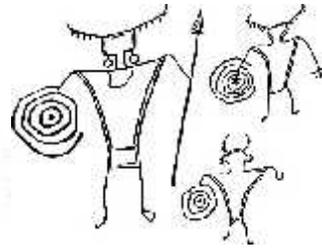


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## President's Letter

By Richard Jenkinson

I attended the URARA field trip to the Book Cliffs in May. We saw some rock art that was new to me and to most of the group. The field trips are always a great social event. Rock-arters make for good company. Don't miss the June trip to Vernal and the July trip to Torrey. See the calendar for details. Special thanks to Steve and Oscar for selecting and organizing trips.

## Carol Patterson to Discuss New Book

Joe Brame

Carol Patterson will discuss her new book (authored with Clifford Duncan) on Ute Rock Art at the Edge of the Cedars Museum on July 9. The book, titled [Petroglyphs of Western Colorado and the northern Ute Indian Reservation, as Interpreted by Clifford Duncan](#) has been published by the American Philosophical Society, Transactions, Volume 105, Part 5, 156 p. 51 color phototgraphs. Clifford Duncan, a Northern Ute elder, believed in educating the public to know and understand the meaning of Ute petroglyphs, to help to preserve and protect them. The interpretations of the petroglyphs are supplemented with the cultural and political history to provide a background context to Clifford's interpretations. In addition, ethnographic information from other scholars provides readers with a deep appreciation as to what makes Ute petroglyphs so unique and fascinating.

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# BLM Undertaking Class 1 Surveys

Diana Acerson

In February URARA was notified that the Monticello, Moab and Price BLM field offices had begun development of Class I inventories of existing data on cultural resource locations, and three Class II probabilistic field surveys for the Monticello and Price field offices (San Rafael Desert and Molen Reef Areas) for fluid Mineral leasing, travel management and future planning. In addition, Richfield and Fillmore field offices also began their Class I and some Class II inventories at about the same time. URARA was given Consultant status for all of these projects and is actively participating as the inventories are being developed.

During meetings we have been provided documents including maps, the lists for the Class I and Class II predictive models, and a lists of environments variables. We have and continue to give feedback on the environmental and cultural variables. As a consulting party the focus is on providing input into the Class I's, Class II's, and the predictive modeling. These predictive models with their variables cause concern for us, since they indicate probabilities of cultural site locations within an area based only on known data and limited surveys.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) have been prepared for data sharing protection between URARA, the BLM's outside consultants, and these field offices. We have, through our database and through members willing to provide site locations, given the field offices as much information as we have, however limited, in accordance with the MOU's protection of information provisions. We are looking for further information on site locations in all these field office jurisdictions. We will take dots on maps, notes in books, old maps, pictures, or whatever you have, to get information into our database so we have a better idea of sites and densities for these predictive models they are preparing.

The Richfield field office boundary is the largest within the Color Country District of the BLM and has the least amount of known site location information. The area covers Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Wayne, and eastern Garfield counties. Some of the towns and cities you most likely are familiar with in these areas are: Hanksville, Ticaboo, Teasdale, Torrey, Loa, Junction, Marysville, Joseph, Monroe, Richfield, Siguard, Salina, Centerfield, Mayfield, Gunnison, Manti, Ephraim, Mt. Pleasant, Spring City, Milburn, Moroni, Fountain Green, and Fairview. The predictive model the Richfield field office is preparing is based only on the information they currently have and does not come close to covering what cultural resources may be out there that should be included in their Master Leasing Plans and other future planning developments. This model for example, only covers about 23% of the total area of the field office, excluding a lot of Sec 106 qualifying sites.

If you have any form of site location information for any of these areas and can share it with Troy Scotter, our database manager, please contact him. [troy.scotter@gmail.com](mailto:troy.scotter@gmail.com), (801)377-6901. No URARA site information he receives is given to anyone except to the BLM or the State Historical Preservation Office.

# Protection Update for East Lake Mountain

Diana Acerson

At our 2nd meeting with Jenna Whitlock, Acting State Director BLM, in February this year, she made commitments to take immediate measures to protect the rock art at Lake Mountain. Those commitments were:

- Initiate and finalize a travel management planning effort in 2016 to designate transportation and travel routes in the southern Lake Mountains. During the planning effort, at-risk petroglyphs will be considered when establishing a designated route network that will support the BLM's multiple-use mandate
- Seek funding, volunteers, and/or partners to complete the following initiatives:
  - Hiring seasonal staff who would be responsible for making visitor contacts about appropriate target shooting locations, monitoring at-risk archaeological sites, and other cultural resource-based protection efforts;
  - Extending the existing fence on the west side of the power line road to make the area less conducive to recreational target shooting;
  - Rehabilitating OHV routes in the area that were created without authorization after the approval of the Pony Express Resource Management Plan
  - Strategically placing boulders in front of boulders with petroglyphs to create physical barriers

We are pleased to report that 2 seasonal staff have been hired and some fencing has been installed.

## Rock Art in the News

**East Lake Mountain:** ABC Channel 4 - "Good 4 Utah" did a nice piece on the petroglyphs at Lake Mountain, which aired at 10:00 p.m. May 27<sup>th</sup>. To view go to:

<http://www.good4utah.com/news/group-says-ancient-petroglyphs-at-risk-if-blm-continues-to-allow-target-shooting-in-utah-county>

**White House urges Utah delegation to find consensus on Bears Ears**, Salt Lake Tribune 6 May 2016 <http://www.sltrib.com/news/3864211-155/white-house-urges-utah-delegation-to>

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<http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/3856162-155/op-ed-protect-bears-ears-before-the>

**An Indigenous Vision: The Bears Ears National Monument** Huffington Post 2 May 2016  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ann\\_morgan/an-indigenous-vision-the-\\_b\\_9814960.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ann_morgan/an-indigenous-vision-the-_b_9814960.html)

**Hole in the Rock Foundation asks Utah lands agency to auction area near Bears Ears** SL Tribune 27 May 2016 <http://www.sltrib.com/news/3937814-155/hole-in-the-rock-foundation-asks>

# Book Cliffs Field Trip Report

Steve Acerson



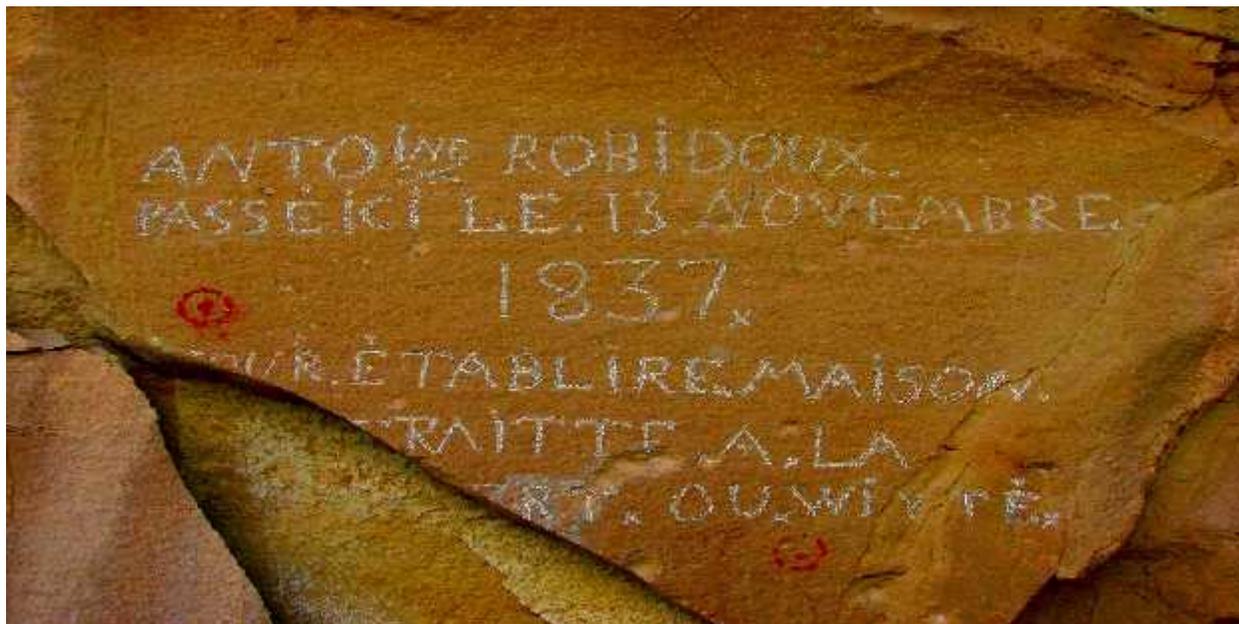
Twenty plus members met at the Westwater exit on I-70, to drive a hundred mile loop through the 240-mile long Bookcliff Range. In the group were some new members coming out to see what excites people about these old images left by several cultures along the road we were going to be driving today. Welcome to Mari Reed from Payson, Kent Williams from SLC, and Jim and Pam King from Ivins.

After signing in and carpooling up we lined out in our metal wagon train and headed across the sagebrush flats that would lead us into the Bookcliffs. Wildflowers covered the ground, antelope stared at us as our dust cloud consumed them, and eagles took flight and watched the fast moving line of vehicles from the clouds.

We left the desert behind as we drove up East Canyon, stopping a couple of times as we ascended in altitude; pine and aspen trees and little patches of snow were enjoyed as we topped out on the rim at about 8500 ft. The vistas and views were amazing, the snowcapped La Sals to the south, and the east-west ranging Uintas to the north. We took a right turn and drove to Sweetwater Canyon for

lunch and a mountain spring that came to the surface between two rocks. We met several groups of bear hunters during the day with their packs of hound dogs.

Returning west we passed the new oil shale project area, a large open excavation, and after a few more miles and clouds of dust we turned left into the head of East Canyon. We stopped by another spring where fur trapper Denis Julien had left his name beside some Ute images, with a date of 1837. Julien left inscriptions in Utah and Colorado from 1831 to 1844. He was part of the 1827 expedition with Francisco Robidoux to Taos, New Mexico, and the land of the Utes in southern Utah and Colorado. The Antoine Robidoux inscription at the junction of East and Hay canyon with a date of Nov. 1837 ties these two together.



The group spent a couple of hours looking at the different cultural symbols here. Ute, Fremont, BCS, and others, were enjoyed in the afternoon light. We traveled back to a campsite on a rim, after some talk about rock art and salmon provided by the Kings, we retired for a nights sleep. Sometime during the night the wind blew, and I thought I might wake up in Colorado, but after a couple of hours of buffeting, it calmed down.

Sunday found us in Diamond Canyon and finishing up in Segoe Canyon. New members became friends, dust covered us all; spring flowers and rock art made it worth while.... Enjoy, see you next month in Irish Canyon.

More information on the Bookcliff area can be found at:

[www.summitpost.org/book-cliffs/482735](http://www.summitpost.org/book-cliffs/482735)

## Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips

June 4	Tour of Smith Preserve, Utah County
June 18-19	Field trip, Vernal
July 16-17	Field trip, Torrey
July 29-30	OSTA Conference, Grand Junction <a href="http://oldspanishtrail.org/participate/conference/annual_conference.php">http://oldspanishtrail.org/participate/conference/annual_conference.php</a>
August 4-7	Pecos Conference, Alpine, AZ <a href="http://pecosconference.com/">http://pecosconference.com/</a>
August 13-14	URARA summer picnic, Blanding
September 17-18	Field trip, Price, Nine-mile Canyon
Sep 30-Oct 3	URARA Symposium, Delta
October 7-10	Colorado Archaeological Society Conference, Grand Junction
October 15-18	Great Basin Anthropological Conference, Boise, Idaho
November 5-6	Field trip, Bluff
December 10-11	Field trip, Moab

For info or sign-up for URARA events, please go to [www.utahrockart.org](http://www.utahrockart.org) or contact Oscar Olson at 801-485-0862 or Steve Acerson at 385-985-5402, [whiteh20rockart@gmail.com](mailto:whiteh20rockart@gmail.com).

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