

Appendix C

Class III Archaeological Inventory for the Proposed Sierra High
Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project

April 21, 2022

**Class III Archaeological Inventory for the Proposed
Chichewa/Sierra High Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project,
Mono County, California (APN 001-150-004)**

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

On March 30, 2022, Michael Drews from Great Basin Consulting Group, LLC, completed a Class III Archaeological Inventory for the proposed Chichewa/Sierra High Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project in Mono County, California (APN 001-150-004). The inventory was conducted to meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and AB 52 requirements.

APN 001-150-004 covers approximately 123.63 acres. The proposed project includes one 4,000 square foot building for cultivation and processing with 400 square foot of canopy area, four 8,000 square foot buildings for cultivation and processing each with 2,500 square foot of canopy area and employee restrooms, a 2,500 square foot maintenance shop, an outdoor cultivation area not exceeding 10 acres, four storage containers, and a 2,100 square foot drying shed. The inventory covered approximately 18 acres within the northern portion of the parcel where all development is proposed.

A single horseshoe was identified during the inventory. No other cultural materials are present within the 18-acre surveyed area. The isolated artifact is not eligible to the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historic Places and is not considered significant by local ordinance or resolution. A finding of No Historic Properties Effects is recommended.

Project Number: 2022-100 **Date of Field Operations:** March 30, 2022

Organization/Field Personnel: Michael Drews (Project Archaeologist),

County: Mono County

Legal Description: E½, NE ¼; Section 16, T. 9N. R.23E. MDMB

Ownership: Private

Project Area: 18 acres / 7.28 hectares

Map Reference: Long Dry Canyon, Ca. USGS 7.5 Minute Series 1994

Inventory Date(s): March 30, 2022

Inventory Type: Class III Intensive Archaeological Inventory

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Name and Description

Class III Archaeological Inventory for the Proposed Chichewa/Sierra High Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project, Mono County, California (APN 001-150-004). Chichewa/Sierra High Farms proposes to construct a cannabis cultivation project on a portion of APN 001-150-004 west of Topaz, California near the Nevada border in northwestern Mono County.

Sierra High Farms is an adult/medical cannabis production and distribution facility. Product will be grown both indoor and outdoor. The indoor cultivation portion of the project will operate under a California Micro-business license issued by the DCC (Bureau of Cannabis Control) and will consist of cultivation, distribution, and non-storefront retail.

The outdoor portion will operate on a cultivator's license issued by the DCC. The property has the land use designation AG10 on which cannabis activities are allowed subject to a use permit and operation permit approved by Mono County.

The project site consists of approximately three (3) acres of site improvements for indoor cultivation use including greenhouses, lab, nursery, maintenance shop building, driveways, parking, and on-site wastewater treatment system. Components include:

- Four (4) 8,000 square-foot greenhouses (80' by 100') \ (up to 10,500 sq ft indoor mature plant canopy)
- One cultivation lab (4,200 sq ft, 60' by 70')
- One maintenance shop (2,400 sq ft, 40' by 60')
- One drying shed (2,100 sq ft, 35' by 65')
- One nursery and processing building (5,000 sq ft, 50' by 100')
- One well pump house 150 sq ft (10x15')
- Water tank house (need dimensions)
- Three water storage tanks (5,000 gallons).

The outdoor cultivation area covers ten (10) acres and includes:

- Ten (10) acres of outdoor cannabis cultivation area including hoop house structures
- Four storage containers of approximately 8 x 40' for outdoor cultivation tools and storage use.

The cultural resources inventory covered approximately 18 acres within the northern portion of the parcel where indoor and outdoor development is proposed. Access is via existing road. All staging will be confined to the development footprint.

In compliance with CEQA (Public Resources Code 2100 et seq.) and sections pertaining to historic resources (PRC 5024, PRC 5025(f), PRC 5024.1, PRC 5025.5) Great Basin Consulting Group, LLC was contracted by Resource Concepts Inc. (RCI) to complete a Class III archaeological inventory within the project area.

APN 001-150-004 is located near the town of Topaz, just south of Topaz Lake along the west side of Antelope Valley in northern Mono County (Figure 1). Antelope Valley is a 3.5 mile wide by 15 mile long alluvial plain drained by the West Walker River. The river flows northward through the valley eventually emptying into Walker Lake. The West Walker River Canyon marks the southern boundary of Antelope Valley while Topaz Lake, an agricultural reservoir and the Pine Nut Mountains lie at the northern edge of the valley. Step faults along the eastern edge of the Sierra Nevada define the western edge of Antelope Valley, the Sweetwater Mountains and Wellington Hills define the valley's eastern boundary. Vegetation in the area is typical of the Great Basin. Pinon and juniper occur in the surrounding mountains, sage and buckbrush dominate the mountain pediment and non-agricultural lands along the valley bottom. Agricultural fields characterize most of the valley floor (Figure 2). Small residential parcels on lots of 1 to 5 acres occur along US 395. Scattered cottonwoods and willows occur along ditches and as shade trees or windbreaks at farmsteads.

The project area lies along the east side of the valley and abuts the Nevada State Line. Access to the parcel is via Eastside Road and a road following the state line. Most of the parcel is covered by scattered sagebrush and crossed by existing roads. The parcel covers approximately 128 acres, of which only the northern 18 acres are proposed for development (Figure 3). Agricultural fields lie just west of the property. The area proposed for development has been disturbed by brush clearing, leaving only about 5.25 acres of undisturbed land.

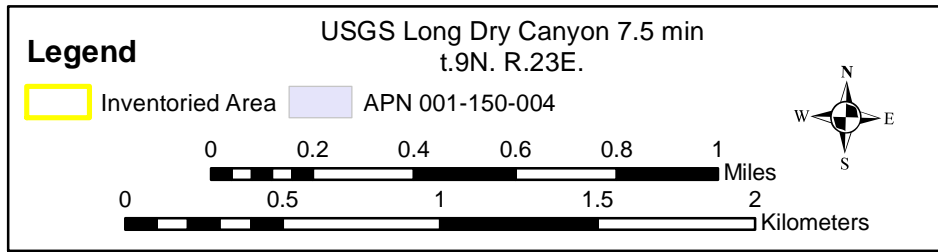
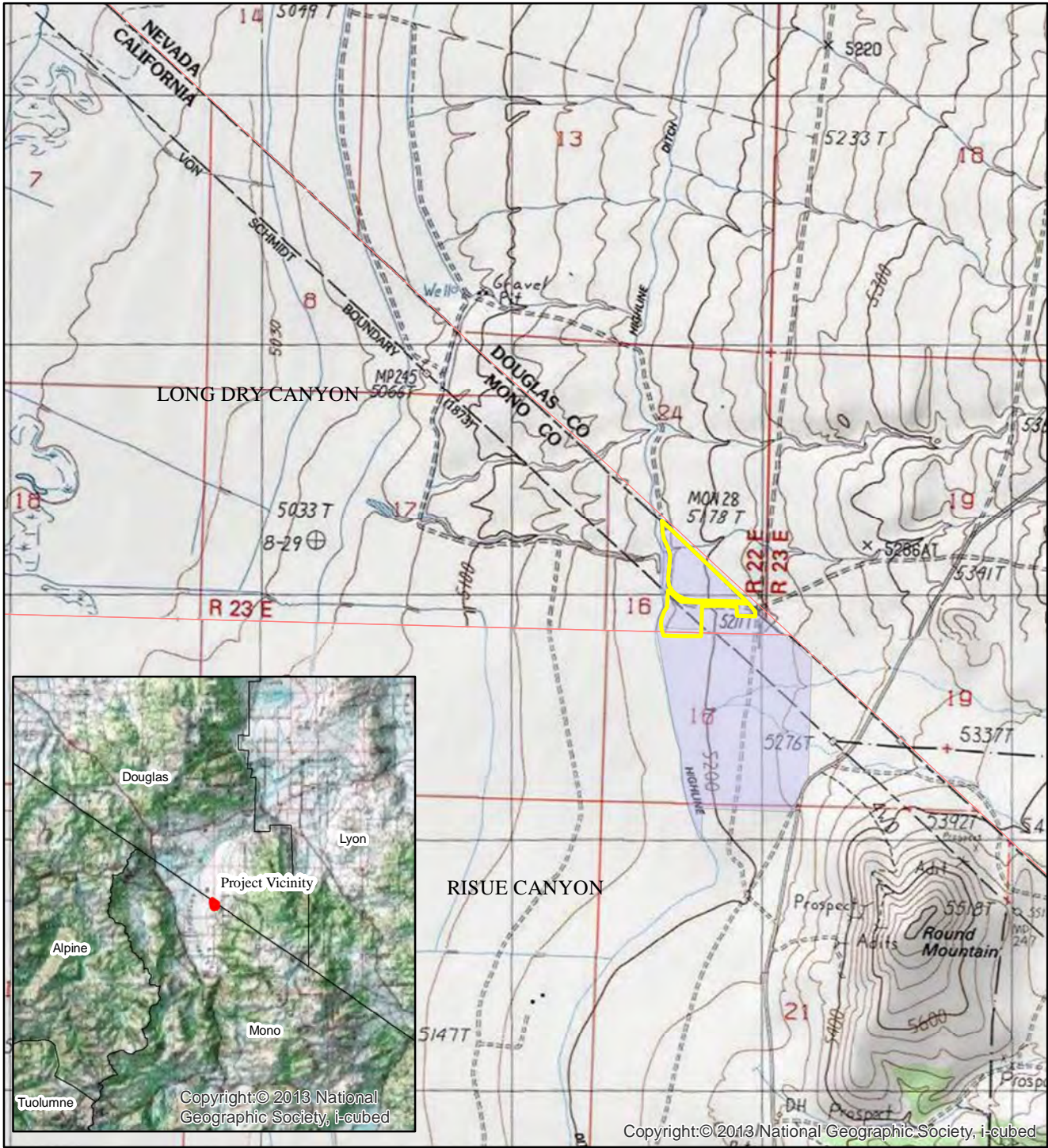


Figure 1. Sierra High Farms Project Location

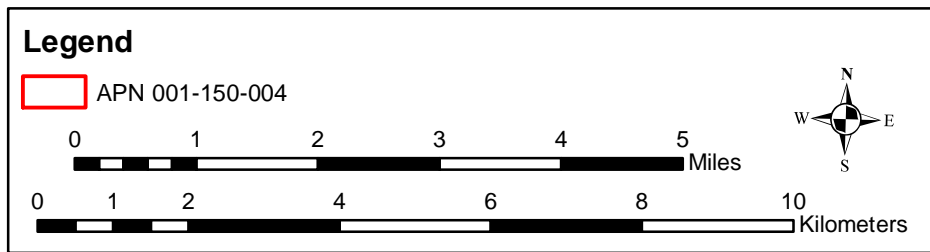
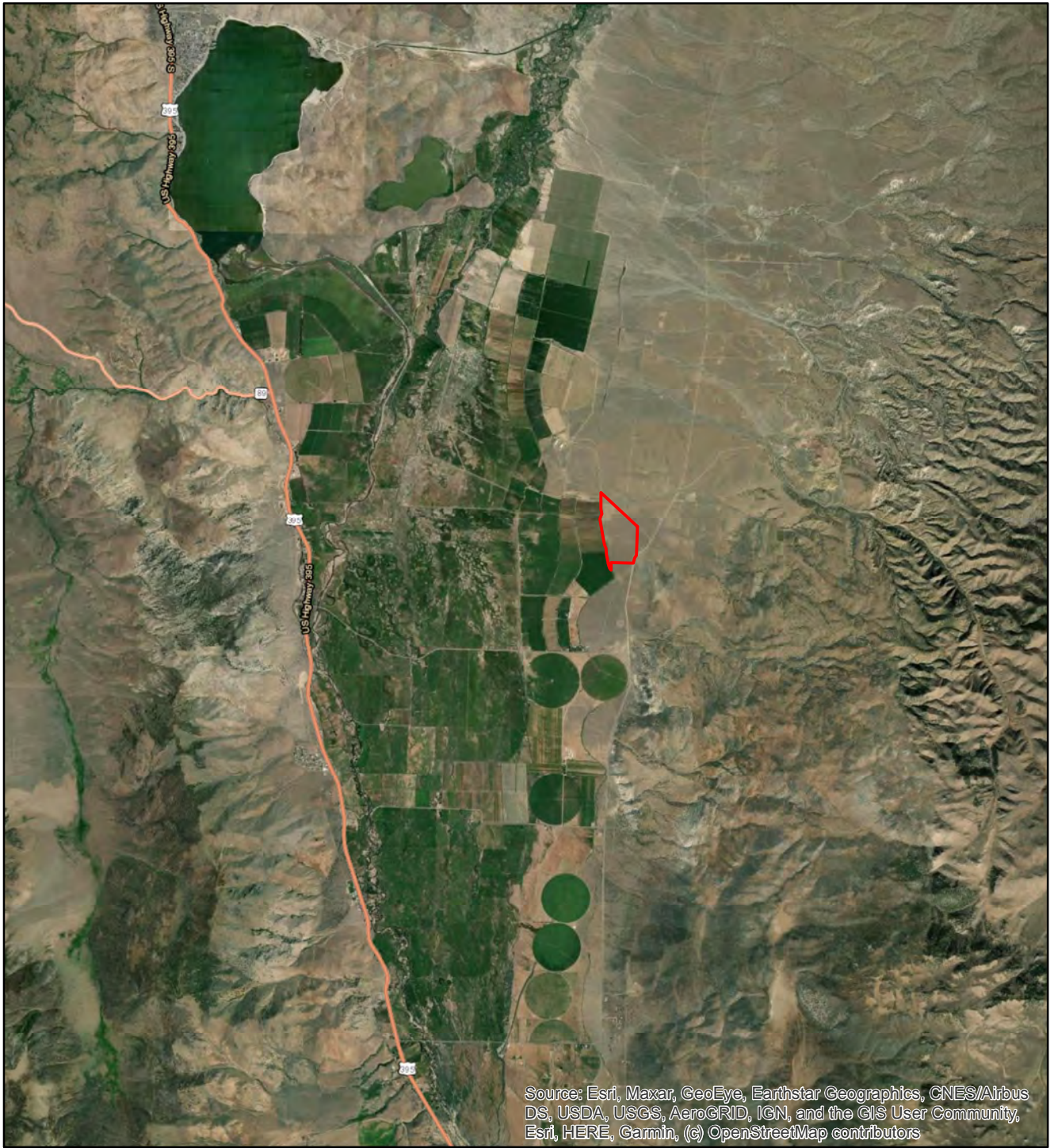


Figure 2. Sierra High Farms Project Vicinity.

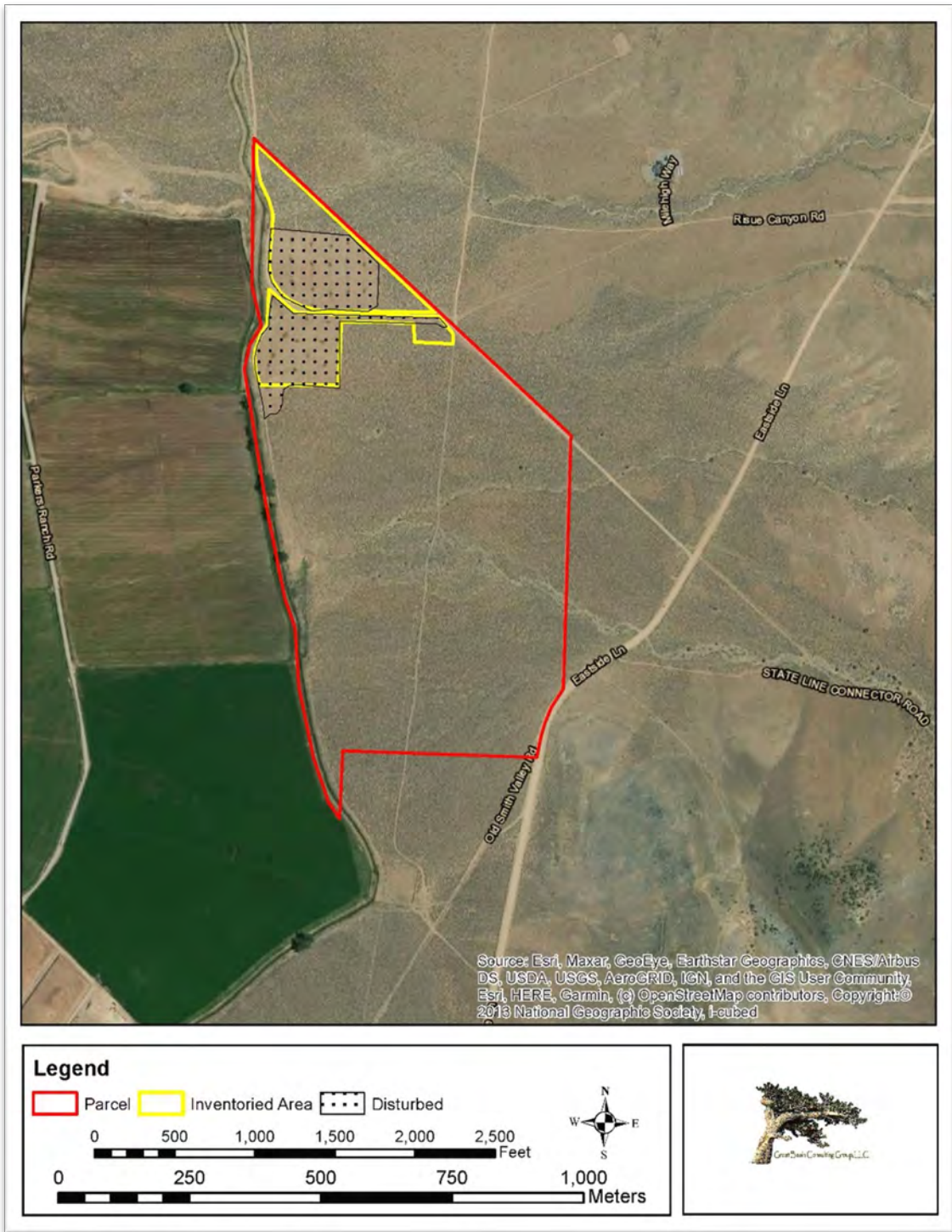


Figure 3. Sierra High Farms Project Area.

RESEARCH METHODS

Archival Review

Prior to the field visit, pertinent site records and documentation was requested of the California Historic Resource Information System, Eastern Information Center (EIC) and records available in the Nevada Cultural Resources Information System (NVCRIS) were consulted. The request included documentation of existing resources, reports, historic properties, determinations of eligibility, properties listed on the California Inventory of Historical Resources (1976), and any historic maps and local inventories within a ½ mile buffer of the project area.

On March 24, 2022, EIC responded to the records search request (Appendix 1). They indicate that no cultural resource inventories or cultural resources have been recorded within one-half mile of the project parcel. A search of NVCRIS shows one inventory (*A Cultural Resources Survey Report for Enhancement of Operations and Training Proficiency at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Mono County, California, and Douglas County, Lyon County, and Mineral County, Nevada* 19824/R2009041701936) and one cultural resource located along Eastside Road within the one-half mile record search extent. 26Ly1698/USFS04170208392 comprises remains of the Double Springs – Desert Creek Toll Road/Risue Canyon Road. According to the site record:

Risue Canyon Road is the western part of an 1860s toll road that began at Double Springs north of Wellington and continued south along the east side of Antelope Valley (approximating the 1850s route of the Walker River-Sonora Road) to cross through a steep canyon and east to link with Dickenson's Toll Road at Desert Creek (Maule 1938). The 1864 franchise for this toll road was issued to Thomas Rissue. It appears that Rissue hoped to develop a shortcut between the west and east forks of the Walker River, allowing traffic and freight from Antelope Valley to access Aurora in less time than by traveling further south. The toll station for this road was most likely located at Rissue's bridge crossing (of the West Walker River) 1.5 mi. south of the bridge at Hoye, and several waystations would also have been located near water sources along the route. However, little else is known about this toll route - the "canyon" portion of Rissue's road may have never been built to more than a pack trail width, or the road may have later deteriorated to a condition only fit for pack trains. Sometime in the early twentieth century, Risue Canyon Road was re-opened and improved for automobile use in conjunction with 1920s-1930s mining activities through the canyon.

The road currently functions as a maintained road and is not considered eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.

No constructed features are shown in the project vicinity on the 1874 General Land Office Rectangular Survey Plat for Township 9 North, Range 23 East. Roads currently crossing the project parcel are depicted on the 1956 Desert Creek Peak 15 minute map.

Field Methods

The project area was visited on March 30, 2022 by Michael Drews, Principal Investigator at Great Basin Consulting Group, LLC. The project area was walked utilizing transects spaced 15 meters apart. Photographs were taken at corners of the 18 acre project area and photo points mapped utilizing a Spectra Precision SP 20 GPS receiver capable of sub-meter accuracy. The tree row and site integrity was assessed.

Historical Overview

Mono County was created in 1861 from parts of Calaveras, Fresno and Mariposa Counties. Bridgeport, located 38 miles south of the project area serves as the County seat. The community of Topaz developed within the holdings of T.B. Rickey whose family began homesteading land along the West Walker River as early as 1859. The Topaz Post Office opened on the Rickey Ranch in 1885.

A January 29, 2007 article in The Record Courier (Douglas County, Nevada) contained an informative biography of T.B. Rickey. Thomas Brinley Rickey was born on August 23, 1836 in Greenfield, Ohio. He was the oldest of eleven children born to William and Liza Rickey. In 1852, at the age of 16, he migrated with his parents and six siblings from Dubuque, Iowa in search for a better life. The family settled first in the Amador County town of Volcano, then in the Ione Valley. Four additional children were born in California.

Rickey tried his hand at gold mining, quickly investing his earnings in land and cattle. In 1859, at the age of 23, Rickey drove a small herd over the Sierra Nevada into Antelope Valley. Here he established a homestead along the west side of the Walker River where he supplied beef to miners on the Comstock Lode and surrounding mines. His father William and the remainder of his family soon followed establishing homesteads along the west fork of the Walker River.

Rickey met and married Jane Caroline Jennie Gillis, the daughter of Charles Gillis, an early Genoa, Nevada pioneer and stage operator, on July 18, 1863. They had four children, all were born in Antelope Valley. Caroline M. Rickey was born in 1865, Charles William Rickey was born in 1867, Helen Nellie was born in 1869, but died of typhoid fever in 1904, and Bertha (Birdita) Lavina was born in 1871.

In 1876, Rickey partnered with Richard Kirman, a wealthy Reno banker and together they began acquiring homesteads and ranches throughout Antelope Valley. Soon, most of the valley from the mouth of the Walker River to the Pine Nut Range was under control of the Rickey Family. Eventually, the Rickey Family in partnership with Kirman came to own not only large portions of Mono County, but major portions of Owens Valley and parcels extending as far north as the Oregon Border.

Richard Kirman died in 1896 and on October 18, 1897, T.B. Rickey purchased their joint holdings from Elizabeth Kirman, including all of Section 24, T.9N. R.22E. for \$60,000 (Mono County Deeds, Book M, Page 601). Legal descriptions for all of the parcels transferred by the sale comprise ten pages in the Mono County Book of Deeds. Those properties were sold by T.B. Rickey to the Rickey Land and Cattle Company for \$85,000 in 1902.

Present-day Topaz Lane, in Mono County, was the site of the ranch's headquarters. The ranch, its main house, out-buildings, barns and corrals, sprawled in many directions. It was described as a paradise by many. The boarding house was built in 1888, also used as a hotel, it housed some of the 400 employees reported to have worked on the massive holdings of the Kirman & Rickey Cattle Company. The L-shaped building had two huge dining rooms, one for ranch employees and a kitchen attended by a Chinese cook. There were ice and store houses and even a house for the bookkeeper, Albert Bird, who was the accountant for the Rickey holdings in 1898. There was a post office, general store and a saloon, an important amenity for the time, as everyone drank and gambled in those days.

The heading of the Kirman and Rickey stationary read as follows: "Dealers in General Merchandise, dry goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, harness, saddles, bridles, spurs, riatas, chaperejos, etc., hardware, wagons, agricultural implements and machinery-paints, oils and brushes-and a full line of goods usually kept in a first class general store". The post office was first established on the main complex in 1885 with Walter Swart as its first post master. A school was established prior to 1890, a jail and a full-

service blacksmith shop, the Rickey Ranch at Topaz was a small town unto itself. (Record Courier January 29, 2007)

In 1891, Rickey's wife Jeannie died and he married his one-time housekeeper Alice Belle Gleason Straub Crowell in 1893. The marriage, and rumors of an affair with Alice prior to Jennie's demise, alienated his children from his first marriage. In 1898, at the age of 61, Rickey and Alice, now 39 had a daughter they named Alice Brinley Rickey. They had taken up residence in Carson City on Mountain Street, and in 1907 sold an adjacent parcel that was to become the Nevada Governor's Mansion for \$10.

A plan to increase the size of Alkali Lake to irrigate lands downstream in Mason and Smith Valleys at the beginning of the 20th century created a fierce water war between the Rickey's and Henry Miller, partner in the Miller & Lux Company. Miller & Lux were headquartered in the San Joaquin Valley and had numerous holdings in California and Nevada, including ranches with irrigation rights in the Mason and Smith valleys. Miller was concerned that Rickey was removing too much Walker River water for irrigation and filed suit in federal court. Rickey claimed riparian water rights to all the water on the California side of both east and west forks of the Walker River and that Nevada users were entitled only to the water that he didn't use.

Rickey's case was based upon a previous victory by Miller and Lux (*Lux v. Haggin*); a decree that stated the riparian owner above does not have to be concerned with downstream water users. A special referee was appointed to hear the case, and Miller was joined by 160 other defendants. The hearing proceeded through the U.S. Circuit Court, Circuit Court of Appeals, and finally to the US Supreme Court where it was decided in favor of Henry Miller (*Miller et Lux v. Rickey*). Miller and Lux eventually completed the reservoir project creating the present day Topaz Lake.

The loss of the water wars was the beginning of the Rickey empire demise. In addition to his land and cattle holdings, Rickey speculated in mining and banking ventures.

Rickey is president of the State Bank and Trust Company of Nevada, the Goldfield Consolidated Water Company, the Homer Wilson Trust Company, which includes the old Sullivan Trust Company and other large interests throughout the state. He has founded a chain of banks through the state and

has erected the largest building in Southern Nevada, an immense five-story brick block on the main street of Tonopah, which is the home of the State Bank and Trust Company. He has extensive mining interests in many districts and is an owner of the Nevada-California Power Company (Beatty 1907).

The panic of 1897 brought failure to most Nevada Banks. Rickey, who used Nevada State Bank depositor's money to finance his cattle and mining enterprises was forced to close his banks and sell his vast holdings. In a paper transfer, the Antelope Valley properties listed in Book O, Page 80 of Mono County deeds was granted to his Antelope Valley Land and Cattle Company (Mono County Deeds, Book R, Page 333).

Through all the litigation and bank failures Rickey managed to retain enough money to purchase a home in Oakland, California where he died at age 84 on January 11, 1920. The remains of his ranch were managed by his grandson Charles Treadway Rickey.

INVENTORY RESULTS

A single steel horseshoe was located during the survey. It was located just south of the existing east/west road in the disturbed portion of the project area. The shoe is a plain, rolled bar with no caulks and nail fullering. It is 6 1/2 inches in diameter. The bar is 7/8 inch wide and 3/8 inch thick. Based upon its shape, it is a front, left shoe. No other artifacts were encountered during the inventory.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Findings

A single isolated horse shoe was located within the project area. No other cultural materials or archaeological sites were encountered. A record search by the Eastern California Information Center indicates that no site listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, California Historical Landmarks or California Points of Historical Interest lie within the project area.

The single horseshoe is not associated with significant events (National Register Criterion A/California Register Criterion 1), important persons (National Register Criterion B/California Register Criterion 2). Under National Register Criterion C /California Register Criterion 3, a site can be considered significant if it: Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the Work of an Important Creative Individual or possesses High Artistic Values. Isolated artifacts are not considered significant under National Register Criterion C /California Register Criterion 3, and do they have the potential to yield information important to local, state or national prehistory or history (National Register Criterion D /California Register Criterion 4).

The isolated horseshoe is *not eligible* for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historic Places and is not considered significant by local ordinance or resolution (Code 5020.1(k) and 5024.1(g)).:

Conclusions

On March 30, 2022 Michael Drews from Great Basin Consulting Group, LLC, visited a portion of APN 001-150-004 in order to identify extant cultural resources that may lie within a proposed 18 acre cannabis cultivation area. A single metal horseshoe was located on within the project area. No other cultural materials or archaeological sites were encountered. The isolated horseshoe is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historic Places. We recommend a finding of No Historic Properties effected for the proposed project.

The techniques and methods used during this investigation were such that most existing cultural material in the project area visible to surface examination has been identified. If historic properties are inadvertently discovered, reasonable efforts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to the property will be taken and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Mono County Planning Department, and Indian tribes with concerns about the property, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) will be notified within 48 hours in compliance with 36 CFR 800.13 (b) (3).

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Record Courier

2007 Who's Got the Water?: The Story of Tom Rickey and Topaz Lake. January

U.S. Census 1880 to 1940 <http://ancestry.com>

APPENDIX 1
RECORD SEARCH RESULTS

CHRIS Data Request Form

ACCESS AND USE AGREEMENT NO.: _____ **IC FILE NO.:** _____

To: _____ Information Center

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Billing Address (if different than above): _____

Project Name / Reference: _____

Project Street Address: _____

County: _____

Township/Range/UTMs: _____

USGS 7.5' Quad(s): _____

PRIORITY RESPONSE (Additional Fee): yes / no

TOTAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED: \$ _____

Special Instructions:

Information Center Use Only

Date of CHRIS Data Provided for this Request: _____

Confidential Data Included in Response: yes / no

Notes: _____

CHRIS Data Request Form

Include the following information (mark as necessary) for the records search area(s) shown on the attached map(s) or included in the associated shapefiles. Shapefiles are the current CHRIS standard format for digital spatial data products.

NOTE: All digital data products are subject to availability - check with the appropriate Information Center.

1. **Map Type Desired:** Digital map products will be provided only if they are available at the time of this request. *Regardless of what is requested, only hard copy hand-drawn maps will be provided for any part of the requested search area for which digital map products are not available at the time of this request. There is an additional charge for shapefiles, whether they are provided with or without Custom GIS Maps.*

Mark one map choice only

Custom GIS Maps Shapefiles Custom GIS Maps and Shapefiles Hard Copy Hand-Drawn Maps only

Any selection below left unmarked will be considered a "no. "

| 2a. | Within project area | Within _____ radius |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ARCHAEOLOGICAL Resource Locations ⁺ | yes / no | yes / no |
| NON-ARCHAEOLOGICAL Resource Locations | yes / no | yes / no |
| Report Locations ⁺ | yes / no | yes / no |
| Resource Database Printout* (list) | yes / no | yes / no |
| Resource Database Printout* (detail) | yes / no | yes / no |
| Resource Digital Database Records (spreadsheet) ⁺ | yes / no | yes / no |
| Report Database Printout* (list) | yes / no | yes / no |
| Report Database Printout* (detail) | yes / no | yes / no |
| Report Digital Database Records (spreadsheet) ⁺ | yes / no | yes / no |
| ARCHAEOLOGICAL Resource Record copies ^{**} | yes / no | yes / no |
| PDF / Hard Copy | | |
| NON-ARCHAEOLOGICAL Resource Record copies [*] | yes / no | yes / no |
| PDF / Hard Copy | | |
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| | Only directory listing | Associated documentation |
| OHP Historic Properties Directory^{**} | | |
| within project area | yes / no | yes / no |
| within _____ mi radius | yes / no | yes / no |
| OHP Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility⁺ | | |
| within project area | yes / no | yes / no |
| within _____ mi radius | yes / no | yes / no |
| California Inventory of Historical Resources (1976): | | |
| within project area | yes / no | yes / no |
| within _____ mi radius | yes / no | yes / no |

+ In order to receive archaeological information, requestor must meet qualifications as specified in Section III of the current version of the California Historical Resources Information System Information Center Rules of Operation Manual and be identified as an Authorized User under an active CHRIS Access and Use Agreement.

* These documents may be supplied as PDF files, if available

** Includes, but is not limited to, information regarding National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, California State Historical Landmarks, California State Points of Historical Interest, and historic building surveys.

CHRIS Data Request Form

2b. Listed below are sources of additional information that may be available at the Information Center. Indicate if a review and documentation of any of the following types of information is requested.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Caltrans Bridge Survey | yes / no |
| Ethnographic Information | yes / no |
| Historical Literature | yes / no |
| Historical Maps | yes / no |
| Local Inventories | yes / no |
| GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps | yes / no |
| Shipwreck Inventory | yes / no |
| Soil Survey Maps | yes / no |

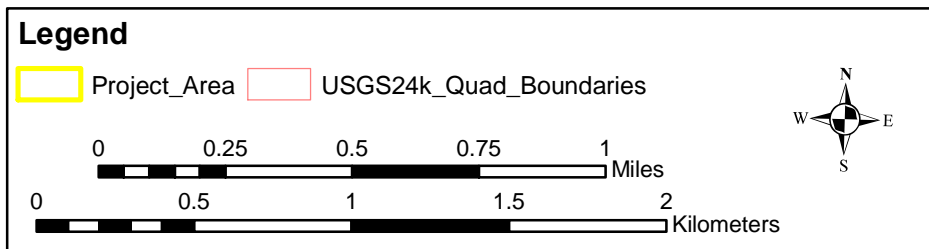
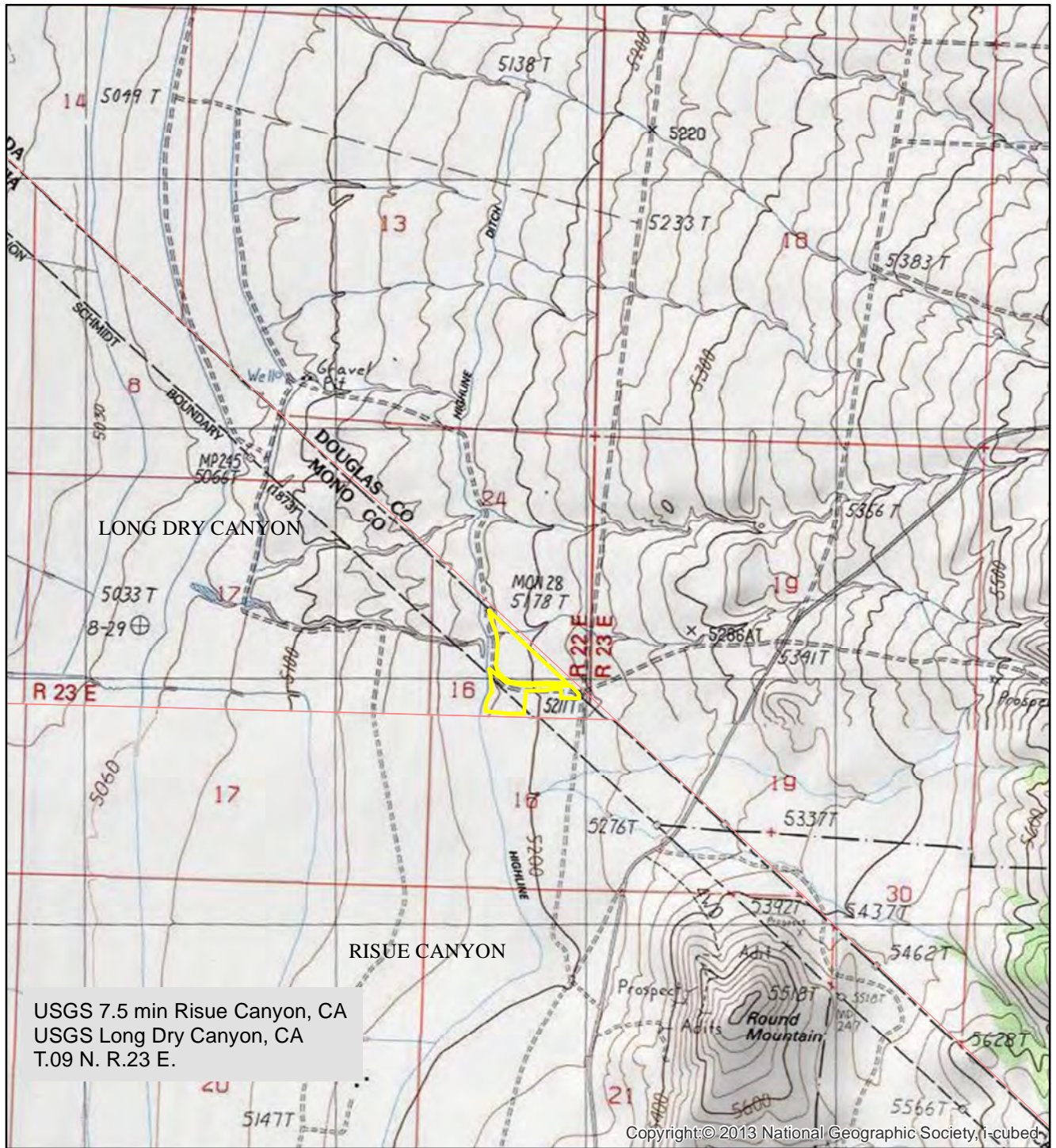


Figure 1. Project Location

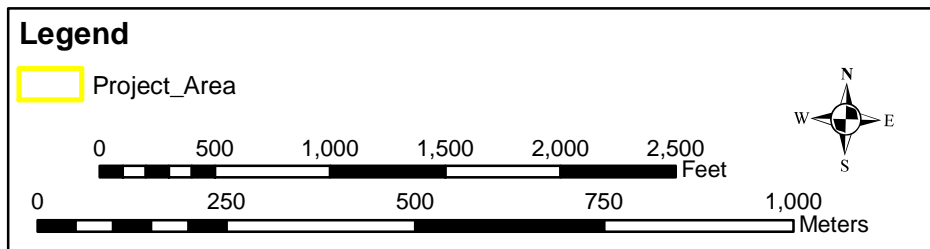
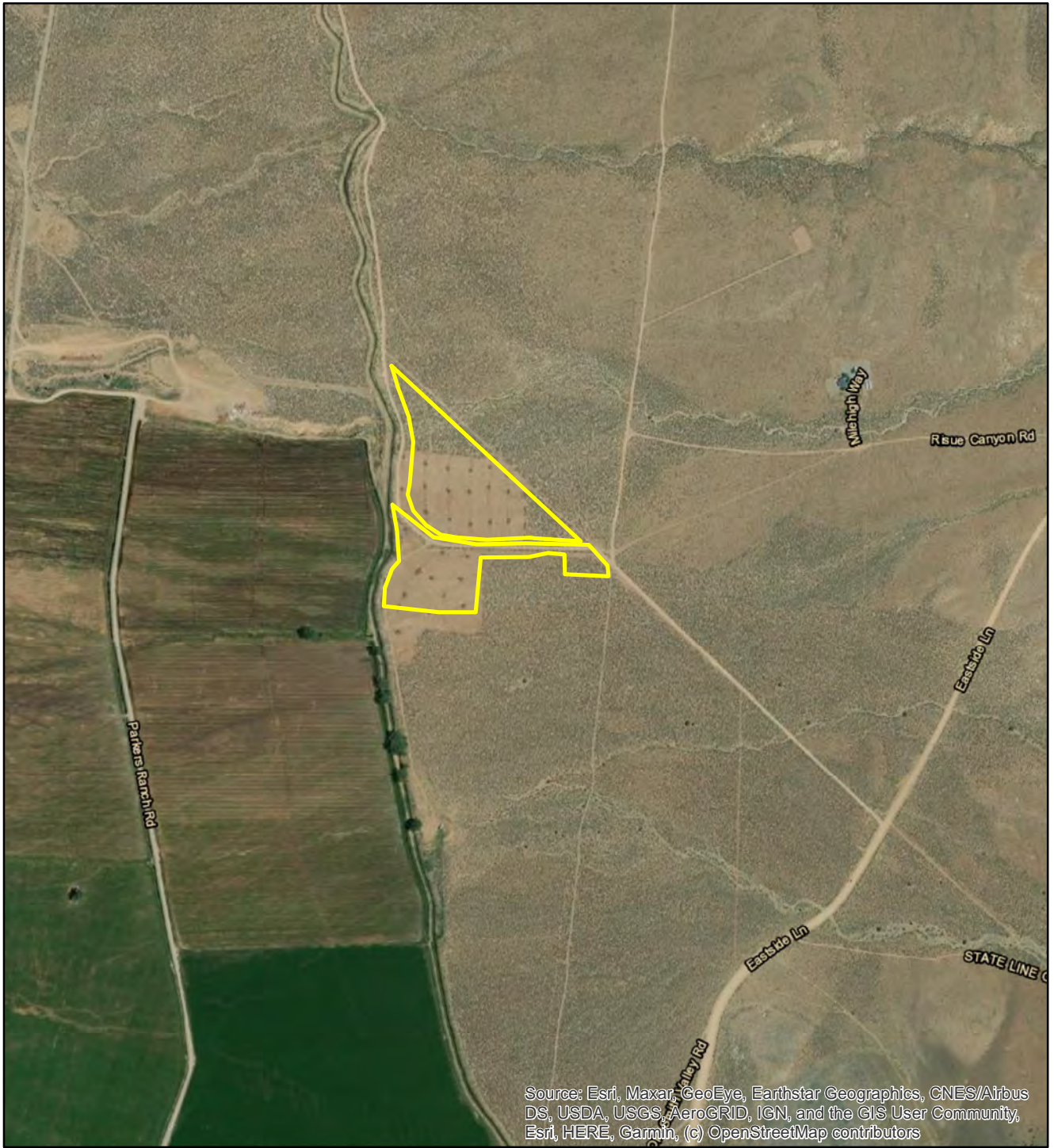


Figure 2. Project Area

Subject **Option B Results for the Sierra High Farms**
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To Mike Drews <mdrews@greatbasingroup.com>
Date 2022-03-24 15:54



March 24, 2022
CHRIS Access and Use Agreement No.: 281
ST-MNO-6419

Michael Drews
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Re: Cultural Resources Records Search for the Sierra High Farms Project

Dear Michael Drews:

We received your request on February 14, 2022, for a cultural resources records search for the Sierra High Farms project located in Section 16, T.9N, R.23, MDBM, in the state borderline between California and Nevada area in Mono County. We have reviewed our site records, maps, and manuscripts against the location map you provided.

Our records indicate that no cultural resources studies have been conducted within a half-mile radius of your project area.

Our records indicate that no cultural resources properties have been recorded within a half-mile radius of your project area.

Additional sources of information consulted are identified below.

National Register of Historic Places: no listed properties are located within the boundaries of the project area.

Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility (ADOE): no listed properties are located within the boundaries of the project area.

Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), Built Environment Resources Directory (BERD): no listed properties are located within the boundaries of the project area.

Note: not all properties in the California Historical Resources Information System are listed in the OHP ADOE and BERD; the ADOE and BERD comprise lists of properties submitted to the OHP for review.

As the Information Center for Riverside, Inyo, and Mono Counties, it is necessary that we receive a copy of all cultural resources reports and site information pertaining to this county in order to maintain our map and manuscript files. Confidential information provided with this records search regarding the location of cultural resources outside the boundaries of your project area should not be included in reports addressing the project area.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by the IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

Best,

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"Maybe, it's not too late, to learn how to love, and forget how to hate..." Ozzy Osbourne

CORRESPONDENCE

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 2, 2022

Michael Draper
County of Mono

Via Email to: mdraper@mono.ca.gov

Re: Native American Tribal Consultation, Pursuant to the Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52), Amendments to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014), Public Resources Code Sections 5097.94 (m), 21073, 21074, 21080.3.1, 21080.3.2, 21082.3, 21083.09, 21084.2 and 21084.3, Sierra High Farms - Use Permit Project, Mono County

Dear Mr. Draper:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (c), attached is a consultation list of tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the above-listed project. Please note that the intent of the AB 52 amendments to CEQA is to avoid and/or mitigate impacts to tribal cultural resources, (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)) ("Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource.")

Public Resources Code sections 21080.3.1 and 21084.3(c) require CEQA lead agencies to consult with California Native American tribes that have requested notice from such agencies of proposed projects in the geographic area that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribes on projects for which a Notice of Preparation or Notice of Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration has been filed on or after July 1, 2015. Specifically, Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (d) provides:

Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section.

The AB 52 amendments to CEQA law does not preclude initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated within your jurisdiction prior to receiving requests for notification of projects in the tribe's areas of traditional and cultural affiliation. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) recommends, but does not require, early consultation as a best practice to ensure that lead agencies receive sufficient information about cultural resources in a project area to avoid damaging effects to tribal cultural resources.

The NAHC also recommends, but does not require that agencies should also include with their notification letters, information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the area of potential effect (APE), such as:

1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:



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- A listing of any and all known cultural resources that have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE, such as known archaeological sites;
- Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
- Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate, or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the APE; and
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All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code section 6254.10.

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4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the APE; and

5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS are not exhaustive and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a tribal cultural resource. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the event that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify the NAHC. With your assistance, we can assure that our consultation list remains current.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address: Cameron.vela@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Cameron Vela

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Attachment

**Native American Heritage Commission
Tribal Consultation List
Mono County
3/2/2022**

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**Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the
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This list is only applicable for consultation with Native American tribes under Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 for the proposed Sierra High Farms - Use Permit Project, Mono County.



April 21, 2022

Mr. Darrel Cruz
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
919 Highway 3995 North
Gardnerville, Nevada 89410

Subject: Invitation to Begin Informal Consultation for the Proposed Chichewa/Sierra High Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project, Mono County, California (APN 001-150-004)

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Sincerely,



Michael Drews, Principal

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April 21, 2022

Mr. Sherrel Smokey
Chairperson
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
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April 21, 2022

Ms. Sally Manning
Environmental Director
Big Pine Tribe of the Owens Valley Paiute
P.O. Box 700
Big Pine, CA, 93513

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Big Pine Tribe of the Owens Valley Paiute
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Mr. Allen Summers
Chairperson
Bishop Paiute Tribe
50 Tu Su Lane
Bishop, CA 93514

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Mr. John Glasier
Chairperson
Bridgeport Paiute Indian Colony
P.O. Box 37
Bridgeport, CA 93517

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Chairperson
Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe
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Lee Vining, CA, 93541

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The project area lies along the east side of the valley and abuts the Nevada State Line. Access to the parcel is via Eastside Road and a road following the state line. Most of the parcel is covered by scattered sagebrush and crossed by existing roads. The parcel covers approximately 128 acres, of which only the northern 18 acres are proposed for development (Figure 3). Agricultural fields lie just west of the property. The area proposed for development has been disturbed by brush clearing, leaving only about 5.25 acres of undisturbed land.

Prior to the field visit, pertinent site records and documentation was requested of the California Historic Resource Information System, Eastern Information Center (EIC) and records available in the Nevada Cultural Resources Information System (NVCRIS) were consulted.

On March 24, 2022, EIC responded to the records search request (Appendix 1). They indicate that no cultural resource inventories or cultural resources have been recorded within one-half mile of the project parcel. A search of NVCRIS shows one inventory (*A Cultural Resources Survey Report for Enhancement of Operations and Training Proficiency at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Mono County, California, and Douglas County, Lyon County, and Mineral County, Nevada* 19824/R2009041701936) and one cultural resource located along Eastside Road within the one-half mile record search extent.

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A single steel horseshoe was identified within the inventoried portion of APN 001-150-004.

The project proponent understands the possibility that there may be resources of concern to the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe within the initial study area for this project. It is the proponent's goal to avoid cultural resources if possible, so your assistance on this matter would be most welcome.

Great Basin Consulting Group, LLC, a consultant working with RCI to prepare a cultural report is contacting you to consult on this project on behalf of the project proponent. Specifically, the information we are requesting from the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe is the following:

1. Are you aware of any culturally sensitive locations at or near the project location?
2. Do you have any concerns regarding the proposed project?
3. Do you need further information on the project?
4. Are there any others you would suggest be consulted on this project?

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If you have any questions or concerns about the Section 106-consultation process, please contact Michael Drews, Great Basin Group, LLC, mdrews@greatbasingroup.com or 775-560-5074. If you have specific questions about the pier project at this property you may contact JoAnne Michal, RCI joanne@rci-nv-com or 775-883-1600.

Sincerely,



Michael Drews, Principal

Great Basin Consulting Group

Attachments: Topographic Map, Project Area, Draft Cultural Resources Report



April 21, 2022

Ms. Melanie McFalls
Chairperson
Walker River Reservation
P.O. Box 220
Schurz, NV, 89427

Subject: Invitation to Begin Informal Consultation for the Proposed Chichewa/Sierra High Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project, Mono County, California (APN 001-150-004)

Dear Ms. McFalls,

The purpose of this letter is to initiate informal consultation on the Proposed Chichewa/Sierra High Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project, Mono County, California (APN 001-150-004). Great Basin Consulting Group, LLC conducted a Class III reconnaissance survey for the proposed Chichewa/Sierra High Farms Cannabis Cultivation Project in Mono County, California (APN 001-150-004). The inventory was conducted to meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and AB 52 requirements. Formal Government to Government Consultation will be directed by Mono County.

Sierra High Farms is an adult/medical cannabis production and distribution facility. Product will be grown both indoor and outdoor. The indoor cultivation portion of the project will operate under a California Micro-business license issued by the DCC (Bureau of Cannabis Control) and will consist of cultivation, distribution, and non-storefront retail.

The outdoor portion will operate on a cultivator's license issued by the DCC. The property has the land use designation AG10 on which cannabis activities are allowed subject to a use permit and operation permit approved by Mono County.

The project site consists of approximately three (3) acres of site improvements for indoor cultivation use including greenhouses, lab, nursery, maintenance shop building, driveways, parking, and on-site wastewater treatment system. Components include:

- Four (4) 8,000 square-foot greenhouses (80' by 100') \ (up to 10,500 sq ft indoor mature plant canopy)
- One cultivation lab (4,200 sq ft, 60' by 70')
- One maintenance shop (2,400 sq ft, 40' by 60')
- One drying shed (2,100 sq ft, 35' by 65')
- One nursery and processing building (5,000 sq ft, 50' by 100')

- One well pump house 150 sq ft (10x15')
- Water tank house (need dimensions)
- Three water storage tanks (5,000 gallons).

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RESUMES



Education B.A. Anthropology, University of San Francisco

Professional Experience

Great Basin Consulting Group LLC, Carson City, Nevada

April 2014 to present

Director: Michael Drews created Great Basin Consulting Group LLC in April 2014 after a long tenure with Gnomon, Inc. Great Basin Group specializes in cultural resource consulting, field inventories, predictive models, and National Register evaluations. Mr. Drews has over 40 years of experience conducting archaeological research in the Great Basin, California and the Pacific Northwest, with thirteen years of experience developing and implementing cultural resource models using GIS. Mr. Drews has provided his expertise for a wide range of projects in the Great Basin, California, and the Pacific Northwest including archaeological survey/inventory/testing/data recovery; historic contexts; geomorphology; faunal analysis; collection management; public outreach; historic architecture, National Register evaluations, and Section 106, NEPA and CEQA regulatory compliance for federal, state and municipal governments, private industry, land developers, the military and the scientific community in the western United States. Mr. Drews is familiar with ESRI ArcView, ESRI ArcGIS 10.x, geodatabases, and GeoMedia, Trimble Pathfinder Office, GPS and Total Station mapping. Mr. Drews was previously listed as Principal Investigator in Prehistoric and Historic archaeology on BLM Nevada, Oregon, and Washington Cultural Resource Permits

Gnomon, Inc., Carson City, Nevada

2000 to March 2014

Cultural Resource Project Manager: Michael Drews managed cultural resource related projects for Gnomon, specializing in creation of cultural resource management systems, cultural resource inventories, predictive models, and National Register Evaluations.

Nevada Department of Transportation Carson City, Nevada

1991 – 2000

Archaeologist II: Nevada Department of Transportation, Carson City. Plan, coordinate, and supervise archaeological field projects related to development of highway right-of-way and materials sources

Intermountain Research Silver City, Nevada

1982 – 1991

Staff Archaeologist: Coordinated and supervised archaeological field projects, managed mapping, drafting and graphics department.

Ancient Enterprises, Santa Monica, California

1978-1982

Staff Archaeologist. Supervised archaeological field projects in the Great Basin and Chumash cultural area of Southern California. Responsible for project budget, logistics and report preparation.

ARCHEOTEC, Inc, Oakland California

1976-1978

Archaeologist. Archaeological testing and monitoring of historic period sites and cargo ship remains in San Francisco, California.

Appointments

Carson City Historic Resources Commission

1989 – present

Appointed to the Carson City Historic Resources Commission by the Carson City Board of Supervisors. Advises Board of Supervisors on matters concerning identification, designation, preservation and enhancement of sites and structures of historic significance. Elected Commission chairman 2004 -2013 and 2016.

Preserve Nevada

2015-present

Preserve Nevada is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Nevada's cultural, historical, and archeological heritage. In partnership with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preserve Nevada purpose is to help identify and meet the special needs of Nevada's preservation community. Member of Board of Directors

Sierra Front, Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

2009 – 2012

Appointed to the Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council by the Secretary of the Interior. RAC recommendations address all public land issues, including: land use planning, recreation, noxious weeds, and wild horse and burro herd management areas.

Carson River Advisory Committee

1994-1997

Appointed to the Carson River Advisory Committee representing Cultural Resource, Native American and V&T Railroad issues. Development and implementation of the Carson River Master Plan.

Cultural Resource Projects

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| 2014-2017 | Conducted various Cultural Resource Inventory, Cultural Resource Monitoring, Cultural Resource Sensitivity Modeling, GIS development and spatial analysis projects for Great Basin Consulting Group, LLC. Clients included engineering firms, local governments, mining companies, and public utilities. |
| 2000-2014 | Cultural Resource Inventory projects, Cultural Resource Information System Development and Cultural Resource Sensitivity Modeling for Gnomon, Inc. GIS/database programming and spatial analysis. |
| 2007 | Data conversion of selected archival records and maps at the Northwest Information Center and North Coastal Information Center/ California Office of Historic Preservation for Natural Resource Conservation Service |
| 2004 | An Examination of Fire Effects on Prehistoric Period Cultural Resources in Nevada. With MACTEC Engineering, conducted a study on the effects of fire on selected classes of cultural resources for the Nevada Bureau of Land Management. |

- 2004 Cultural Resources Predictive Modeling for the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest. Created an environmental based cultural resource model for fire management and grazing on Forest Service lands.
- 2004-1979 Principal Investigator, Field Supervisor and Crew Chief for various cultural resource inventory and mitigation projects in Nevada, California, Oregon, and Wyoming.

Technical Reports

Drews, Michael P.

- 2017 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for Washoe County School District Arrowcreek School Site Acquisition, Washoe County, Nevada. Report submitted to USFS Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest Report Number R2017041702643
- Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for Washoe County School District R&PP School Site Lease, Sun Valley, Washoe County, Nevada. Report submitted to BLM Carson City District Report Number CRR3-2752
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the Mitchell Bank Stabilization Project along the West Walker River APN 012-332-014 and APN 012-361-039, Lyon County Nevada for the Mason Valley Conservation District. Submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers.
- A Cultural Resources Visual Assessment for the Proposed Evans Creek Disturbance Area Associated with Rancharrah Equestrian Village Development, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. SPK-2017-01003 Submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers.
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Meridian 120 Project, APN 038-120-03, 038-120-10, 038-120-12, 038-120-13, 038-090-61, 038-132-25, Verdi, Nevada for Wood Rodgers, Inc.
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Dayton Valley Conservation District Bank Stabilization Projects 111C and 010C Lyon County, Nevada. Submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers.
- 2016 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of a 100 Acre Parcel (APN 008-52-120) associated with the Proposed Carson City Disc Golf Course near Flint Drive, Carson City, Nevada for Carson City Parks and Recreation Department. Submitted to Nevada State Historic Preservation Office.
- Architectural Inventory for the Truckee Donner Land Trust Spillway Modification Project at Van Norden Reservoir, Nevada and Placer County, California. Submitted to: John Svahn Truckee Donner Land Trust 10069 West River Street Truckee, California, 96162
- A Cultural Resource Overview of Jacks Valley Ranch APN 1419 00-001-033 and APN 1419-00-002-028. Submitted to: Nevada Land Trust P.O.Box 20288 Reno, Nevada 89515



A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Dayton Valley Conservation District Bank Stabilization Projects MCR-48 and MCR-49 Lyon County, Nevada. Submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers, Reno Office.

A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the proposed Summit Club Development, Sierra Summit, LLC APN 049-384-04, Reno, Nevada for Wood Rodgers Inc. Submitted to City of Reno, Planning Department, on behalf of US Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG Grant.

- 2015 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the Verdi Bridge Scour Project (G772, B764) Verdi CMAR Project, Verdi, Washoe County, Nevada Report Prepared for Wood Rodgers Inc, Submitted to Nevada Department of Transportation, NDOT: WA15-041R, Federal Highways Administration FHWA: NHP-080-1(170).

Historic Resources Evaluation Report of P-26-005900 associated with Hazard Tree Removal along US HWY 395 Postmile 114.69 to 115.20, Mono County, California. Liberty Utilities (CALPECO ELECTRIC) LLC 701 National Avenue Tahoe Vista, CA 96148, Angie Calloway Eastern Sierra Environmental Branch Chief CALTRANS District 9

Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for Burke Creek-Rabe Meadows Complex Restoration Plan, Phase I and Phase II, Douglas County, Nevada. Submitted to USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit South Lake Tahoe, California. Report #R2015051900026

A Class I Cultural Resources Inventory for Proposed DWSRF Downtown Streetscape Project, Carson City, Nevada. Report prepared for Carson City Public Works Department, Nevada Department of Environmental Protection

A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Au-Reka Gold Work Plan #3 Block Exploration Area, Lander County, Nevada BLM Report Number CRR 6-3124-1. Submitted to Bureau of Land Management Battle Mountain District Mt. Lewis Field Office Battle Mountain, Nevada

A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Associated with AAR #10 Route Modifications to the Nevada Hospital Association, Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative Project, Nevada. Report Prepared for National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), BLM Las Vegas District, Pahrump Field Office CRR 5-2692

Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for a Placement of a Proposed 1.82 Mile Aerial Fiber Optic Line on Timbisha Tribal Lands, Nye County, Nevada as part of the Nevada Broadband Telecommunications Initiative (NBTI) Report submitted to Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, Sacramento, California.

Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for a Placement of a Proposed 12.8 Mile Fiber Optic Line on Walker River Paiute Tribal Lands, Mineral County, Nevada as part of the Nevada Broadband Telecommunications Initiative (NBTI) Report submitted to Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office, Phoenix, Arizona

- A Class I Archival Review for the Proposed Liberty Utilities Hazard Tree Removal and Pole Replacement, Tahoe City 7300 Phase 2 Rebuild Project 8800-0214-0597. Report prepared for Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC
- A Cultural Resources Report for Proposed Clean Water State Revolving Fund 2014 Sewer Replacement and Storm Water Improvements, Carson City, Nevada. Report Prepared for Carson City Public Works Department, Nevada Department of Environmental Protection
- A Class I Cultural Resources Inventory for Proposed DWSRF E-W Transmission Main Phase 2A-2, Carson City, Nevada. Report Prepared for Carson City Public Works Department, Nevada Department of Environmental Protection.
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of a Six Acre Parcel at 2595 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada (APN 032-050-64) Report Prepared for Wood Rodgers, Inc, Submitted to Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office, Phoenix, AZ
- Addendum to A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the Liberty Utilities CalPECo 619 Line Replacement, Plumas County, California HRM 01-03-2014. Report prepared for Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC, Submitted to Plumas National Forest.
- 2014 A Cultural Resources Report for Proposed Clean Water State Revolving Fund 2014 Sewer Replacement and Storm Water Improvements, Carson City, Nevada. Report Prepared for Carson City Public Works Department, Nevada Department of Environmental Protection
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Associated with AAR #6 Route Modifications to the Nevada Hospital Association, Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative Project, Nevada. Submitted to National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), BLM Nevada, Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office Las Vegas District, Pahrump Field Office
- A Class I Archival Review for the Rancharra Development, Reno, Nevada. Report Prepared for Wood Rodgers, Inc, Submitted to Washoe County Planning Department
- A Class I Archival Review for the Proposed Liberty Utilities Hazard Tree Removal and Pole Replacement, Tahoe City 7300 Phase 2 Rebuild Project 8800-0214-0597. Report prepared for Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC, Submitted to U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of a Forty-five Acre Parcel (APN 007-091-15/APN 007-60-101) at the Head of Ash Canyon, Carson City, Nevada for Nevada Land Trust. Submitted to Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region Sacramento, California
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of APN 014-090-011, Sierra County, California for Truckee Donner Land Trust. Submitted to Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region, Sacramento, California Tracking Number 15-LBAO-010
- 2013 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the Liberty Utilities CalPECo 619 Line Replacement, Plumas County, California Report submitted to Plumas National Forest HRM 01-03-2014

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- 2010 Archaeological Survey for Three Mono County Transportation Enhancement Projects in the Towns of Walker and Bridgeport, Mono County, California. Report on file CALTRANS District 9, Bishop, California.
- 2009 *Virginia & Truckee Railway Reconstruction Project Halfway House (Or308/Ly918) and Emigrant Trail (CrNv03-1411) Data Recovery Report*. Contributions by Michael Drews, Jeremy Hall, William White and Charles Zeier. Prepared for Federal Highway Administration and Sierra Front Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. Michael P. Drews (editor) BLM Report Number CRR 3-1597.3.
- An Architectural and Archaeological Inventory of the American Flat Mill, Storey County, Nevada. Report submitted to BLM Carson City Field Office, CRR 3-2468, FDD070044.
- 2008 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory along a Mountain Bike Trail In Ash Canyon, Carson City, Nevada. Report prepared for Carson City, Department of Parks and Recreation.
- A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for a Proposed R&PP Land Exchange, Carson City, Nevada. BLM Carson City Field Office CRR 3-2468.
- Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Bluebird Fuels Reduction Project, Douglas County, Nevada. BLM Carson City Field Office CRR 3-2452.
- A Cultural Resources Inventory for Sierra Pacific Power Company #141 Line Rebuild Washoe County, Nevada. Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest Project Number R 2008 04 17 01869.
- Addendum to a Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for the Petersen Mountains Fuels Treatment Project, Washoe County, Nevada. Report prepared for BLM Carson City Field Office CRR 3-2314-1
- The Carson City Field Office Cultural Resources Model for Fuels Management. Prepared for Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, Carson City Field Office.
- 2004 In The Black Prehistoric Cultural Resources Probability Model. Prepared for U.S. Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Sparks.
- Bridgeport Grazing and Cultural Resources Probability Model. Prepared for U.S. Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Sparks.
- Drews, Michael and Sarah Branch
- 2015 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the DTL Treatment Properties for the Dayton Valley Conservation District, Lyon County, Nevada. Report sSubmitted to Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region Sacramento, California
- Drews, Michael P., Jeremy Hall
- 2012 A Class III Archaeological Inventory of the Bently Property (APN 010-011-24 and 010-011-25) along the Carson River as required by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Funding Agreement. Submitted to BLM, Sierra Field Office, Carson City, Nevada. BLM Report Number CR 3-2596.

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- 2010 Archaeological Survey for Three Mono County Transportation Enhancement Projects in the Towns of Walker and Bridgeport, Mono County, California. Report on file CALTRANS District 9, Bishop, California.
- Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for Canoe Hill II, Washoe County, Nevada. BLM Report: CRR-3-2539. Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Front Field Office, Carson City
- 2009 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for a 3 acre Expansion of the Bridgeport Sanitary Landfill, Bridgeport, California. Report on file Bureau of Land Management, Bishop Field Office.
- Archaeological Survey for the Proposed Pavement Rehabilitation of Swall Meadows Road, Near Toms Place, Mono County, California Federal Project No. ESPL-5947E-5016(037). Report on file CALTRANS District 9, Bishop, Ca.
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- Drews, Michael P. and Dayna Giambastiani
- 2016 Cultural Resources Overview of the Heinz Ranch, South Parcel (approximately 1378 acres) for the Stone Gate Master Planned Community, Washoe County, Nevada. Submitted to: Heinz Ranch Company, LLC 2999 Oak Road, Suite 400 Walnut Creek, CA 94597
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- 2016 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for Sky View Parcels in Carpenter Valley, Nevada County, California for Truckee Donner Land Trust. Submitted to Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento, California 16-LBAO-139.
- Drews, Michael P. and Mark Giambastiani
- 2016 Archaeological Survey for the Proposed STIP Project 'FC' Pavement Rehabilitation Project in Susanville, Lassen County, California PPNO 2510, Federal ID Project Number 5115(016). Submitted to: City of Susanville Public Works Department 720 South Street Susanville, California 96130, CALTRANS District 2, Office of Local Assistance.
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- Drews, Michael, Eric Ingbar, and Jeremy Hall

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