

# The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society



## Archaeological Investigations and Rock Art Recording at Legend Rock State Archaeological Site, Wyoming

February 17 (Wednesday) - Social Time, Business Meeting and Program. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and program is at 7:00 p.m. at Pappy's Corner Pub, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins. Program: **Archaeological Investigations and Rock Art Recording at Legend Rock State Archaeological Site, Wyoming**, by Dr. Danny Walker, Wyoming Assistant State Archaeologist. After nearly a twenty year hiatus, archaeological investigations continued at Legend Rock State Petroglyph Site in north central Wyoming during the 2007 field season. Wyoming State Parks renewed their proposed installation of formal walking paths at the site following two major episodes of vandalism to the site in 2006, as one measure to possibly alleviate this problem. Thirty-five one by one meter excavation units were placed along the proposed main path and three routes off that path. Despite having found several features in this area in 1988, only a single area of cultural occupation was found in 2007 along the terrace deposits of Cottonwood Creek. Nine additional units were placed at the base of two rock art panels exhibiting figures at present ground level. No intact cultural features were recorded in these areas. Close-range Photogrammetry began at Legend Rock in 2006 to provide baseline data for future



evaluation of the petroglyph panels and any natural or vandalism damage that may occur. All prehistoric panels were photographed in 2007 for 3-dimensional modeling and imaging. The baseline photomosaic and the detailed photogrammetry will provide a resolution and positional accuracy of ~1 cm. Future work at the site will include yearly condition evaluation of the petroglyphs.

Dr. Walker is a native of Kansas, graduating from Fort Hays State College in 1970, with a degree in geology. While there, he worked as a museum assistant at the Sternberg Memorial Museum. He moved to Wyoming in 1970, working as the museum curator at the University of Wyoming Geology Museum. In 1973, he began a graduate degree program in Anthropology, graduating with a Master's of Arts in 1975. He also worked as an archaeological crew foreman for the Wyoming State Archaeologist's Office while working on that degree. In 1975, he was promoted to Assistant State Archaeologist, a position he still holds today. In 1986, a doctorate in Zoology and Physiology was awarded to him by the University of Wyoming. He continues his education with short courses on archaeological and anthropological topics.

This program is free and open to the public.

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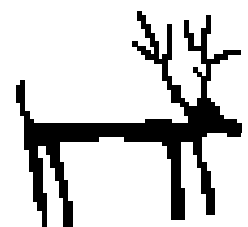
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### Special points of interest:

- February 17—CAS/NCC Program—Pappy's Corner Pub
- March 17—CAS/NCC Program—to be held at Perkins in Fort Collins.
- March 27—Loveland Archaeological Society Fair, Poudre Valley REA building, Windsor, Colorado

*Join Us for Social Time Before the CAS/NCC Meeting!*

All are invited to join us for dinner, appetizers, drinks (on your own tab) starting at 5:30 pm at Pappy's Corner Pub, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins. Our meetings are free and open to the public!

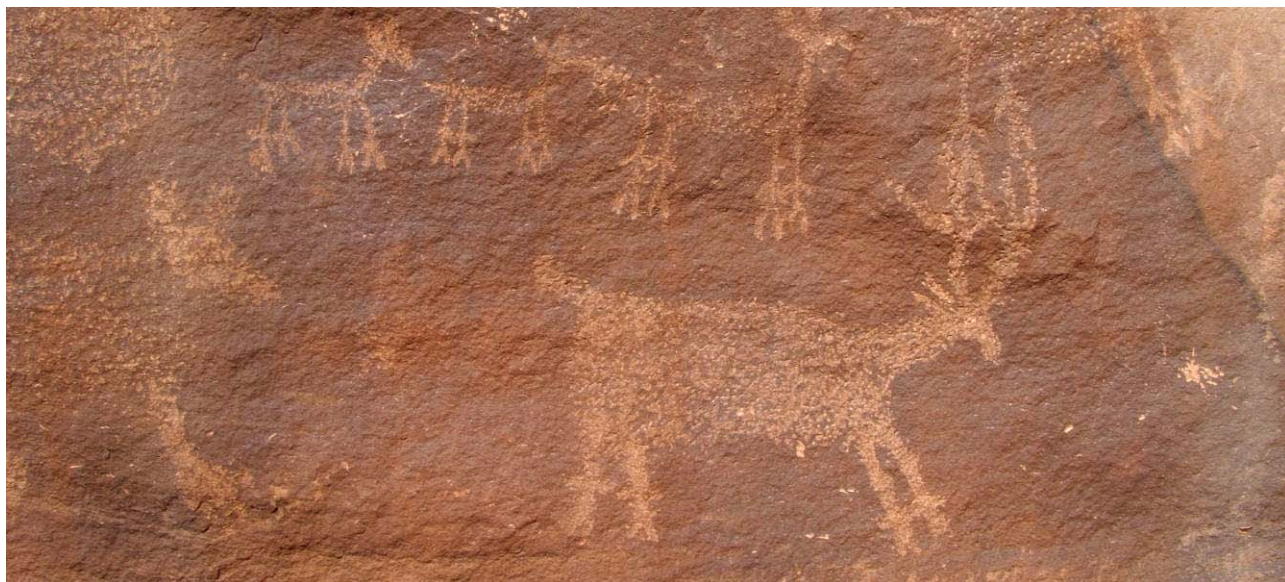


## PAAC News



By Lucy Burris

Just a reminder that the NCC-PAAC Program is on hiatus until next fall due to construction of the new Colorado History Center.



## News Briefs and New Books

Submitted by Bruce Wahle

- An Account of the 4 Corners Looting Case and the "Inside Man" from Preservation Magazine: What Milette didn't know was that Thomas Hoyt's real name was Todd Swain. And that he wasn't an artifact collector but a National Park Service special agent who investigates illegal archaeological looting on public lands. Thanks to a tip received at the U.S. attorney's office in Spokane, Swain, in partnership with the FBI, had already begun investigating Milette, recording many hours of conversations.
- - DNA Analysis of Ancient Southwestern Turkeys Reveals Surprising Subspecies Designation: Modern dinner-table turkeys are descended from birds first domesticated 2,700 years in Mesoamerica, and bred with sophistication by the Aztecs. But they weren't the only turkey tamers:

Indigenous inhabitants of what became the southwestern United States had their own prize breeds, now lost to posterity. Until now, it was assumed that all domesticated turkeys could be traced to the Aztec-bred lineage.

However, a genetic analysis of bones and droppings at 38 archaeological sites in the southwestern U.S. shows that the birds there belonged to a distinctly different subspecies.

<http://tinyurl.com/yardfn5> - *Preservation Nation.Org*

[www.wired.com/wiredscience/2010/02/lost-turkeys/#ixzz0ePA06mw](http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2010/02/lost-turkeys/#ixzz0ePA06mw)

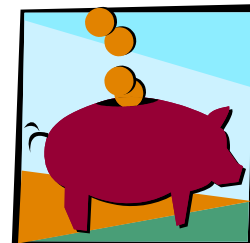
- Loveland Archaeological Society Spring into Archaeology Fair is March 27.

<http://stoneagefair.com/pdf/2010-Spring-into-Archaeology-Poster.pdf>

## Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

January 10, 2010

Account Balances			
Checking Account		\$1,651.68	
Includes: Kaplan-Hoover Funds			
Interperative Exhibit	\$879.08		
Exhibit Cases	\$3.75		
Greenacre Fund Cash	\$590.50		
Coffin Site Grant	\$126.68		
Savings Account		\$54.06	
Scudder Money Market Fund		\$1,214.68	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,920.42</b>
Individual Funds			
General - Checking and Savings		\$105.73	
Less Kaplan-Hoover Funds and GF and Coffin Site Grant			
Greenacre Scholarship Fund		\$1,805.18	
MMF + GF Cash			
Kaplan-Hoover Funds		\$882.83	
Coffin Site Grant		\$126.68	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,920.42</b>



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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.

