and there is no reason for Carbon County to pursue any limitations.

Nine Mile Canyon

Designation for Nine Mile Canyon as a National Conservative Area has not been defined; these categories provide standards for protecting and managing areas and helps promote and encourages conservation planning. Categories area: Ia: Strict nature reserve, Ib: Wilderness area, II: National Park, III: Natural Monument or Feature, IV: Habitat or Species Management Area, V: Protected Landscape/Seascape, VI: Protected Area with sustainable use of natural resources.
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USAS would suggest that Carbon County Commission consider Nine Mile Canyon as a National Historic Landmark (building or site with historical significance for preservation by a municipal or national government) since Nine Mile Canyon has the most recorded rock art found in the United States and is considered the longest art gallery in the US. Preserving the canyon as a National Historic Landmark could help increase tourism into Carbon County. If the Commission chooses not to nominate the canyon as a historic landmark, USAS recommends either a NCA Class III or NCA Class V. USAS does not encourage adding more OHV roads into the canyon since this could present a dust problem and could result in damage to rock art found along the canyon walls. This would also be a violation of the Programmatic Agreement that Carbon County and USAS signed.

**Range Creek**

We agree with Castle Valley Archaeological Society that logging is not a means to responsible fire management in this area. Any type of fire management on steep slopes needs to be explored and the use of controlled burns should be considered. USAS believes that Carbon County should receive input from Dr. Duncan Metcalfe and Corrine Springer on recommendations for fire control since there may be archaeological resources at risk. USAS is opposed to any and all gas and oil development. Range Creek should be kept in pristine condition and limited visitation should continue as established now in order to protect the area. Carbon County has plenty of other areas where oil and gas development can take place. Letting in oil and gas development will only deteriorate this area and destroy any archaeological resources (such as pit houses and granaries) that may be present.

**Jacks Canyon**

USAS is in favor of Jacks Canyon being included in the wilderness designation surrounding Desolation Canyon. This would attract additional tourism into our area and let the consumer experience the unique cultural resources found here. Once again, the NCA should have a classification attached. If Carbon County chooses a board for Jacks canyon National Conservation Area Advisory Board, USAS request that someone from our organization be appointed whether it be someone from the Executive Board or one of our advisors who work for BLM and/or National Forest Service so we may make recommendations.
Welcome

Jeff, welcomed everyone to spring board meeting 2015. Meeting is at Fremont Indian State Park since this is where our convention is being held and give an opportunity to have people get familiar with the facilities. Thanked the park and Don Meritt who is the new curator and stated they have a new state park manager. Don told us who the new manager is and that he is also the leo too and is into making sure everything done properly and is a supporter of it. Good that he is on board.

Jeff wants to focus on the park and recognize how much stuff is here at the park.

Went around and did introductions: Linda Patterson and Karen Brunvand from Price, Lawrence Guymon and wife from San Juan County, Rene (?) from Richfield who is involved in the Paiute tribe and were native consultants and would assist people in archaeology stuff former president of USAS was one of the people that helped cook the rock chucks, talking about excavations at Fish Lake with Janet ski emphasized that we should listen to Rene and our Native American consultants. Nate Horton from Utah County, Ryan Mouro from Utah County and new member to USAS, Omar from Iron County, Rene and Dennis Weader, Neil and Joann West, Charmaine Thompson (advisor), Ren Thomas from Utah County, Lola Atwood, Sara Stauffer secretary, Margene Hackney parliamentarian, Chanel Atwood treasurer, Jeff Roberts president and Heidi Essex vice president/newsletter editor.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Jeff asked if there were any changes or mistakes, Heidi makes a motion to accept the minutes as Jim from Salt Lake seconded it.

Treasurers Report

Chanel Atwood beginning balance $9763.18, expenditures: $1460.65, income $375 total $8677.53, expenses are as follows: mailbox, SAA membership, domain renewal, 2014 journals and shipping; membership dues come in from CVAS, SLC and Utah county. Haven’t been pushing membership dues but now we need to get back on par with getting our membership dues in on time. Also need to include membership lists to Chanel or help to know who gets journals. Cost of journals include the shipping with it since it is cheaper, cost has come down with the journals which is good. Editors have done a wonderful job on keeping it up and it is very good quality. $15 for USAS and then part goes to the chapter. Operation and maintenance costs to keep organization going. Mail the checks to USAS address in Cedar City. Heidi puts it in the newsletter and it is on the website and Jeff will put it on Facebook.

Archives Update

Ren Thomas gave report: First of March Ren and Nate went up to SLC to get the archives and have been working with Paul and Jim to get them moved to the MPC. BYU has offered to try and get members from the whole USAS to come down and help digitize or organize the archive couple times a month to see what keep and BYU will do the digitizing and be a permanent repository and materials. The question is do we added permanently to the collection or on loan. Ren has a document for legalities.

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Neil west has a friend who is a judge who would be happy to review the document. The way Ren reads it is we are giving this to BYU and Paul said that he can work with us to get this decided. Books can go to BYU’s library but some are manuscripts of master thesis and occasional papers, etc. back when USAS started they did work on the Nephite mounds and the SLC chapter was doing the work, there are field notes, some cast of artifacts, photos, along with some valuable and important original information. This document that Ren has reads that we are giving to BYU. Heidi pointed out that some of these things might be available elsewhere, like the thesis and dissertation. Discussion on do we want to keep. Charmaine Thompson is certain that there is a large amount already published material. Branch of library in museum available for them to use. Standard policy is to have them be ownership. Maybe be more concerned that the citation of material is properly cited to USAS. Great way to promote USAS and the involvement of USAS in early Utah archaeology. We don’t want to lose it (archive materials). It has been everywhere. Digitizing will be good. Jeff and Margene, and many other people have been working on it and Paul have been the critical thing in moving this all forward. Question of once we do this can we add to it (Neil). Need to reserve the right to edit or add things. Ren-early talks with Paul anything that can be added will have to be under the USAS letterhead. Ren has been talking to people if they have anything in their basements. Heidi thinks that we should be able to add or remove some things from the museum but we don’t have much material of that nature. And they will take it? Donation of objects are different from donation of artifacts. Not real artifacts, used for teaching. Everything else is on paper. Old newsletters are very cool. Next thing that needs to happen is a non-sort and making a list of what is present and then the step is to group things into category and those categories will be used to organize or catalog the stuff. And this is how it will be cataloged and archived. So museum wants to set up some work days. Maybe a big chunk of time-Nate has proposed that USAS members help out. Could do a Saturday if they would work with us. Who is in St George that has the records? Omar brought stuff from Cedar City. Some documents in the library at the Antiquities section. So USAS side is to make a commitment. Need to check with Paul to see if we can do it on a Saturday. It is wonderful that somebody is willing to help us out. Society has evolved since 1950 and has come a long ways. There are several boxes of books and one filing cabinet, the time consuming part is cataloging, not necessarily sorting. Nate and Ren be our point person. Nate will contact Paul and see what Saturdays would work and he will contact those interested. Neil and Ren will look at the legalize of the contract and work on that. Access, adding to, and possession of archives are Ren’s concerns. Nate mentioned Back issues of Utah Archaeology. A couple dozen copies are in archives, maybe at convention sell them off or at the auction. Retain in the collection at least two copies of each issue so there is always a back-up, need to figure what to do with what is leftover after the culling. So will likely end up with boxes of stuff maybe send back to the chapter’s.

Grant Proposal

Ren says that the grant proposal paperwork is found on USAS website in the chapter section. Its pretty simple. Just have people submit application to the board and talk to treasurer and decide if they want it. There is a stipulation that they present findings to the board. Chapters can ask for money in either research or materials needs. Grant would be a great way to start a chapter in Iron County. Steve Decker is interested. Omar is also president of Iron County Historical Society. So trying to get things started, but has incorporated archaeology in historical society. Omar not sure if its going to happen.
Convention Committee
Rene Weder leading discussion: Hand out’s not set in stone. Tentative schedule. Friday night is more of a mix and mingle thing. Switching business meeting to Saturday afternoon. Bob will do a power point before they go off. Jim and Charmaine offer to do field trips and break people up a little bit more. Discussion on field trips. Adding some more. Jim and Charmaine offer to do more stuff. Don Merritt says on May 30th, they are doing ATV trail within the park and it takes 6 hours. Rene talked about doing Indian games in camp, Native songs, Navajo tacos, stories of the areas. Field trips should be kept in the park. Will meet with Rena and Don to work on keeping things in the immediate area because all of the resources. Will do a raffle. Members will have to make their own reservations. There are places where you can dry camp and Castle Rock campground also available. The sooner reservations the better. Already have 10 sites reserved already in the Sam Stowe group site. The fees for camping will be covered as part of the registration fee for the convention.

Next years convention
Ogden/Promontory they are pretty active and will be doing the convention for 2016.

Officers for 2015-2016
Heidi stated that we need a more balanced group to sit on the board since all the members now except for Jeff are from the Castle Valley chapter, maybe get a vice president from a different chapter. Heidi asked Ryan Moreau from Utah County Chapter if he would like to be vice president for the upcoming year and he agreed.

Charmaine UPAC update
UPAC needs to be better at inviting USAS to come to the winter meeting. Open to everybody to come. Combination of papers and business meeting. Jim and Charmaine talked to UPAC about how we need each other. Tim Riley (president of UPAC) wants to get a speakers list on the UPAC website that would help with USAS chapters looking for speakers. Charmaine’s advice it will depend on the month. Chapters need to be more aggressive in asking advisors as speakers. Neil brought up that there wasn’t that openness that Charmaine mentions but will continue to ask. Charmaine acknowledges that it is hard to find people or who to ask. Told UPAC that they need to step up as advisor to the chapters. Reminded them about that and be more available. One of the things that will help is putting together the job descriptions in the by-laws for USAS. Need to put in there that chapter advisor is a conduit to professional archaeologists and USAS. Will post convention information on the UPAC website. Charmaine’s goal is to try to do more to not to blur lines between UPAC and USAS. Need to find tangible ways to do that. USAS folks to help UPAC with projects or vice versa such as site stewardship, site recording. Huge difference between saying it and doing it. Neil says that UPAC needs to be invested in us and an important way to increase our ranks. Invite USAS to events. We need to keep it vitalized.

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Charmaine UPAC update continued:

Mike and Dave running joint field school at Hinkley Mounds and will formally give an invite to USAS and talk it up with the students. Manti-La Sal PIT project quarry sites available this summer. USAS members welcome to come anytime, just contact us. Landscape is intensely important to ancient people, invite to come with us on survey in Joes Valley. Charmaine needs to find other archaeologists and make a potential list of projects that USAS members can help on. Other opportunities like museum, cataloging collections, Fremont Indian State Park also needs some major work on collections here and also rock art panels need to be revisited and re-recorded, volunteers are more than welcome to join and participate. USAS capacity to do work is extraordinary. We need to do these projects to rejuvenate chapters. Important that the information gets out to chapters. Ren also involved as consulting parties as another thing. Raise voice in protecting and preserving archaeology. Its gratifying work. Its not always easy. Also on the Provo River Delta, westside connector, transwest and gateway south power lines could also be projects for USAS to get involved. Each chapter needs to be aware of these things and become a consulting party. Ren stated that we need to come with some input with this statewide federal government and consult with it with the fire organization are working on trying to coordinating better. This is another way to get involved.

Mike Searcy has a report read by Charmaine Thompson-2014 is the first year the Utah Archaeology has been caught up. Production cost has gone down and trying to keep the cost of journals down so that chapters can retain more money from membership due’s paid. BYU Press helped keep cost down this year. Mike Searcy will be stepping down as journal editor and looking for someone with institutional backing to replace him. Encourage UAS members to submit article’s for the journal.

Chapter Reports

Linda-CVAS: they got involved in the Carbon County Public Lands Initiative. Carbon County is trying to make a huge energy zone in Carbon County, grazing, commercial logging, etc., broad brush land management, we consulted it. Samantha Kirkley is our speaker for next month from Cedar City and is independent state coordinator for Project Archaeology and is using Nine Mile Canyon Rock Art that we will be helping with the curriculum.

Lawrence-TAAS: haven’t been able to get big group hikes in since it has been winter. Friends of Cedar Mesa had an event three weeks ago, also a land initiative down there also dragging their feet, member of tribe on commission a little afraid of what is going to happen if they can’t go and gather wood on cedar mesa would be shut out from traditional activities. Concerns about that. San Juan has had meeting but not sure what come out of it. Start getting fired up in a month or two and start having hikes. Edge of the Cedars is hanging on and lost several positions so only about three people who are running museum. Not time to even have volunteers come because so busy until they can get more positions filled.

Rena had a comment: very passionate about archaeology and sees both sides of what is happening, Native American is her heritage and is concerned about cultural resources and wants to be involved as much as can and wants it done right. And enjoyed meeting. We stated that we appreciative that she could come.

Salt Lake-Neil: working on the convention and excited that people want to come down here and the contribution. Will finalize within the next two weeks. Struggling with membership. Want to get people to come. (CVAS started advertising more and uptick in meeting, did a press release to newspaper as an article.

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No Ogden people here

Nate Horton from Utah County suggested that USAS to get tribal advisors as well as more professional advisors.

Iron County: Marion Jackson (Ohmar) is transitioning out, Mia will be taking over as USAS stuff.

Heidi stressed to chapter presidents to get involved with newsletter, send in any type of information such as birthdays of members or what chapters may be involved so that the other chapters know what other chapters are doing. Chapter presidents need to go to newsletter link and report who officers are and also can use to update the website. Would like to see more stuff some and would like to put info on convention stuff in the newsletter. Also has USAS comments on the land initiative and Sara will scan and put onto website the proposal from Carbon County. There are a total of seven counties involved from Congressional district 1 and 3. Keep eyes on that and be more involved.

It is reported that Roland Heath is president of the Vernal Chapter.

No other business.

Motion to adjourn

Neil West moved to adjourn meeting and Linda Patterson seconded.

Meeting minutes to be approved at the business meeting that will be held fin June at the state convention.
Notes and Tidbits

- All Chapters need to pay for their 2014 dues!! Please remit payment to: USAS PO Box 2474, Cedar City UT 84721. If payment has been made for 2014, thank you for paying your dues. There seems to be some chapters that are getting behind. Please be diligent in getting dues from your members so that your chapter can pay its dues.

- The 2015 convention will be held June 4th-June 7th and will be held at the Fremont Indian State Park. Check in will be on Thursday June 4th starting at 3 pm and check out on Sunday June 7th starting at 2 pm. Field trips are being scheduled along with a Dutch oven dinner. Tentatively the business meeting will be held on Saturday morning. More information will be forth coming, keep checking the USAS website for registration and convention information. RV and camping spots are limited, you need to reserve your spot at http://utahstateparks.reserveamerica.com. Hotel reservation are available at the Hampton Inn in Richfield 435.896.6666. You must mention that you are with USAS convention to receive a rate of $70.00 per room.

USAS Newsletter is looking for updated chapter information! Please email this information to: usasnewsletter@gmail.com, and please email Chanel with member list!!

- If your up to a 3 day hiking/drive guided tour into Monument Valley, this may be the trip for you. There are two dates open in May (3-5 and 6-8) and two dates open in September (20-22 and 23-25). Your fee will cover meals and amenities. Maximum group size will be 6 so you know you will have more of a one-on-one personal experience and a great three days. For more information and pricing, please contact Bevin at: Red Rock 'n Llamas, 150 Quail Track, Sedona AZ 86336, 928.203.0017 rllama@suddenlink.net If you book a tour with her, be sure to mention that you heard about her and the Monument Valley tour through USAS!!

- A new archaeological society has formed in Grand Junction CO and is called the Colorado Archaeological Society! They are recruiting new members and are putting together a field trip, if your interested please contact Doug VanEtten, CAS-GJ President at 970.433.4312 or email him at CASGJinfo@gmail.com. Lets all welcome this new chapter!!

USAS would like to wish Maurine Dorman, honorary member of the Castle Valley Chapter a very merry happy birthday!!

Happy birthday Mrs. Dorman!
Visit our newly redesigned website. Let us know what you think!!

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