



# The Uncompahgre Journal

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## Mark Your Calendar

**May 2:** [Montrose Historical Society](#) meeting, Kim Grant on Endangered Places and Colorado Preservation. 7:00 pm, Pioneer room, Fairgrounds.

**May 9:** [San Juan Basin](#) CAS meeting. Ken Wright on Inca Roads. Lyceum, Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College. 7:00 p.m.

**May 10-13:** Annual Chipeta field trip to the West End **is full**.

**May 14:** [CAS-GJ](#) meeting, Brian Yaquinto on the Fremont of NW Colorado. Redlands United Methodist Church, 527 Village Way, 6:30-9:00.

**May 15:** [Pike's Peak Chapter CAS:](#) Dr. Larry Loendorf on Horses in Rock Art. Fire Station #19, 2490 Research Parkway, Colorado Springs, 7:00 pm.

**May 16:** **Chipeta Chapter** monthly meeting, Don Irwin on archaeology in the Monticello, Utah, ranger district (*right*). United Methodist Church, S 1st and Park, Montrose, 7:00 pm.

**Jun 1-4:** [ARARA 2018](#) Annual Conference, Double Tree Inn, Grand Junction, Colorado.

**Jul 7:** CAS Quarterly Meeting, hosted by Chipeta Chapter. Ute Indian Museum conference room, 17253 Chipeta Road, Montrose. 9:00 am.

**Jul 18:** Chipeta Chapter picnic, Rotary Park, S 12<sup>th</sup> St, Montrose, time to be announced.

## Our May Presentation

### What's Up Down Below?

#### Forest Service Heritage Management on the Monticello Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest

The Moab-Monticello Ranger District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest manages over 500,000 acres of forested lands in San Juan and Grand Counties, Utah, including much of the "Shash Jaa" national monument as currently defined. The presentation's title refers to the Abajo (meaning "below" in Spanish) Mountains right west of Monticello.

The discussion focuses on current and future management of cultural resources on the Monticello District. It begins with information on forest planning efforts and provides a brief introduction to the District's archaeology, describing current conditions and trends as well as future needs for managing its cultural resources. Following this introduction to management issues, the discussion turns to the archaeology of the Monticello District and focuses on recent Pueblo I period community studies and insights in the core area of the District. The talk concludes with a brief discussion of future directions of the District Heritage Program.



## Our May Speaker

**D**onald Irwin serves as the Moab-Monticello Ranger District Heritage Manager of the Manti-La Sal National Forest, managing cultural resources on over 500,000 acres in the Abajo and La Sal Mountains areas in Southeast Utah. Don obtained his Master's Degree from Arizona State University in 1993 and has worked professionally in the Southwest for the past 39 years. Don currently resides in Southwest Colorado.



## President's Corner

by Teri Hauser

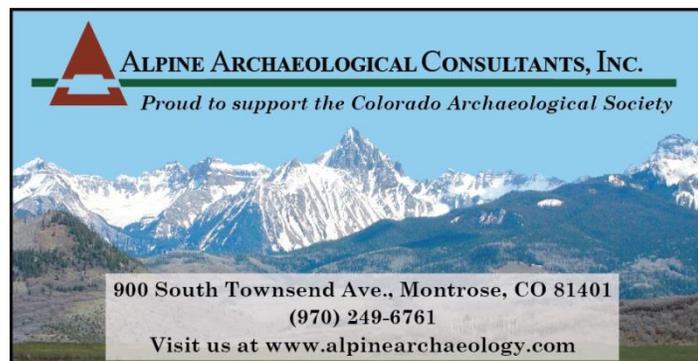
First I want to thank Leigh Anne for running the April meeting! I was out of town and she graciously agreed to take the reins.

I am excited that the summer field season has begun. We are having our first Para-Archaeologist in Training Survey on 5 May. Hopefully we will be able to schedule some more in the near future!

The State CAS Quarterly meeting was held on 7 April. The board reviewed the survey results and has agreed to offer both the printed journal and online PDF. The PDF will be printable off of the M365 link, as soon as they determine how to set that up. By January of 2019, they will initiate a means to opt out of receiving the printed journal, when you renew your membership, if you wish to only have a PDF that you can read online or print yourself, as desired.

See you in the field or at the meeting!

Cheers!





## Site Stewardship, Field Trips, and Other Random Notes

by **Bill Harris**

### Site Steward Activities:

On March 12<sup>th</sup> chapter members George Decker, Joe Oglesby and Bill Harris assisted archaeologists Glade Hadden and Matt Landt with the recording of a small site that contained pottery sherds. The site was near the Escalante Game Drive site, but there was no indication that the site was associated with the game drive. The pottery had been found by George and Ed Horton over 20 years ago. The site's artifacts were mapped, and the sherds collected for curation. The pottery sherds were most-likely from a pot or pots made by the Ute Indians.

The Site Stewardship Program got off to a great start this year. An update for stewards was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the BLM office. Retiring BLM archaeologist, Glade Hadden was feted after the update.

Glade has been incredibly supportive of the site steward program. We hope he will become a site steward extraordinaire from his new home in Paradox Valley.

### Field Trips:

The West End field trip scheduled for May 10-13 is full. To accommodate the big demand for this trip we will be organizing 2 groups each day. There's so much to see we certainly won't be stumbling over each other. Russ Barr, Glade Hadden, Leigh Ann Hunt, Carol Patterson and Bill Harris will serve as group leaders. Leigh Ann Hunt is working on a summer field trip to the Red Mountain Mining District, possibly Corkscrew Gulch – more on that later. Joe Oglesby is organizing a field trip in June to M Mountain in Gunnison, date TBA.



### The Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship

We'd like to congratulate this year's recipient:

*Colin Patrick McCollough*

Colin is a graduate student at Western State University in Gunnison.

Created in honor of Chipeta Chapter founding member Carlyle "Squint" Moore and his wife, the scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving high school senior or college student intending to enroll or already enrolled in an Anthropology or Archaeology program.

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## From the Editor

Last month I wrote a few words about Chris Fisher and the project down in Honduras involving the LiDAR discovery of two large sites that one might call cities. The chronicler of this project, Douglas Preston, reports that this part of Honduras' Mosquitia region was absolutely unoccupied jungle when the expedition flew in to confirm the LiDAR map. That is, human-shy animal species were not the least bit shy. I would not have thought there were any such places left on the planet, but I'm willing to believe it.

Honduras, like many other countries in the tropical forest belt, is grappling with the issue of illegal clearing of native forests to provide grazing for cattle. There is also considerable drug smuggling, and archaeological sites there are prone to looting. You can sell a nice looted sculpture for a lot more than you can earn doing most anything else.

So now the Honduran government and the LiDAR discovery team have to figure out what to do with these sites. Now that their locations are known, they are in grave danger from looting. The government is committed for the moment to devoting troops to safeguard the sites, but there are problems there as well. For one, soldiers don't make much money either, so the temptation to loot is real. For the other, the sand flies in that part of the jungle, at least, are transmitters of the leishmaniasis organism. Of the various species of leishmaniasis around the world, this one seems to be one of the most virulent and causes a particularly gruesome death, involving the eating away of the bones of the face, centering on the nose. Anyway, it is not a safe environment for the soldiers who are required to guard the site.

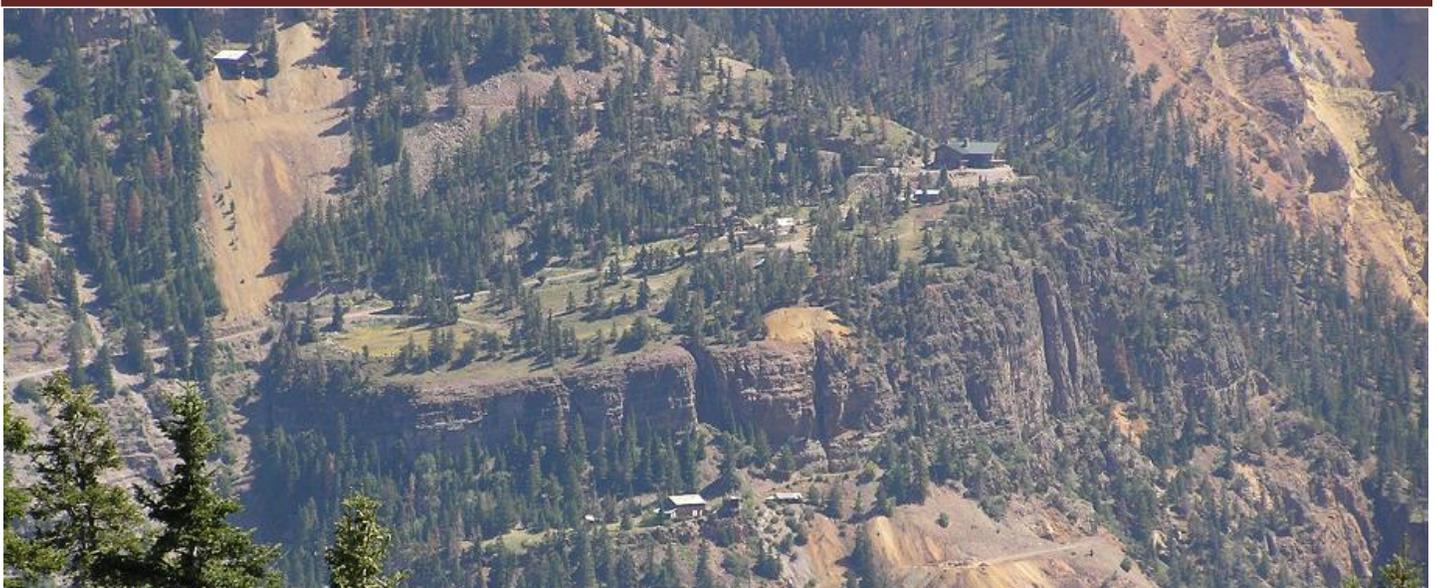
Science, especially archaeological science, has benefitted from the discovery of these sites, and Honduran leaders are embracing the role of descending from a powerful and complex culture in its pre-Columbian past. Yet, a considerable amount of trouble has been caused, whose solutions are not readily apparent. This is part of the dilemma of advances in remote sensing technology.

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For more information on upcoming field trips and to sign up, please contact the Field Trip Leader

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