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Dear Heidi,

As you requested, here is the information about cultural resources that DRI has recorded within the potential Yucca Mountain withdrawal area. The numbers below reflect National Register of Historic Places eligibility as determined by OCRWM. It should be noted that the Nevada SHPO has concurred with the majority of OCRWM's determinations of eligibility. However, in some instances OCRWM considers a site not eligible for the NRHP, while the SHPO has not concurred on the grounds that it contains obsidian artifacts that may provide age estimates (via obsidian hydration dating) or evidence of transport of stone tool materials (via sourcing). OCRWM has developed an obsidian study program to address these issues on a regional basis, and stands by its determinations concerning these individual sites.

Grand total of all sites: 532  
NRHP-Eligible: 232  
Not eligible: 240  
Unevaluated: 60 (some of these are potentially eligible)  
Isolated artifacts: 553 (considered not eligible)

The eligible sites fall into the following categories:

Localities: 188 (almost all of these are lithic scatters)  
Temporary Camps: 42 (a combination of lithic and groundstone tools, along with a small number of quarries & tinajas)  
Rock alignment only: 1  
Tinaja only: 1

The vast majority of the eligible sites are considered prehistoric in age, while nine contain both prehistoric and historic artifacts. No eligible site is solely historic in age, as the historic sites in the Yucca Mountain area are typically isolated artifacts or cairns.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

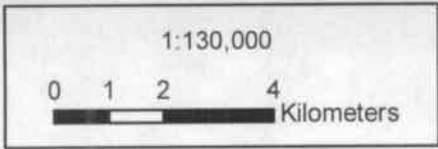
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David Rhode, Research Professor

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- YM Potential Withdrawal Area
- DRI Cultural Resource Inventories
- NTS Boundaries
- Main Roads