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President's Message

Greetings! The agenda for our board this next year is set around the topics of ethics (see article on page 5), "mitigating" archaeological disasters, and improving the quality of archaeological work in Washington State. These are topics that have emerged onto our agenda because of the board's leadership direction or issues/events presented to the board. As with any organization, when issues happen to us, we respond and need your help in making those responses happen. Small organizations have a long history in this country and I find that AWA faces some of the same challenges that any small organization does.

For instance, my calls for input from the AWA membership on various issues over the years have had mixed results. When I reported in a previous newsletter about the unevenness of archaeological permit applications and the need to improve various elements of those applications I received three responses from AWA members. Another call for volunteers to review archaeological excavation permit applications yielded a single "interested" response. However, when I spammed the membership about an access to 106-generated archaeological data elsewhere in the US, I received a number of responses from all levels (e.g., students, professionals, government archaeologists, SHPO, etc.). As you can see, these are very mixed results. Clearly from our last AGM in Seattle, ethics and what to do about the sale of the archaeological record within our own state is a topic that everyone is interested in dealing with or at least has an opinion on.

Currently, I have asked the board to take up the topic of workshops for our next AGM in Pullman at the NWAC meeting there, March 15-17, 2007 (see the Events Calendar on page 4). I am very interested in continuing the annual student workshop series, and in particular make this year's workshop about sampling, with the assumption that seasoned archaeological veterans would participate and interact with the students. I have asked the board to take up the possibility of putting together a symposium on Port Angeles and the graving dock archaeological disaster (my opinion) that would be similar to the symposium AWA sponsored in Bellingham on the Blaine archaeological disaster (my opinion).

Another major issue the board has been dealing with over the summer is solving a problem that emerged after the publication of Volume X of *Archaeology in Washington*. The authors of one of the articles in that volume felt poorly represented by the final version of their article and wanted some kind of statement/

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You may pay for multiple years at once if you wish, just be sure to note that on your form. If you are renewing and check the "Address Unchanged" box, you need not write in your address. Thanks for your support!

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In Memory of Longtime Pierce College Professor Michael Avey

Michael Garland Avey passed away peacefully at home on Anderson Island on September 16. Michael struggled thru difficult times the past three years battling leukemia and lymphoma. His strength and bravery were amazing, having made it thru two stem cell transplants and many rounds of chemotherapy, he never gave up hope and never complained. In the end, he had achieved a remission, but sadly, succumbed to complications of the donor transplant.

Michael was born in 1941 in Wenatchee, the son of a fireman, James, "Jim" Avey and loving mother, Leona. He spent his early years fishing and hunting in Eastern Washington with his family, camping near rivers, and learning to fly racing pigeons. It was as a young boy in the mountains, beside his father, that he first developed his passion for fly fishing. He served time in the Air Force in Germany and on Mt. Lemmon outside Tucson where he specialized in communications and radio relay. Michael developed a passion for history and archeology and went on to study at Arizona State, WSU for his undergraduate and graduate degrees, and the University of Washington for post graduate education. He was a much respected faculty member of the Anthropology Department at Pierce College where he taught Archeology and Cultural Anthropology for thirty years. He was the recipient of multiple professional awards, including the Faculty of the Year Award and the Students of Color Appreciation Award. He touched his students and colleagues in profound ways, both in and beyond the classroom, where his ability to respect others ideas and beliefs was not only theoretical; it was his way of life. Outside the classroom, Michael's love of people and cultures extended to his work as an archeologist to the Washington State Highways Department, Washington State Historic Preservation Department, and the Steilacoom and Puyallup Native American Tribes. His love for humanity, social justice, and equality is his legacy for us all.

He leaves behind the love of his life, Dianne, and their young son Aidan; eldest son Shawn Avey (and family) of Phoenix; daughter Natalie Dorey (and family), mother Leona, sister Shirley Keller, brother Steve Avey all of Wenatchee.

The family would like to thank Franciscan Hospice and Dr. Brazina, Dr. Senecal and staff, Fred Hutchison Cancer Center, and the multitude of loving hearts and hands that have held us up thru this most difficult time of our lives. An informal gathering and celebration of Michael's life will be held at 3 PM on Sunday, October 15, 2006 at the Anderson Island Community Club.

Events Calendar

Editor's Note: If you would like your conference, meeting or other event announced in the newsletter, please email the Editor by the submission deadline. The next deadline is December 8.

Great Basin Anthropological Conference (October 19-22, 2006) Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, see <http://www.gbac.whsites.net/meeting.html>

Arctic Conference (October 20-21, 2006), Eugene, Oregon. For more information, see <http://natural-history.uoregon.edu/Pages/calendar.html>

British Columbia Archaeology Forum (October 27-29, 2006), Pitt Meadows, British Columbia. For more information, contact Katzie.treaty@shawcable.com

Northwest Anthropological Conference (March 15-17, 2007) Pullman, Washington. For more information, see <http://www.emmps.wsu.edu/2007.AC/INDEX.html>

Some Thoughts on Archaeological Ethics – Submitted by Pat McCutcheon

I want the membership to be thinking about issues around ethics so that we can cobble together some kind of statement on archaeological ethics for those interested in Washington State archaeology and the preservation and protection of our archaeological record. According to Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archaeological_ethics), archaeological ethics refer to moral issues that surround the study of the archaeological record. These range from the treatment of the archaeological record, preservation of that record, reporting on investigations, and the uses of that information in broader social and political contexts. In my opinion, some part of AWA's ethics needs to deal with what we actually know about the archaeological record of Washington State. I believe that it is from this knowledge that we make judgments about what is worth preserving or even how much of a particular kind of archaeological record we need to recover before we say we have enough. Other places for ethical consideration are in the use and access to archaeological materials, property rights laws in our state, and surface collection and sale of the record.

The Society for American Archaeology also has adopted a statement on the principles of archaeological ethics (see <http://www.saa.org/ABOUTSAA/COMMITTEES/ethics/principles.html>) that you should be aware of as well. Those principles are stewardship, accountability, commercialization, public education and outreach, intellectual property, public reporting and publication, records and preservation, and training and resources. Here I comment on the first of these ethical principles, stewardship.

Stewardship is taking care of the archaeological record, which is using our specialized knowledge to promote and protect the archaeological record wherever we find it. Is there a cost in stewardship? Well, I can say that yes there is if we do not promote what we do as archaeologists as something more than 'playing in the dirt.' However, there can be other costs too.

I live in a neighborhood in Ellensburg and my house is adjacent to one of the last open spaces within city limits. Various plans for development have been proposed over the years. A 'short-plat' was approved over a year ago and the initial utilities, roads, etc., were put in and the nine parcels were sold. At the beginning of this summer three of the parcels were in the process of being developed; one of them was immediately adjacent to my property. The owner and builder finally decided to introduce himself one day. As we discussed his plans and the various nice things he was going to do that would lessen the impacts of his buildings to my living environment, I asked him why he had excavated so much dirt from a particular area on an adjacent lot. During our discussion he noted that he had encountered a 'bunch of historic garbage.' He did not know I was an archaeologist. I asked some questions about the garbage and found out that it consisted of bottles, ceramics, etc. and that he had found even more of that kind of stuff in another lot he had developed not far away. "We hauled several dump-truck loads away."

Stewardship. I called the state and the city to report that a potential archaeological site was being damaged. The city put a stop work order on his project for about a week. He buried the site or hauled it away before an archaeologist could survey the work area. Now, he does not talk to me and I have no privacy fence that he was going to install. I don't even know if the archaeological site that was destroyed, buried, or hauled away was significant. I am left with the feeling that I did the right thing, but it appears to have cost me. Does that make me ethical? Yes, I suppose so, but I am not sure it is good, as I am pretty sure the owner/builder will not mention any other sites he finds. In my efforts at stewardship I appear to have made things worse. Would I do it again? Yes, but I would take pictures of and videotape what I saw so that there would be a record of it.

Recently, a couple of graduate students found and reported to me an even denser historic dump deposit on state-owned lands and it has resulted in a totally different outcome. I did take pictures before reporting it this time. You win some and you lose some, but I guess that I feel okay and I can sleep well at night in that I tried and learned from the experience.

I believe the archaeological record is worth saving and protecting, and that it is our responsibility (archaeologists and AWA members) to practice stewardship. I believe that the archaeological record is the only

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Discover the Dead Sea Scrolls at Pacific Science Center

An interactive exhibit on the Dead Sea Scrolls—considered by some to be the most significant archaeological discovery of the 20th century—opens at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle on September 23. Ten scrolls, including four that have never been exhibited before, pottery, coins, textiles, and other artifacts from the Qumram region are included in the exhibit. The exhibit will be open from September 23, 2006, through January 7, 2007.

There is an extensive series of guest lectures being held in conjunction with the exhibit. For more information, see <http://www.pacsci.org/dss/>

Paula Johnson, of Paragon Research Associates, assisted the Israeli Antiquities Authority on behalf of the Pacific Science Center with completing condition reports for the non-scroll artifacts.

British Columbia Archaeology Forum

The 2006 BC Archaeology Forum will be hosted by the Katzie First Nation, October 27-29, in Pitt Meadows, British Columbia. The annual Archaeology Forum brings together heritage professionals, First Nations and other interested parties to discuss issues pertaining to archaeology in British Columbia. The tentative schedule is listed below. For more information and to be placed on the list to receive the next announcement, contact Katzie.treaty@shawcable.com or fax 604-465-5949.

October 27 (Venue: Katzie Band administrative office_)
12:30-4:00 pm: pre-forum special session on Pit Polder Archaeology;
5:00 - 8:30 pm: reception

October 28 (Venue: Simon Pierre Longhouse)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm: papers, panel discussions, posters
5:30 pm - ? Feast

October 29
Pitt Lake Pictograph Tour
Katzie Traditional Crafts Workshop
Pitt Holder Sites Tour

Staff Changes at DAHP

DAHP is very happy to welcome Morgan Lee to the GIS staff! Morgan graduated from Washington State University in 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology (emphasis in Archaeology) and a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish Foreign Language and Literature. Since then she has been working for the Washington State Department of Corrections' Records Unit where she received high praise from her supervisors and co-workers alike. At DAHP Morgan will be processing all archaeological site inventory forms, issuing Smithsonian numbers to new sites/districts, updating existing sites within DAHP's GIS, handling the technical aspects of sharing GIS data with DAHP's partners including TRAX data provided to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), assisting DNR with identifying potential conflicts with cultural resources by forest practice activities, and completing a Government Management Accountability and Performance (GMAP) project focused on the Consultant Confidentiality forms.

DAHP is also very happy to welcome Annie Strader to the office! Annie graduated from Washington State University in 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Annie will be primarily working with cultural resource survey reports, doing data entry, and digitizing surveyed areas. Her attention to detail and organizational skills will prove invaluable to DAHP. She will also assist office staff with various administrative needs as they arise.

DAHP says goodbye to Erin Wilkowski. Erin has moved to DNR to pursue a career as a GIS business analyst with their information technology division. She now provides GIS help desk support and conducts GIS training for DNR regional staff. We all wish the best of luck to Erin in her new endeavor!

Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The next Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be held in Yakima on October 27, 2006 at the Yakima Valley Museum, 2105 Tieton Drive at 9:00 am. The following properties will be reviewed for Washington Heritage Register listing: (1) Rosario School, Anacortes. The following properties will be reviewed for National Register listing: (1) Balfour Dock Building, Tacoma, (2) Georgia-Pacific Plywood Company Office, Olympia, (3) YWCA Building, Seattle, (4) General Administration Building, Olympia, (5) St. Edward Seminary, Kenmore, (6) San Juan Lime Company/Cowell's, Friday Harbor.

Washington State Archaeology Month 2006

Washington State is celebrating its fourteenth annual Archaeology Month, from October 1 through October 31, 2006. Archaeology Month consists of a series of statewide events held in local communities to create a public awareness about the importance of protecting Washington's archaeological heritage. An Activity Guide has been designed to provide the public with many opportunities to participate and enjoy all the archaeological tours, lectures, site visits, exhibits, craft demonstrations, events, and people making Washington's archaeological heritage something to celebrate and honor.

Editor's Note: A summary of a portion of that Activity Guide, listing special events starting October 7, begins on page 8.



Washington State Archaeology Month Special Events (October 7-14)

Fort Nisqually Candlelight Tour, Tacoma, Saturday, October 7, 7-10 PM, Ft. Nisqually 5400 N Pearl Street (Pt. Defiance Park)

A docent guided candlelight tour of Fort Nisqually. Advanced Ticket sales are required for this interpretive event. For more information visit www.fortnisqually.org

North Bend Explorations of the Past, North Bend, Saturday, October 7, 10 AM-3 PM, Cedar River Watershed Education Center, 436th Ave SE (Cedar Falls Road)

This all day drop-in event provides ample opportunity to explore the past of the Cedar River Watershed through hands-on activities, presentations, lectures, and walking tours of historic Cedar Falls. Special Guests: Ray Egan as Ezra Meeker with "History Alive: Those Terrible Treaties." Author Linda Carlson leads a book discussion "Company Towns of the Pacific Northwest." The Heritage Library will be open for you to peruse oral histories, study 100-year old maps, and explore the rich past of the region's water supply.

Skykomish Heritage Interpretative Hikes, Skykomish, Saturday, October 7, 9:30 AM, Skykomish Ranger Station Iron Goat Trail

A three-hour archaeological hike along the Iron Goat Trail will begin at 9:30am at the Skykomish Ranger Station. No sign-up necessary. Bring a daypack, raingear, sturdy hiking boots, lunch and bottled water. Cameras and binoculars are optional. For more information visit www.irongoat.org

Fort Vancouver Archaeology Kids Dig!, Vancouver, Saturday, October 7, 9 AM, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Kid's Dig introduces children to archaeology through a hands-on activity excavating boxes filled with soil layers and artifacts that reflect the typical Fort Vancouver archaeological site. Children work in a team to "excavate" their units and record what they find there. Each will get to participate in the major tasks - excavate, screen, take notes, and describe the artifacts found in their unit. For more information, contact Heidi Pierson at 360-816-6552.

People of the Clear Salt Water: 6,000 Years of Suquamish Indian History, Poulsbo, Thursday, October 12, Suquamish Tribal Offices at Suquamish Village

Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribal Council Chairman, and Dennis Lewarch, Tribal Archaeologist, will summarize the cultural adaptation of the Suquamish People over the past 6,000 years, using environmental, archaeological, ethnographic, and historic period data, maps, and photographs.

Tsunamis, Sewage and Salmon, Seattle, Saturday, October 14, 10 AM – 2 PM, Discovery Park Visitor Center,

Specialists from the Burke's archaeology division and Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation conduct a day filled with exciting tours and activities. Find out what tsunamis, sewage, salmon, and archaeology have to do with each other. Learn who lived at Discovery Park thousands of years ago. Discover the geological history of the West Point peninsula. Try your hand at archaeology activities for all ages. Co-sponsored by Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. Check in at the Discovery Park Visitor Center.

Fort Vancouver Archaeological Walking Tours and Collections Open House, Vancouver, Saturday, October 14, 10 AM, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Fort Vancouver archaeologists will lead a walking tour of the Vancouver Barracks Parade Ground at 10 am and of Fort Vancouver and the Village at 1 pm (weather depending). Join the walks to learn about the history of this world-

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class archaeological site, see how past activities have affected the modern landscape, and discuss how archaeology informs what the National Park Service does today.

Select artifacts from our collections and from recent excavations at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve will be on display. Our curator, Tessa Langford, will be on hand to discuss the objects and how we catalog and curate objects recovered during archaeological excavations. Over 1.5 million artifacts are curated at this site, representing its diverse uses by Native Americans, the Hudson's Bay

Another World: The Stone Adzes of Mauna Kea, Hawaii, Olympia, Thursday, October 19, 7:30 PM, Olympia Public Library 313 8th Ave SE, Olympia, also, Bellingham, Friday, October 27, 7:30 PM, Village Books 1200 11th St., Bellingham, WA 98225 (in Fairhaven)

A slideshow and lecture by USDA Archaeologist Scott Williams about Hawaiian stone adze manufacturing and the ancient quarry near the summit of Mauna Kea volcano, the tallest mountain in the Pacific. Lecture starts at 7:30pm. Sponsored by: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Wanapum Village Archaeology Day, Beverly, Wednesday, October 25, 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM, 15655 Wanapum Village Lane SW (1 mile south of Wanapum Dam)

On this special occasion, the Wanapum will demonstrate tule mat weaving, traditional hemp string twining, beading, corn husk weaving, and flintknapping. Additional and highlight events include guest speakers, demonstrations, and lunch will be provided. Hosted by the Wanapum Heritage Center and the Cultural Resources Department of the Grant County Public Utility District.

Wanapum Village Kid's Archaeology Day, Beverly, Thursday, October 26, 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM, 15655 Wanapum Village Lane SW (1 mile south of Wanapum Dam)

On this separate day from the adult's events, there will be activities and demonstrations especially for children. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP (509) 754-5088 ext. 3126, Abuck@gcpud.org. Hosted by the Wanapum Heritage Center and the Cultural Resources Department of the Grant County Public Utility District.



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Hypotenuse Hankies Available!

There are still "hypotenuse handkerchiefs" available for purchase! These handkerchiefs were produced for the 2006 Northwest Anthropological Conference, featuring artifact styles and handy hypotenuse lengths for excavation units. The hankies are available in green, red, and blue, for \$5 each. Proceeds benefit the Northwest Anthropological Association. Interested parties should contact Lorelea Hudson at lhudson@northwestarch.com.

Position Open at Washington State University

The Department of Anthropology at Washington State University invites applications for a full-time permanent tenure track position as an Assistant Professor on its Pullman campus beginning August 16, 2007. The position includes teaching, research, and service components. Required qualifications include: a Ph.D. in Anthropology or related discipline completed by July 1, 2007; a specialty in the archaeology of the Greater Pacific Rim; active research; and the ability to teach an undergraduate general anthropology course and a regionally focused graduate seminar. Preferred qualifications include: a regional specialty in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, or northeast Asia; a technical specialty; a theoretical focus; evidence of research excellence; an active program of field research; and persons who complement existing faculty strengths. Please see the full Notice of Vacancy (available at <http://libarts.wsu.edu/anthro/>).

To apply candidates should supply a letter of application summarizing qualifications, curriculum vitae, and contact information (including e-mail and phone numbers) for at least three references to: Dr. Andrew Duff, Chair, Archaeology Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99146-4910, USA. To ensure consideration, complete applications must be postmarked by November 9th, 2006.

Washington State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action educator and employer. Members of ethnic minorities, women, Vietnam or disabled veterans, persons with disabilities, and people over the age of 40 are encouraged to apply. Washington State University hires only U.S. residents or lawfully qualified non-U.S. residents.

Research Notes

Editor's Note: We welcome submissions on current research relevant to Northwest archaeology, including but not limited to: field-work updates, notations of report completion, article abstracts, thesis or dissertation summaries, requests for assistance.

The Beech Creek Site (45 LE 415), by Lowell Evans (Central Washington University) and Rick McClure (Gifford Pinchot National Forest)

In the summer of 2006 Gifford Pinchot National Forest Heritage Program staff conducted an extensive excavation at the Beech Creek Site (45 LE 415), near the town of Packwood, in Lewis County, Washington. These efforts were undertaken to mitigate the adverse effect of property sale by the Forest Service. A total of twenty-five 1-x-1 meter excavation units were completed. Three groups of volunteers assisted with the excavations for a week each. The Oregon Archaeological Society provided one group of volunteers. The other two groups consisted of Passport in Time program volunteers. Cultural material was recovered beneath the Mount St. Helens Wn tephra layer (AD 1480) in a deep, homogenous stratum extending down to glacial outwash. A total of 36,000 plus artifacts were recovered, mostly lithic debitage (99.5%). The excavation sample includes over two hundred stone tools. Investigations in 1990 yielded similarly high numbers of artifacts. The assemblage is dominated by an andesite/basalt reduction technology oriented toward the production of bifacial stone tools, including Cascade type projectile points and shouldered lanceolate points. A large number of multi-directional flake cores were recovered. The tool assemblage also includes cobble choppers, a variety of unifacial tools, and an edge-ground cobble. The site appears similar to what has been termed the Olcott tradition in western Washington. Radiocarbon dating results are expected in mid-October. For more information, contact Rick McClure (rmclure@fs.fed.us) or Cheryl Mack (cmack@fs.fed.us), Heritage Program, Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

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Update on Archaeological Collections at Mount Rainier, by Heather Kennelly (Central Washington University)

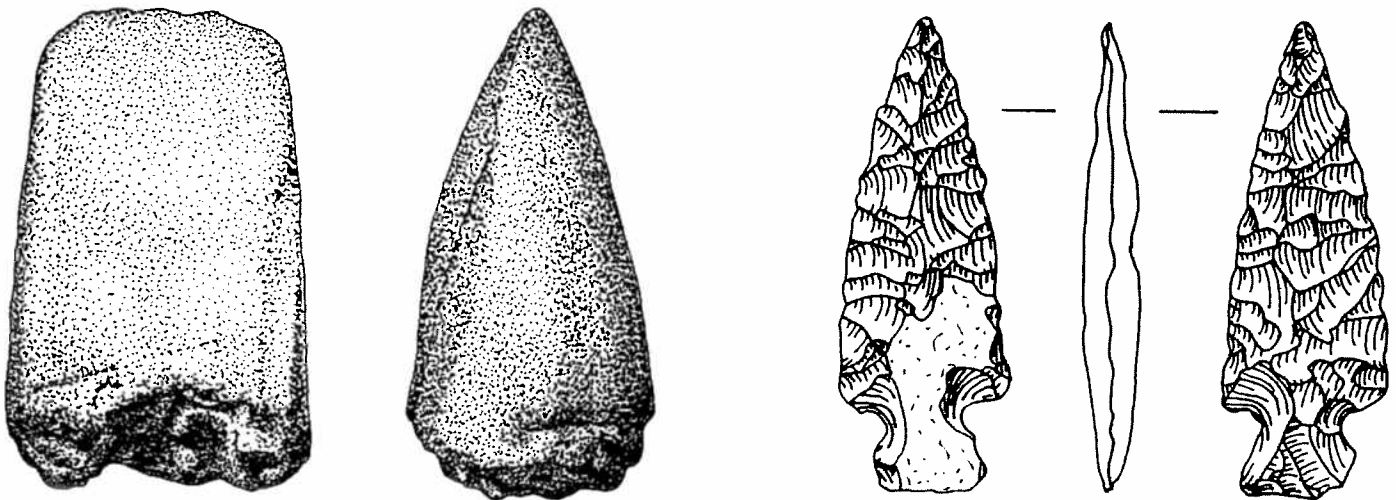
This summer Mt. Rainier National Park's curatorial facility began cataloging its backlog of archaeological collections. The work focused on the collections associated with Central Washington University's 1997 to 2001 summer field schools in the park at the Sunrise Ridge Borrow Pit Site, the Frozen Lake Site, and the Tipsoo Lakes Site. Over 16,400 artifacts and archives were processed, given catalog numbers, entered into the NPS's national catalog database, and re-housed within the facility. The artifacts included a variety of prehistoric stone tools and debitage, as well historic glass, metal, and ceramic fragments. Faunal remains, sediment samples, and charcoal samples associated with the sites were also processed. Archives include original field notes, published reports, and photographs. This work was undertaken this summer by Heather Kennelly, a Central Washington University student intern, under the direction of the Park's Museum Curator Brooke Childrey.

Archaeology and Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction at Buck Lake, by Greg Burtchard (Mount Rainier National Park)

Mount Rainier National Park, in partnership with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and International Archaeological Research Institute, has completed its third year of archaeological and paleoenvironmental studies at Buck Lake—a small subalpine pothole lake in the park's northeast quadrant. Cores from the lake floor sample circa 8,000 years of sediments ranging from pre-Mazama deposits to the present. Pollen and coarse-grained charcoal analyses of these deposits are being completed by University of Wisconsin graduate student Michael Tweiten; and will be used to inform paleoenvironmental and fire history reconstructions for the northeast flank of the mountain.

Buck Lake archaeological site 45PI438 is located on high ground adjacent to the lake in five surface-visible loci. Excavation at Locus 4 has exposed intact, horizontally stratified deposits spanning the same pre-Mazama to present time span as the lake. Cultural deposits and features situated directly atop 3500 RCYBP Mt. Saint Helens Yn tephra include an unusually high density of mid to late stage lithic remains, fire cracked rock, and very dense concentrations of bird gastroliths—probably from blue grouse. Importantly, in situ lithic remains from deeper deposits push Mount Rainier's archaeological record to circa 4000-5000 RCYBP (age estimates will improve as analyses continue).

Buck Lake research will continue in 2007 with work directed at expanding the horizontal exposure of use surfaces, and increasing the sample of mid to early Holocene archaeological deposits.



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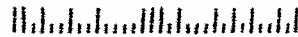
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