

KAIBAB VERMILLION CLIFFS HERITAGE ALLIANCE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

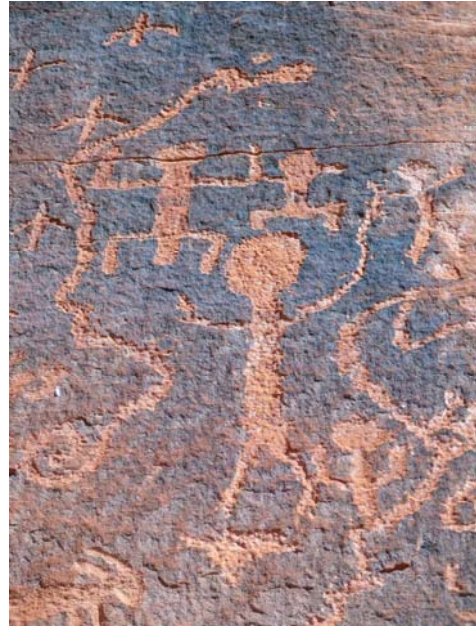
VERMILION CLIFFS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA

September 27-October 1, 2010

Project Description

The Fall 2010 Volunteer Project for the Kaibab Vermilion Cliffs Heritage Alliance will occur within Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, on the eastern Arizona Strip. The area is located northwest of Lees Ferry and west of Page, Arizona, on BLM-administered lands in Arizona. It is a very remote location with no access to services.

Volunteers will assist Bureau of Land Management and private archaeologists in finding and recording archaeological sites and rock art. Participants will follow published GPS locations of archaeological sites on top of the sandy Paria Plateau and on the steep Vermilion Cliffs along the western edges of the plateau. The work will involve locating and recording sites to establish baseline information upon which to determine future protection efforts of the archaeological sites, including rock art panels, small structures, and Ancestral Puebloan villages. Monitoring data will be accompanied by photographic documentation, field sketches, and scale drawings for the rock art panels. Documentation efforts will be used to record previously undocumented archaeological sites, update current site records, assess impacts to the sites, and identify any needed preservation or protection efforts.



Conditions:

Access to the sites in the project area will require traveling by four-wheel drive vehicles on sandy and rugged dirt roads. Off-trail hiking across uneven, sandy and steep terrain may be necessary to reach some locations. Average high temperatures during September may reach mid-to high 80s and average low temperatures may reach into the 50s, with possible fluctuations in temperatures. Volunteers should be prepared for potentially hot, cool, and/or wet conditions and be physically able to hike short distances across difficult and/or very steep terrain while carrying personal and work equipment.

Useful (but not mandatory) skills:

*Knowledge and experience in recording archaeological sites, including reading and drawing site maps; documenting and illustrating rock art; and general knowledge of Southwestern prehistory. Agency archaeologists will provide GPS units, compasses, maps, cameras, radios, and other equipment necessary for the project.

Schedule:

Participants will meet at Grand Canyon Trust Headquarters in Flagstaff, Arizona at 8:00 AM (Arizona time) Monday morning, September 27, 2010. The group will then travel to Vermilion Cliffs National Monument for orientation. Those coming from St. George, Utah will need to contact Diana

Hawks, Arizona Strip BLM at Diana_Hawks@blm.gov to arrange for transportation to the project area on Monday morning, September 27, 2010; first come, first served.

Orientation will include area prehistory, heritage resource protection laws and site ethics, project goals and methods, and field safety. Site locating and documenting will begin following orientation and continue through mid-day Friday, October 1, 2010. Except for Monday and Friday, these will be full work days in the field with standard breaks.

Transportation/Lodging/Food:

Participants must provide their own transportation to Flagstaff, AZ, St. George, UT, or to the project area. Transportation from Flagstaff to the project area will be provided by the Grand Canyon Trust for those who need it. Transportation from St. George to the project area is also available for 2-3 participants; first come, first served (Contact Diana_Hawks@blm.gov).

Field camp for the week will be at the Grand Canyon Trust's Two Mile Ranch Headquarters within Vermilion Cliffs National Monument. Facilities at the ranch include a ranch house with water, kitchen and bathroom facilities (including shower). Limited space is available in the ranch house for sleeping; most participants will need to bring a tent and sleeping bag and pad for sleeping nearby. There are spots near the ranch house to pitch small tents. Camping nearby on BLM-administered land in the monument is also possible for self-contained trailers or RVs; no developed campgrounds are near the ranch. Group meals will be provided from lunch Monday through Friday, but participants must provide personal camping gear, including tents. Cell phone service is limited to nonexistent. Pets are not allowed.

Clothing/Equipment:

Fall weather conditions are generally mild and perfect for field work, although participants should be prepared to work in a variety of conditions. Early morning and evening temperatures could be cool and daytime temperatures could be warm. Precipitation is sometimes possible, although Fall is usually the best time of the year to be in this region. Clothing should include items appropriate for all potential weather conditions: think layers. Layered clothes insulate better than a single garment of the same thickness and can be added or removed to meet changing climatic conditions. Recommended items include raingear, light jacket or sweatshirt, wide-brimmed hat for sun, and hiking boots. As work will be conducted outdoors, some form of sun protection is necessary. In general, a brimmed hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, and shoes that can get wet and sandy are musts. Generally, insects are not a problem at this time of the year. Each participant should bring a small personal backpack for lunch and water because work will be conducted away from the ranch during the day. The BLM will provide all equipment necessary to conduct the work.

Maximum Participants:

9 volunteers, signup on a first-come, first-served basis.

To sign up and for further information, please contact Adrienne Sanchez at Grand Canyon Trust: telephone (928) 774-7488, or email asanchez@grandcanyontrust.org. The Trust will send each participant directions, a full packlist, and required forms to complete and return.

Kaibab Vermilion Cliffs Heritage Alliance

This project is coordinated by the Kaibab Vermilion Cliffs Heritage Alliance, whose mission is to help protect and preserve the cultural resources of the eastern Arizona Strip. The Alliance brings

together interested land managing agencies, tribes, organizations, and individuals to aid efforts to monitor, document, manage, research, and interpret those resources. The Alliance steering committee is made up of representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Coconino County, Grand Canyon Trust, Grand Canyon National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Museum of Northern Arizona, Northern Arizona University, and at-large members. Membership is open to anyone interested in furthering Alliance mission and goals. The Alliance implements projects on the ground with the help of site stewards, students, researchers, and other volunteers. For more information, contact Coordinator, P.O. Box 22311, Flagstaff, AZ 86002. Phone 928-779-2962, or email mpcreh@msn.com, or visit our web page at: <http://grandcanyontrust.org/programs/kane/kaibab-vermilion-cliffs.php>

