
Reward offered for Warren Looters

The Payette National Forest is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in unauthorized digging and removal of artifacts from historic gold rush sites in the Warren, Idaho Mining District.

"This is a clear violation of both the Antiquities Act of 1906 and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979" says Payette National Forest Archaeologist Larry Kingsbury. "This type of activity robs the public of their cultural history." Kingsbury says, depending on the information received, the reward could be \$1000 or more.

Several historic properties were illegally looted during the summer of 2001 resulting in significant damage to the sites. This has been an ongoing problem for nearly a decade. Artifacts stolen or damaged include bottles, tools, Chinese ceramics, and cabin ruins.

"We hope the reward will help put an end to this problem." continues Kingsbury.

The Forest Service asks anyone with information that may assist in the investigation to call Crime Stoppers at (208) 343-COPS (2677). Crime Stoppers is available 24 hours a day.

Iron Arrowpoint From the Payette National Forest

by Larry Kingsbury, Salmon River Chapter

In 1983, the USDA Payette National Forest issued a Special Uses Permit to Frank C. Leonhardy, professor of Anthropology at the University of Idaho, Moscow, to do archaeological investigations in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. During that summer, an iron projectile point was found within and on the surface of a house pit feature at 10VY31.

The point is made of flat iron, it is small and flat with a lenticular blade outline and measures and is illustrated as follows:



Length	33 mm
Width	11 mm
Thickness	1.4 mm
Weight	.97 grams

* note: illustration not to scale

This rare iron point is the first of its kind to be identified on the Payette National Forest. Iron arrowpoints were Fur Trade items, and represent acculturated change from the use of stone, primarily obsidian in this area, to metal. The artifact tentatively dates from 1819-1830 AD.

For more information on the Archaeology of the Payette National Forest contact Forest Archaeologist Larry Kingsbury at the following:

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IAS Annual Conference Overview

The 28th Annual Conference of the Idaho Archaeological Society was held Oct. 19-20, 2002 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Friday former Idaho State Archaeologist, Tom Green, gave the conference's feature presentation. Entitled "The Buhl Woman and Kennewick Man: What Have We Learned and What is All the Fuss?," Tom discussed the history of events relating to the discovery, analysis, and repatriation of skeletal remains from the Buhl Burial, a Paleoindian female skeleton that was discovered in 1989 in a gravel quarry in south-central Idaho near the town of Buhl.

Friday evening's feature presentation was standing room only, with conference attendees and members of the general public, numbering around 150. On Saturday, presentations continued with around 80 attendees present.

The silent auction was held after papers on Saturday. Numerous items were donated for the auction including several flintknapped obsidian knives and points, several archaeological books, archaeologically related t-shirts, and several pieces of hand-made pottery among the items.

IAS CHAPTERS

Great Basin Chapter: Kathy Hamlett, President. (208) 466-8407. Meetings every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Orma J. Smith Natural History Museum, Albertson College, Caldwell.

Intermountain Chapter: Susie Osgood, President. (208) 373-4242. Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at the BLM LSRD Office, Boise.

Salmon River Chapter: Larry Kingsbury, President (208) 634-0750. Meeting dates and times TBA.

Snake River Chapter: Karen Quinton, President. (208) 655-4251. Meetings every 4th Thursday of the month at the Sawtooth NF Supervisor's Office.

CONFERENCE THANKS!

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