

The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society



Archaeological Lessons from a Post-Fire Landscape

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October 15 (Wednesday). Business Meeting and Program. 7:00 p.m. Poudre Fire Station #10, 2067 Vermont Drive (Timberline and Vermont). **Archaeological Lessons from a Post-Fire Landscape: Overview of new data gathered after the burning of the Greybull River Drainage, Northwestern Wyoming**, by A. Kvale Thompson, Master's Candidate, Dept. of Anthropology, Colorado State University. Since 2002, Colorado State University's archaeological field school has been held in the Absaroka Mountains of Northwestern Wyoming under the direction of Larry Todd and the Greybull River Sustainable Landscape Ecology Project (GRSLE). In summer 2006, the Little Venus Fire

enriched the known archaeological record by expanding the number of visible materials of sites documented before the fire, and exposing many new, exciting sites. Because of the non-collection documentation strategy practiced as part of the GRSLE project, research had been able to document the wildfire induced changes to the archaeological record. Exploring the impacts of the Little Venus Fire illustrated the need for a better integration between fire history studies and the archaeological record. For many ecosystems, including Colorado forests, large scale fires will impact the archaeological record granting more opportunities to further study these types of interactions. Using the GRSLE project and the Little Venus Fire as a case study, this presentation will walk through

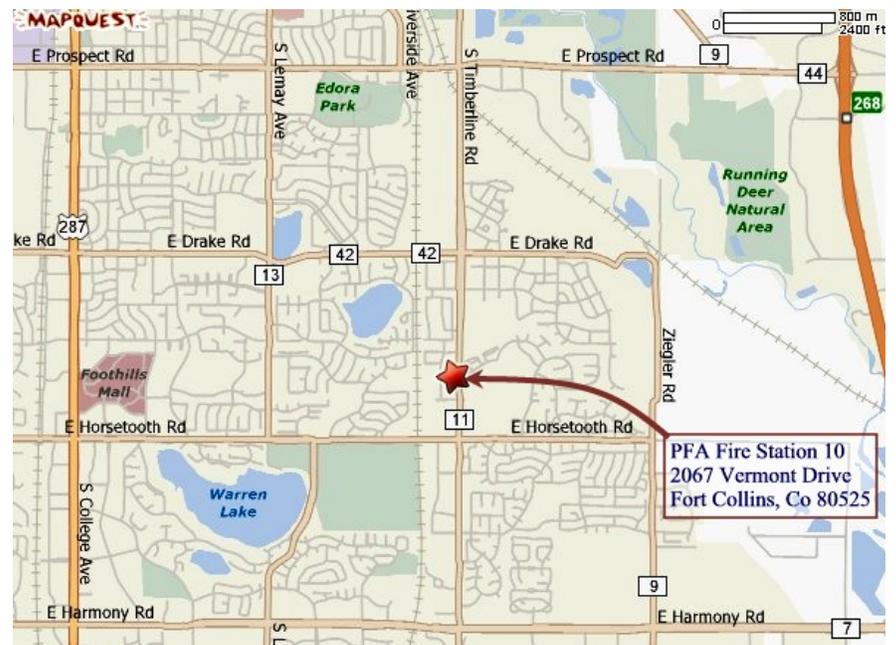
Special points of interest:

- October 10-13 Utah Rock Art Research Association Symposium, Escalante, Utah

Welcome New Members!

- Sarah Ficarrotta
- Susan East

some of those changes to the archaeological record and what has been learned from a post-fire environment. Please join us for this fascinating program!



October PAAC News



Submitted by Lucy Burris, PAAC Coordinator

Our fall PAAC class is wrapping up and I am surveying for preferences for the Spring 2009 and Fall 2009 classes to submit to Kevin Black as he sets up the next schedule. Use the ballot below to let me know your class choices. Go to the PAAC website for more class details: <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/classinfo/classdescription.htm>. Class length and the last time it was offered in Fort Collins are shown in parenthesis. An expression of preference is not a commitment to attend a class. You can vote for 3 classes and the 3 with the most votes get submitted to Kevin. You can return the ballot to me at the October NCC-CAS meeting or email your vote, just do so by Nov. 1.

PAAC Classes and Date of Last Offering for CAS/NCC:

- Research Design and Report Writing (15 hrs, Spr '99)
- Field and Laboratory Photography (12 hrs, Spr '00)
- Introduction to Laboratory Techniques (15 hrs, Spr '02)
- Principles of Archaeological Excavation
- Archaeological Dating Methods (12 hrs, Spr '03)
- Prehistoric Lithic Description and Analysis (20 hrs, Fall '05)
- Rock Art Studies (20 hrs, Spr '06)
- Prehistoric Ceramic Description & Analysis (20 hrs, Fall '06)
- Historical Archaeology (20 hrs, Spr '07)
- Basic Site Surveying Techniques (25 hrs, Fall '07)
- Perishable Materials (20 hrs, Spr '08)
- Introduction to Archaeology CAS & PAAC (8-10 hrs, Spr '08)
- Colorado Archaeology (20 hrs, Fall '08)

I am looking for someone to replace me as PAAC coordinator. The job is fun and rewarding since almost everyone really enjoys their PAAC class experience and appreciates the opportunity to participate. Working with Kevin Black, the assistant state archaeologist, is a real treat since he's well organized and I learn something (or more correctly - many somethings!) with every class I take from him. The position of coordinator involves promoting the PAAC program to the chapter, making recommendations to Kevin about the chapter's class preferences, spreading the word about classes and other PAAC programs, and taking registrations and coordinating logistics for the class (getting a location, helping Kevin setup and clean up after each class). The coordinator needs to have email access and be able to respond to inquiries from the public about classes and class content. The PAAC program is an important outreach activity for non-CAS members. Let me know if you are interested or have questions.

If you missed out on our Fall classes, evening classes are still getting started in Denver and Kevin has several weekend classes lined up around the state (see schedule on Page 3). Use the link on the NCC-CAS page www.fortnet.org/casncc to get more information on the PAAC Program.



Vote for the Next PAAC Class to be Offered by CAS/NCC!

I would like to see at least two of the following PAAC classes offered by NCC/CAS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Return to Lucy Burris NCC/CAS Coordinator at lburris@holly.colostate.edu by November 1, 2008

PAAC Lab Training Scheduled

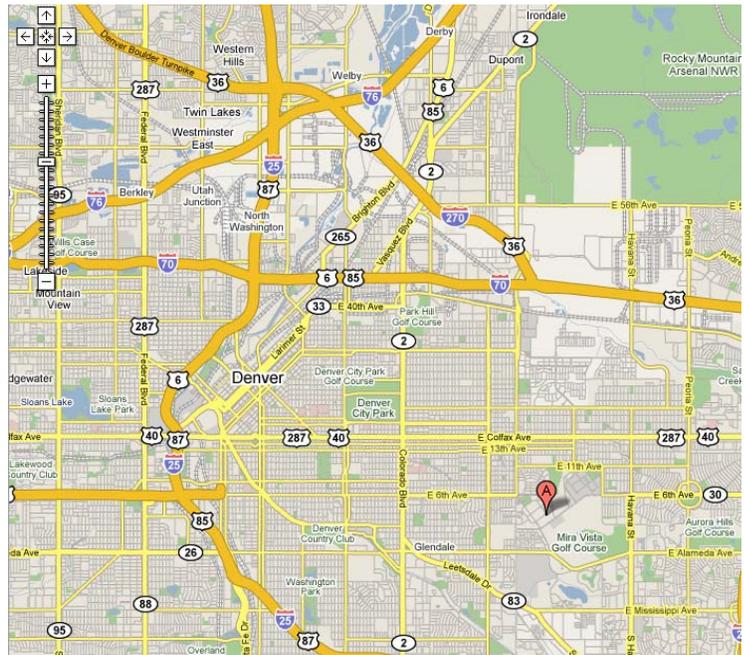


Submitted by Kevin Black, Assistant State Archaeologist
 I will be resuming the PAAC lab training at our Lowry facility in east Denver again this winter, and the 15 dates listed below have now been posted on the Colorado Historical Society web site [<http://coloradohistory-ohp.org/programareas/paac/certreq/labcreditb.htm>] where one can find pertinent information on the project and instructions for participation. Interested volunteers must attend at least **two** of the 15 sessions, which take place from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each day. **Dates for the PAAC lab training are:**

- Tuesday December 2, 2008
- Wednesday December 3,
- Wednesday December 10,
- Friday December 12,
- Saturday December 13,
- Tuesday December 16,
- Wednesday December 17, 2008,
- Friday January 9, 2009
- Saturday January 10,
- Tuesday January 13,
- Wednesday January 14,
- Wednesday January 21,
- Thursday January 22,
- Tuesday January 27, and
- Wednesday January 28, 2009.

There is no formal deadline or application process, but prospective volunteers should contact Kevin Black by November 7. Contact information:

Kevin Black, Assistant State Archaeologist, Colorado Historical Society-OAHP, 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, ph 303-866-4671, fax 303-866-2711, kevin.black@chs.state.co.us



Fall PAAC Class Schedule



Class	Chapter / Location	Days of Week / Dates
Archaeological Dating Methods	San Luis Valley Archaeology Network / Alamosa	S/S: Nov 8-9
Colorado Archaeology	Roaring Fork / Glenwood Springs	F/S/S: Oct 17-19
Field and Lab Photography	Chipeta / Montrose	S/S: Nov 22-23
Historical Archaeology	CRAA & Vermillion / Craig	F/S/S: Dec 5-7
Introduction to Laboratory Techniques	Pueblo / Pueblo	S/S: Nov 15-16
PAAC Laboratory Project	Denver	Dec 2-17*
Prehistoric Ceramics Description & Analysis	Grand Junction / Grand Junction	F/S/S: Oct 24-26
Principles of Archaeological Excavation	Denver / Denver	R: Oct 30, Nov 6,13,20, Dec 4,11,18

* Contact Kevin Black for details

'Awakening Stories' and Wayside Exhibit



By Mary Jo Zeidler

The traveling exhibit *Awakening Stories of Ancient Bison Hunting*, managed by Greeley Museum, has been hosted by the Fort Vasquez Museum, and more recently by Ebert County Museum for their grand re-opening - complete with bison barbeque. Both facilities reported it was well received by the public, and were very grateful for its affordability (\$35 rental fee plus transportation of the exhibit). See www.fortnet.org/casncc/awakening/.

The wayside exhibit for the Kaplan-Hoover archaeological site will be installed very soon. Ginny Lightsey-Ceehorne, Poudre River Trail Manager, reports that installation of the sign was recently delayed by problems with the sign frame. The necessary materials have been ordered and should have arrived by press time. Ms. Lightsey-Ceehorne is organizing volunteers to install the sign, and will keep us posted on the installation date.

The sign will be located approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile west of the CR 13 trailhead in Windsor. The location for the sign is quite nice, next to the Frank State Wildlife Area, with several ponds and a nice view of the Kaplan-Hoover

Bison Bonebed site. A diverse group of people use the trail, and trail use will be increasing for this section in the next few years. This section of trail currently ends at Hwy 392, however Larimer County is designing an underpass and will be taking the trail north and west to eventually tie in with the Fort Collins Poudre River trail. When the junction is completed, there will be many more travelers who will view Ancient Bison Hunting interpretive sign.



Hermit Park Open Space

Submitted by Bruce Wahle

In case you haven't heard, Hermit Park Open Space (the venue for the 2007 PAAC Training Surveys) is open for public use. The 1,362 acres of Hermit Park are about two miles southeast of Estes Park, at elevations of 7880-8964 ft. Features include cabins, RV and tent camping, special events, group use pavilion, hiking trails, wetlands, horseback riding, mountain biking, and group campground. The park is open year round, although some areas are closed seasonally.

Information about Hermit Park, including maps and a brochure, is available on the Larimer County website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/hermitpark.htm>. Hermit Park Open Space was recently featured in the *Coloradoan*. Visit <http://www.coloradoan.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080921/ENTERTAINMENT06/809210305>

The secret is out, Hermit Park's a gem!

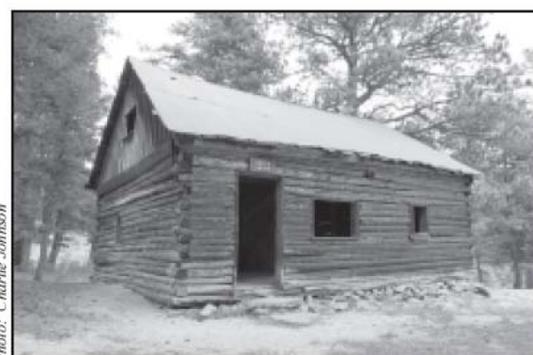


Photo: Charlie Johnson

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The best known history of Hermit Park Open Space is that it was occupied by Dutch Louie, a hermit who squatted on the Crocker Ranch. He built a two-story log cabin around 1910. The structure still stands, although Dutch Louie was allegedly hanged for livestock rustling.

Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

October 8, 2008

Account Balances

Checking Account \$1,502.68

Includes: Kaplan-Hoover Funds

Interperative Exhibit \$879.08

Exhibit Cases \$3.75

Greenacre Fund Cash \$402.00

Savings Account \$53.81

Scudder Money Market Fund \$1,201.23

Total \$2,757.72

Individual Funds

General - Checking and Savings \$271.66

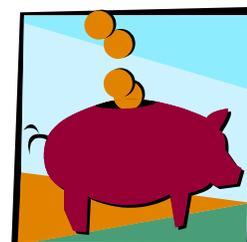
GF Cash Less Kaplan-Hoover Funds and GF Cash

Greenacre Scholarship Fund \$1,603.23

MMF + GF Cash

Kaplan-Hoover Funds \$882.83

Total \$2,757.72



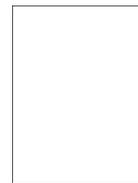
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Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

- Members will uphold State and Federal antiquities laws and regulations.
- Excavation of archaeological sites will be conducted only according to professionally accepted procedures developed in consultation with a professional archaeologist and with the written permission of the landowner. The investigator has the responsibility for publication of the results of his/her investigation and for making the collection available for further scientific study.
- Members are encouraged to report archaeological sites to the Office on the State Site Report forms. Materials collected from the surface sites shall be catalogued and described in the site survey report. Collected materials should either be deposited with the State Archaeologist's office or made available for scientific study.
- Members will not support illegal or unscientifically conducted activities by participating in or condoning the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from such sites.
- Members who exhibit artifacts will do so in an educational context. Items from burials and objects considered sacred will not be exhibited.
- Members will cooperate with the State Archaeologist and other agencies concerned with archaeology and related fields.
- Members will respect the dignity of groups whose cultural histories are the subject of archaeological investigation.
- Members will not participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.

