

Utah Cultural Resource Summary Report for Mapleton Bench parcel submitted by Bill James, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

A cultural resources ("CURES") database file search was conducted on January 16, 2008 by Kathie A. Davies, DWR Archaeologist, which revealed one previous survey (U-01-FS-0216f,s) in the current project area. This survey conducted by the U.S. Forest Service covers 2.4 of the 3.8 acres considered for disposal. No cultural material was identified in that survey within one mile of the area currently considered for disposal.

Shortly after the construction trespass took place DWR Conservation Officer Brad Probst and Steve Hansen, DWR Land and Water Acquisition Manager, visited, took photographs, and inspected the area. Neither Steve nor Brad identified any cultural material in the area. The photographs were inspected by Kathie Davies, and she found no evidence of cultural material present in the photographs.

Bill James, DWR Energy Development / NEPA Program Coordinator, and Kathie Davies spoke jointly on January 16, 2008 with Wilson Martin, Utah State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), regarding the Mapleton Bench trespass incident. Wilson Martin suggested a visual inspection by an archaeologist be conducted to make the final estimation, but because of winter conditions and snow pack a visual inspection would be ineffective at this time. It was postponed until the snow is gone.

We concluded that because of a 2001 intensive survey conducted by the Forest Service, the visual inspection by Brad Probst and Steve Hansen, and the photographic inspection of the area, it is unlikely that cultural material was present in the affected area. We recommend "no-effect" to cultural material resulted from the trespass. We do, however, retain the right to discuss mitigation with the party who trespassed on DWR land. A follow-up trip will be made to the area by our archaeologist as soon the snow is gone, to re-establish this finding.

Pursuant to the Utah DWR, Utah SHPO, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Utah State Planning Coordinator Programmatic Agreement, Item 2(c), the proposed action may proceed, for purposes of cultural resources consultation, without further delay, now that a "no effect" finding has been reached.