

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Excavations at the Harpers Bend Recreation Site
Type of Project: Research
Project Discipline: Cultural
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Other Partners/Cooperators: none
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Project Abstract: In 2005-2006 BLM archaeologists examined and recorded a prehistoric archaeological site near Peck in Nez Perce County along the Clearwater River in north central Idaho. This site was discovered as a result of the planned development of a recreation area that will cover several acres of this terrace. BLM provided funds for University of Idaho archaeologists to conduct a 6-week field school at the site during June and July 2006. Field school excavations were limited to the place where a prefabricated concrete vault toilet was to be installed. We located cultural material including artifacts and features to a depth of over 2 m below the surface. Three radiocarbon dates have been obtained and they demonstrate that the site was occupied intermittently for the past 3000 years. The toilet was installed in October and construction of the access road, boat ramp, parking lot, and other developments is ongoing.
Outcomes with completion dates (reports, publications, workshops, videos, etc.): All fieldwork has been completed and the collected materials have been processed. Preliminary analyses have been undertaken. Three charcoal samples have been submitted for radiocarbon dating and the results have been obtained. Preliminary results were presented at the annual Idaho Archaeology Conference in Boise in September 2006. The final results will be presented in a Master's thesis that will be completed by December 2007.
Keywords: Clearwater River prehistory

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