

URARA C&P Site Database

Beaver Symposium 2024

A Little History...

2014:

- A site database was proposed
- Goal: Identify the location of every rock art site in Utah
- Provide this data to:
 - Our Conservation and Preservation Committee members in order to respond to government requests
 - Government land management agencies so they know where rock art is located within their jurisdictions
 - Return any data to the person who has submitted it (backup service)
- Research value was problematic for several reasons
- We don't use the database for field trips

2018:

- Large fires were occurring around the state and fire archeologists starting requesting URARA site data. This led to interest in putting URARA data into the SHPO database

2023 (red dots):

- Only a handful of members have provided information but quite a few sites
- Information comes in a variety of formats and with little detail
- It was somewhat useful for C&P but we needed GIS expertise to really find value
- It's not very useful to government agencies because it doesn't specify what is at the site and we have multiple dots for the same place.

2024

- We've added about 450 sites to our database with our new Survey123 apps since the last symposium
- We've updated the Site Information (Long form) app to recognize some concerns from members
- We recognized that the Long form app was too time consuming and complicated for some members and have introduced a new app (Short form)
- We've been out walking roads in the San Rafael Swell to update data for the travel management plan and have provided that data to Natalie Fewings at the Price FO to assist with her Section 106 review for the travel management plan
 - Our recent documentation has provided baseline photographs for two incidents of vandalism
- We are headed out to the Henry Mountain area after this symposium to do the same thing there
- We've introduced a new Short form app that is much simpler than the long form app. We'd love all members to have that on your phones and to send us information on any site you visit whether in the state or not.

The Short Form App

- Works on an Android or Apple phone
- Only has six questions:
 - Your name
 - The date (auto fill)
 - GPS location (auto fill)
 - Comments
 - Overview photo
 - Site photos
- It generally takes less than five minutes to complete

What We Do With The Data

- Kent:
 - Receives the data and stores it in secure storage
 - Runs a series of automated macros to put the data into a more manageable form
 - Determines if the site is new or if we have current information for the site
 - Updates the site data if we only have location data to include your data and pictures
 - For new sites, or sites with new data, sends the information to SHPO
- SHPO updates their records and puts our data into their database so that it is available to public land managers and CRMs doing work in the area