

Route 1, Box 210
Kimberly, ID 83341

May 10, 1980

Roe D. Crabtree
East 11613 4th Avenue
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Dear Roe:

I certainly enjoyed our conversation by telephone and also the receipt of the very excellent photos of the obsidian implement. To date I have seen nothing like this particular object.

From the notches, and the positions of the notches, it certainly suggests a method of hafting that is similar to a tomahawk or hatchet. To describe any specific function remains a question. The pointed end on one side has a flake detached that may have resulted from impact. The opposite end shows no chipping due to function.

The artifact that most nearly resembles the one of yours, only it is much smaller, is what is called the Texas side-notch. Supposedly it was hafted on the end of a shaft and used as a hook, and legend has it that that particular type of hafting was used to hamstring buffalo. The man supposedly was disguised as a wolf or coyote and was accepted into the herd of buffalo. He could sever a hamstring and then later kill the buffalo by a blow with a stone hammer. This, of course, may be nothing but supposition.

There is little question that this artifact was hafted across the median from both lateral margins, and the notches would serve to hold the binding more firmly. It is indeed a unique aboriginal artifact, and in the future should I observe any occurrence or description of a similar piece, I will be more than happy to pass on the information.

It was so nice to make your acquaintance, and I do hope that we will be able to meet sometime in the near future.

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Roe D. Crabtree

Sincerely yours,

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Almost 4" long

Found on west side of Packman Bay
North end of Pendoreille Lake Id.
about 6yrs ago by Roe D. CRABTREE
Near some cedar stumps on mud when
water in Lake was down

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