

IMACS SITE FORM (USFS R4-2300-2, 4/89)
PART A - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

1. State No.: 10-VY-714
2. Agency No.: PY-814
3. Temp No.:

4. State: Idaho County: Valley
5. Project: 2003 Monitoring of Cultural Resources / Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness
6. Report No.:
7. Site Name: Holly's Shelter
8. Class: Prehistoric Historic Paleontologic Ethnographic
9. Site Type: rockshelter
10. Elevation: 3,860' asl
11. UTM Grid: Zone 11, 668238 mE, 4996540 mN east room Location recorded using GPS unit
12. Township and Range: SW SE NW NW Section 3, T 20 N, R 13 E
13. Meridian: Boise (03)
14. Map Reference: Dave Lewis Peak, Idaho USGS 7.5' 1962, FS #322-4
15. Aerial Photo: N/A
16. Location and Access: From McCall, fly into Taylor Ranch. Walk down the airfield to the west and cross Rush Creek (if the water is high use mules). Then follow Big Creek to the west.
17. Land Owner: It appears that the ~~Forest Service / Taylor Ranch (state land) boundary passes through the site.~~
18. Federal Admin. Units - Forest: Payette NF District: Krassel
19. Location of Curated Materials: Supervisor's Office, Payette National Forest, McCall, Idaho
20. Site Description: This is a rock shelter that was located by Holly Akenson in the early 1980s. There are three separate rooms in the shelter that are separated by large rocks. All of the rooms face Big Creek. The east room has the densest surface concentration of animal bone, including grouse, deer, elk, and mountain sheep. The center room has a narrow overhang. The west room has an 80 cm deep pit dug into it. This site was recorded by Robbin Johnston in 1983 (he only recorded the east room) and in 1984 it was tested by Frank Leonhardy. Two 2m x 2m test units were opened.
21. Site Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor
22. Impact Agent(s): excavation, fire
23. National Register Status: Eligible (C) Insufficient Data to Evaluate (Z) Ineligible (D)
Justify: This cultural property is eligible to the National Register under Criteria D.
24. Photos: five included
25. Recorded by: Robin Johnston; G. Dixon
26. Survey Organization: Taylor Ranch Research Project; Forest Service
27. Assisting Crew Members: none
28. Survey Date: July 1983; July 7, 2003

PART A - ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Site No.(s): 10-VY-714

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29. Slope: 40% 18 Degrees **Aspect:** 360 degrees north

30. Distance to Permanent Water: 1 x 100 meters

Type of Water Source: Spring/Seep (A) Stream/River(B) Lake(C) Other(D)

Name of Water Source: Big Creek less than 30 meters to the north.

Distance to Nearest Other Water Source/Type: Rush Creek is 100 meters to the east

31. Geographic Unit: N3Y Middle Fork Salmon Drainage

32. Topographic Location (Check one under each heading):

Primary Landform:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> mountain spine (A) | <input type="checkbox"/> tableland/mesa (C) | <input type="checkbox"/> valley (E) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> canyon (G) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hill (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> ridge (D) | <input type="checkbox"/> plain (F) | <input type="checkbox"/> other (D) |

Secondary Landform:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> alluvial fan (A) | <input type="checkbox"/> ledge (K) | <input type="checkbox"/> spr mound/bog (V) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> alcove/rock shelter (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> mesa/butte (L) | <input type="checkbox"/> valley (W) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> arroyo (C) | <input type="checkbox"/> playa (M) | <input type="checkbox"/> cutbank (X) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> basin (D) | <input type="checkbox"/> port. geo. feature (N) | <input type="checkbox"/> riser (Y) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cave (E) | <input type="checkbox"/> plain (O) | <input type="checkbox"/> multiple s.l. (1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cliff (F) | <input type="checkbox"/> ridge/knoll (P) | <input type="checkbox"/> bar (2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> delta (G) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slope (Q) | <input type="checkbox"/> lagoon (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> detached monolith (H) | <input type="checkbox"/> terrace/bench (R) | <input type="checkbox"/> ephemeral wash (4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dune (I) | <input type="checkbox"/> island (T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kipuka (5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> floodplain (J) | <input type="checkbox"/> outcrop (U) | <input type="checkbox"/> saddle/pass (6) |

Describe: The site is located on a steep slope just above Big Creek in the Big Creek canyon.

33. On-Site Depositional Context:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> fan (A) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> outcrop (Q) | <input type="checkbox"/> moraine (J) | <input type="checkbox"/> desert pavement (P) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> talus (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> extinct lake (F) | <input type="checkbox"/> flood plain (K) | <input type="checkbox"/> stream bed (R) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dune (C) | <input type="checkbox"/> extant lake (G) | <input type="checkbox"/> marsh (L) | <input type="checkbox"/> aeolian (S) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> stream/terrace (D) | <input type="checkbox"/> alluvial plain (H) | <input type="checkbox"/> landslide/slump (M) | <input type="checkbox"/> none (T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> playa (E) | <input type="checkbox"/> colluvium (I) | <input type="checkbox"/> delta (N) | <input type="checkbox"/> residual (U) |

Describe: The rockshelter is located beneath a rock outcrop. The Payette GIS layer describes the geology in this vicinity as metamorphic, quartzite "Upper Strata".

34. Vegetation

- a. Life Zone:** Arctic-Alpine (A) Hudsonian (B) Canadian (C)
 Transitional (D) Upper Sonoran (E) Lower Sonoran (F)
- b. Community:** Primary on-site Secondary on-site Surrounding site
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| Aspen (A) | Wet Meadow (I) | Low Sagebrush (Q) |
| Spruce-Fir (B) | Dry Meadow (J) | Barren (R) |
| Douglas-fir (C) | Oak-Maple shrub (K) | Marsh/swamp (S) |
| Alpine tundra (D) | Riparian (L) | Lake/reservoir (T) |
| Ponderosa Pine (E) | Grassland/Steppe (M) | Agricultural (U) |
| Lodgepole pine (F) | Desert lake shore (N) | Blackbrush (V) |
| Other/Mixed conifer (G) | Shadscale community (O) | Creosote bush (Y) |
| Pinyon-juniper woodland (H) | Tall sagebrush (P) | |

Describe: This area burned in the 2000 fire. The Douglas fir overstory burned. The present understory includes Oregon grape, mountain maple, common snowberry, ninebark, fireweed, and elderberry.

35. Miscellaneous Text (25 character limit):

36. Comments/Continuations/Location of Curated Materials and Records:

Records are stored at the Payette National Forest Supervisor's Headquarters in McCall, Idaho.

- List of Attachments:** Part B Part C Topo Map Site Sketch
 Photos Artifact/Feature Sketch Continuation Sheets Other

13. Non-Architectural Features (locate on map):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hearth/firepit (HE) | <input type="checkbox"/> rubble mound (RM) | <input type="checkbox"/> earthen mound (EM) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> midden (MD) | <input type="checkbox"/> stone circle (SC) | <input type="checkbox"/> burial (BU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> depression (DE) | <input type="checkbox"/> rock alignment (RA) | <input type="checkbox"/> talus pit (TP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> water control (WC) | <input type="checkbox"/> petroglyph (PE) | <input type="checkbox"/> pictograph (PI) |

Describe: There is a pit in the west room of the rockshelter. It is approximately 1.5 meters in diameter and 80 cm deep. Its function is unknown.

During the 1984 excavation, Leonhardy notes that, "The fill in the two 2m x 2m test pits was entirely ash. There was a poorly defined hearth area on the west edge of the excavation."

14. Architectural Features (locate on site map): none

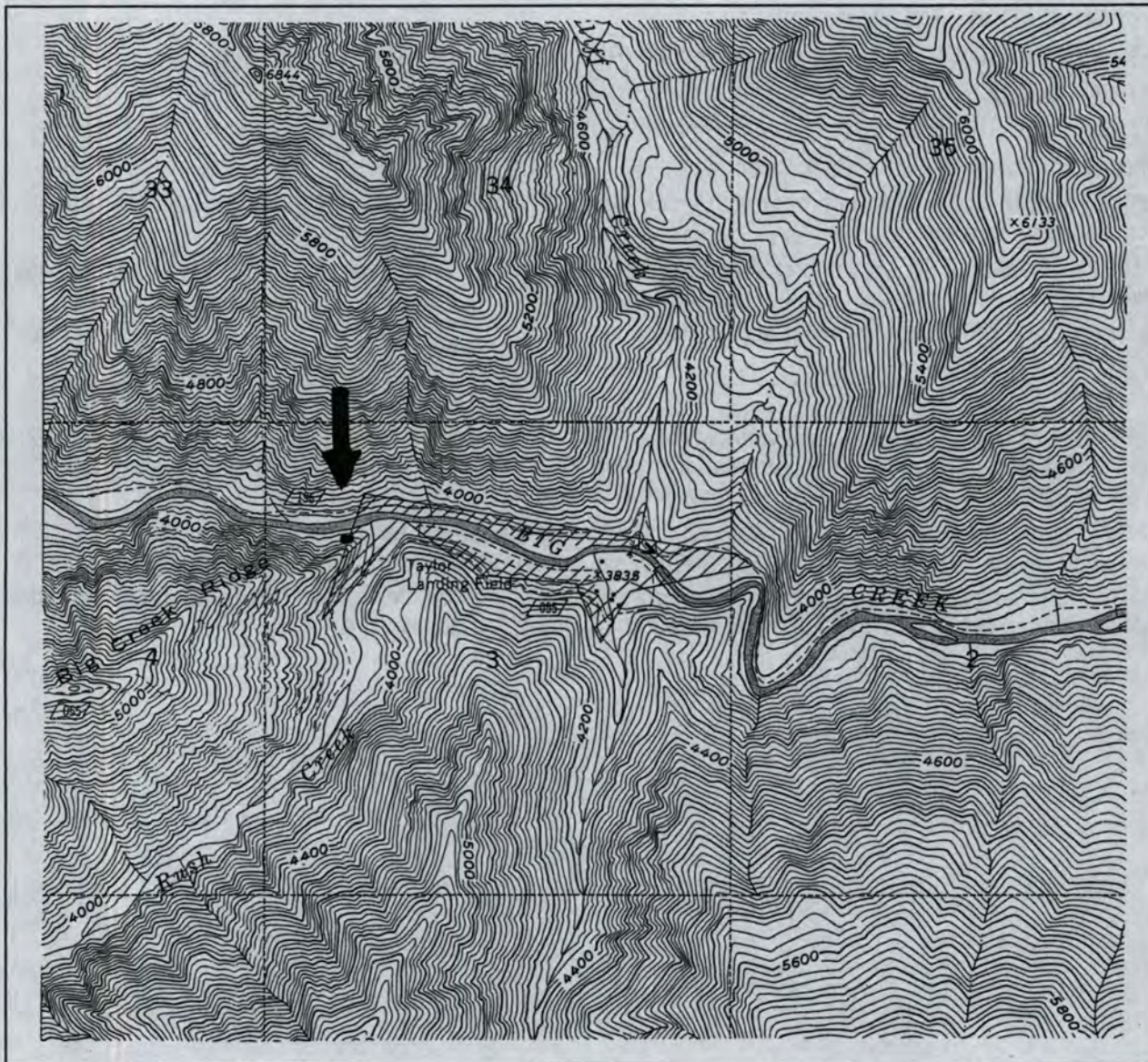
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| <u> # Material Type </u> | <u> # Material Type </u> |
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Describe:

15. Comments/Continuations: Leonhardy notes, "Very limited test produced mostly faunal remains: there are 228 bone fragments (including a human tooth), 1 fish vertebra and 1 shell fragment. The artifacts include an awl fragment, 2 pieces of polished bone, and a plastic button: 3 small flakes were also recovered."

During the 2003 monitoring, dozens of bones were visible on the surface of the east room. Species identified by Jim Akenson include grouse, deer (at least two different ages), elk, and mountain sheep. Many of the bones are charred.

The surfaces of the rockshelter are irregular. The east room measures approx. 6m x 2 m. The center room has little overhang and measures approx. 5.5m x 1.5 m. The west room measures approx. 6m x 2 m.



PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST SITE MAP

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Other Comments: The rockshelter is located on the boundary between state and federal land.



THIS AREA BURNED IN
THE 2000 FIRE

BIG CREEK IS
50'-75' TO THE NORTH

STEEP SLOPE
DOWN TO BIG
CREEK

APPROXIMATE
LOCATION OF ONE
1984 TEST PIT

80 cm deep pit

Rock

Rock

THIS ROOM IS FULL OF
BONE - J. AKENSON IDENTIFIED
ELK, DEER, GROUSE, MOUNTAIN SHEEP

ROCKSHELTER IS APPROXIMATELY (ROUGH)
15' ABOVE THE RIVER

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SKETCH MAP

JULY 7, 2003

1 cm = 1 meter



Photo 1 – Facing south – Area in the east room where one 1984 test pit was located.



Photo 2 – Facing SW – The interns from the U of I Taylor Ranch mapping the rock shelter. Jim Akenson, at the left, is in the east room.



Photo 3 – Facing SE – 80 cm deep pit in the west room



Photo 4 – Facing west – the center room; this room has a shallow overhang

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Photo 5 – facing north – view of Big Creek from the rockshelter