

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Documentation of Serpents Quarters Pueblo, Cortez, CO, Phase I.

Discipline: Cultural

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Boulder and Denver, Bureau of Land Management

Effective Dates: 8/9/2006 - 9/30/2009

Funding Amount: \$22,224

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

Located in the four corners area of the desert Southwest, Serpents Quarters Pueblo was constructed and occupied during the 12th and 13th centuries. The impressive architecture includes habitation and storage rooms, kivas, and towers. Including an 8-10 room structure and kiva built against an overhanging cliff face with substantial portions of intact painted interior wall plaster and a tower and adjacent room built on an isolated spire 100 meters southeast. Some masonry wall fabric has collapsed, although several structures contain wall segments which stand over 3.9 meters in height. Managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, the integrity of Serpents Quarters Pueblo is threatened by a number of natural and human agents. The greatest threat to the site is considered to be human impacts. Natural erosion and weathering, and human impacts, have taken a toll on the standing architecture of the Pueblo and the talus structures.

Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) documentation will result in comprehensive recording of the significant standing architecture and extant plaster; which will serve as a permanent archival record of the site. The Heritage Partnerships Program of the National Park Service, Intermountain Region, will work cooperatively with the BLM, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, and the University of Colorado-Denver to prepare the final HABS documentation of Serpents Quarters Pueblo. This project will be completed in two phases. Phase one will include the necessary on-site recording work and pre-document preparation. Phase two will include the preparation of the final ink on Mylar archival drawings and the HABS archival photography.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

- A. Project start-up meeting with NPS/UCD: August 9, 2006
- B. Field Work Completed: September 29, 2006
- C. First Draft Drawings Submitted: November 31, 2006
- D. Second Draft Drawings Submitted: January 30, 2007
- E. Final Draft Drawings Submitted: February 28, 2007

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