

Fort Peck Tribe

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EI-17837
NR Eligibility
Recommendations

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Cathy,

Please list the following in RED OVERLAY as our recommendations for National Register eligibility. After discussions with other tribes and monitors, we feel that the sites that are recommended here for National Registration will preserve historic landscapes as well as individual sites themselves.

Sincerely,

Curley Youpee

Criterion A. (A religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance.)

Week 1 Sites:

48CA0098

Mile Post: 796.7
Description: 1 Stone Circle and 1 Stone Cairn
Context: Situated on an eroded ridge above the North Prong of Little Thunder Creek.
Report: WY2
Status: Site not listed by SWCA.
Used for Criterion A
Not Eligible for Criterion A

More Archaeological Testing Needed? No

Tribal Monitor: None

Discussion: Site was identified in 1976 by AS (1976) as "several stone circles". ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) returned to the site in 1999 and recorded 1 stone circle, 1 stone cairn, and 1 possible piece of chipped stone debris. No shovel tests were conducted because the site was heavily eroded.

ACF revisited the site location in 2006 (SWCA 2007) but could not relocate any of the stone features or any artifacts. No shovel testing was done because of the highly deflated condition. Scoria and clinkers were common.

48CA1406/48CA1719

Mile Post: 13.0
Description: 2 Stone Circles, a Lithic Scatter (27 artifacts), and Historic Artifact Scatter (73+ artifacts)
Context: Situated on the crest and flanks of a southeast-trending finger ridge west of Beckwith Creek.

Report: WY2
Status: Prehistoric Component: Unevaluated for Criterion A
 Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D
 Historic Component: Not Eligible for Criteria A, B, C, or D
More Archaeological Testing Needed? No
Tribal Monitor: None reported
Discussion: Site was identified in 1981 by Western Cultural Resources Management (WCRM) (1981) as an Early Archaic habitation and a historic site with 1 stone circle, a large lithic scatter divided into 4 areas (A to D), and recent historic material. The site was revised in 1982 (Greer 1982) and reported as a disturbed homestead site.

ACR returned to the site in 2006. ACR relocated the stone circle, the lithic scatter, and the historic artifact scatter and also identified a second stone circle. Feature 1 consisted of 12 large scoria and sandstone cobbles in an oval measuring 6.7 x 5.9 meters (22.0 x 19.4 feet) Feature 2 consisted of 6 scoria and sandstone cobbles in a loose circle measuring 3.4 x 3.2 meters (11.2 x 10.5 feet) with 2 more stones in the interior of the circle. The historic materials are interpreted to be associated with an early 1900s sheepherder's camp. ACR excavated 9 shovel tests and determined there no potential for subsurface deposits.

48CA1490/48CO726

Mile Post: 13.6 to 14.0
Description: 6 Stone Circles, 1 Stone Cairn, Stone Alignments, 7 Hearths, and a Large Lithic Scatter (243 artifacts)
Context: Situated on a series of hills and scoria-capped ridges interspersed with intermittent washes that flow into Beckwith and Antelope Creeks.
Report: WY2
Status: Eligible for Criteria C, D, and F
 Not Eligible for Criteria A
More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes
Tribal Monitor: None Reported
Discussion: Site was identified in 1981 by Western Cultural Resources Management (WCRM) (1981) as a Middle Archaic to Late Prehistoric habitation site with 11 stone circles, 1 stone cairn, 15 hearths, and lithic concentrations all divided into 13 localities. Thirteen project points dated from the Middle Archaic to the Late Prehistoric periods. A radiocarbon sample dated the site to between AD 1060 and 1200. WCRM (1982) returned to the site in 1982 to complete testing. Twelve 1x1 m test units were excavated at proposed well pad locations. The site was recommended eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion D. The SHPO concurred with the recommendation.

ACR (2007) returned to the site in 2006 to survey the proposed railroad project corridor. No features were identified and only 1 flake was found.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007. SWCA recorded 16 Features and excavated 18 shovel tests, 1 of which yielded artifacts. The 6 stone circles

(Features 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, and 11) measured between 3.9 x 3.5 m (12.7 x 11.5 ft) to 6.5 x 5.4 m (21.3 x 17.7 ft) and included 17 to 55 sandstones. Feature 4 was a stone cairn of 50+ sandstones measuring 2.5 x 1.7 m (8.2 x 5.6 ft) and 18 cm (7 in) tall. Stone alignment Features 7 and 8 measured 5.8 x 4.5 m (19.0 x 14.8 ft) and 7.3 x 3.6 m (24.0 x 11.8 ft), respectively. The 7 hearths (Features 2, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16) measures 76 x 37 cm (30 x 14 in) to 162 x 150 cm (64 x 59 in) and included 10 to 100 fire-altered rocks.

48CA1709

Mile Post: 797.3
Description: 11 Stone Circles 1 Stone Alignment, 1 Hearth, and a Lithic Scatter (4 artifacts)
Context: Situated on a series of east-west trending finger ridges north of Burning Coal Draw. A USGS section marker is located within the site.
Report: WY2
Status: Evaluated for Criteria C and D; Not Evaluated for Criteria A

More Archaeological

Testing Needed?

Tribal Monitor:

Discussion:

Yes
 This site was identified by the name of the Wyoming State Archaeologist (1982) as a stone circle. One unidentified stone feature. Three shovel tests were excavated. No artifacts were in the tests or on the ground surface.

ACR (SWCA 2007) revisited the site in 2006 and relocated only 7 of the 17 features reported by the OWSA. Features 11 to 16 in the south half of the site were not found. A small lithic scatter was found near Feature 4. ACR recorded Features 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Only Feature 4 was clearly defined as a stone circle 3.0 meters (9.8 feet) in diameter; the other 6 features were ambiguous. No subsurface testing was done.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007 and recorded 10 stone circles, 1 stone arc, 1 C-shaped stone alignment, and 1 possible hearth. Features 1, 11, 12, and 16 recorded by OWSA were not relocated. The 10 stone circles included 13 to 100 sandstones and ranged in size from 3.2 x 5.4 meters (10.5 x 17.7 feet) to 6.7 x 7.2 meters (22.0 x 23.6 feet), but tended to measure around 5.3 x 4.3 meters (17.4 x 14.1 feet). This also was the dimensions of the stone arc (Feature 6), which included 27 sandstones. The C-shaped stone alignment (Feature 13) measured 2.8 x 2.1 meters (9.2 x 6.9 feet) and was composed of 27 sandstones. The possible hearth (Feature 2) included 20 sandstone slabs in an area measuring 1.4 x 1.9 meters (4.6 x 6.2 feet). No subsurface testing was performed.

48CA3527

Mile Post: 823.9
Description: 6 Stone Circles and Lithic Scatter (3 artifacts)
Context: Situated on a flat bench on the point of a northeast spur of a steep ridgeline at the north side of the Belle Fourche River floodplain.
Report: WY2
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A;
 Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D

**More Archaeological
Testing Needed?
Tribal Monitor:
Discussion:**

No

Yes (1999)

Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 4 stone circles (Features 1, 2, 4, and 5), 1 stone crescent (Feature 3), all of scoria cobbles, and three pieces of lithic debitage. No subsurface testing was performed.

ACR (SWCA 2007) revisited the site in 2006 and relocated the 5 features, but no artifacts. No subsurface testing was done.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007. They relocated the original 5 features, but noted that Feature 5 included 2 stone arcs and divided this into Features 5 and 6. Thus, SWCA identified 3 stone circles and 3 stone arcs. Feature 1 was a stone circle comprised of 33 scoria cobbles and measured 6.7 x 6.7 meters (22.0 feet x 22.0 feet) and included 2 stones in the circle's interior. Feature 2 consisted of 31 scoria cobbles and measured 5.9 x 5.8 meters (19.4 x 19.0 feet) with 2 stones at the center of the circle. Feature 3 was a stone arc of 21 scoria cobbles and measured 5.1 meters (16.7 feet) east to west. Feature 4 was a stone circle of 36 scoria cobbles that measured 4.9 x 4.9 meters (16.1 x 16.1 feet). Feature 5 was a stone arc of 9 scoria cobbles that measured 3.1 meters (10.2 feet) north to south. Feature 6 was a stone arc of 36 scoria cobbles that measured 4.2 x 4.8 meters (13.8 x 15.8 feet). SWCA excavated 3 shovel tests.

48CA3638

**Mile Post:
Description:
Context:
Report:
Status:**

797.3

1 Stone Circle, 1 Stone Cairn, a Lithic Scatter (2 artifacts)

Situated on the north side of a northwest to southeast-trending finger ridge.

WY2

Eligible for Criterion 1
Eligible for Criterion 2

**More Archaeological
Testing Needed?
Tribal Monitor:
Discussion:**

Yes

None

Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 1 stone circle, 1 stone cairn, and 1 stone crescent and a flake. The stone circle measured 4.9 x 4.4 meters (16.1 x 14.4 feet). The stone cairn measured 3.5 x 3.0 meters (11.5 x 9.8 feet).

ACR (SWCA 2007) revisited the site in 2006, but could not find the stone circle, stone cairn, or artifacts. ACR reported natural outcrops of clinkers and scoria in shallow, highly eroded soils. It was suggested that the site was misplotted by ARCHLAB or destroyed.

48CA3781

**Mile Post:
Description:**

794.6 to 794.8

25 Stone Circles, 4 Stone Cairns, 3 Stone Alignments, 1 Hearth, 1 Rock Art Panel, 1 Rock Crawl Space, a Lithic Scatter (60+ artifacts), and 11 Historic Inscription Panels

Context: Situated in a crescent-shaped area formed by two southeast-projecting finger ridges about ½ miles north of the confluence of School Creek with Little Thunder Creek.

Report: WY2

Status: Eligible for Criteria C and D;
Not Eligible for Criterion C;
Not Evaluated for Criterion A;
Eligible for Criterion D;
Not Eligible for Criteria A, B, and C

More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes

Tribal Monitor: None Reported

Discussion: Site was identified in 2000 by GCM Services (2000) as a large lithic scatter of hundreds of artifacts, five stone features (1, 2, 4, 5, and 7), and 3 historic inscription panels (Features 3, 6, and 8). Features 1 and 4 were stone arcs, Feature 2 was a stone circle, Feature 7 was a very small (1.0 meter-diameter) stone circle, and Feature 5 was an L-shaped stone alignment. GCM excavated 4 shovel tests.

ACR (2007) revisited the site in 2006 and recorded 41 features: 19 stone circles (Features 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 16, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 28 to 36); 1 stone concentration (Feature 27); 7 rock piles (Features 1, 2, 7, 12, 15, 17, and 18); 1 hearth (Feature 22); 1 rock art panel (Feature 40); 11 historic inscription panels (Features 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 37, 38, and 41); and 1 "spy hole" (Feature 39). The rock piles were interpreted as possible burials. Artifacts indicated Paleoindian through Early Historic periods. No subsurface tests were excavated. Site was recommended eligible under Criterion D.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007 and recorded 46 features: 24 stone circles (Features 12 to 17, 26 to 33, 35 to 43, 45, and 46); 1 stone arc (Feature 34); 4 stone cairns (Features 1, 2, 39, and 44); 3 stone alignments (Features 6, 7, and 8); 1 rock art panel (Feature 19); 11 historic inscription panels (Features 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 20 to 25); 1 hearth (Feature 4); and one "spy hole" (Feature 18). Three shovel tests were excavated.

48CA6453

Mile Post: 795.2

Description: Alignment of 7 Stone Cairns and a Flake

Context: Situated on a gentle slope on the west side of a low bluff overlooking an unnamed tributary of Little Thunder Creek on the east and the Little Thunder floodplain on the south.

Report: V

Status: Eligible for Criteria C and D;
Not Eligible for Criteria A, B, and C

More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes

Tribal Monitor: None Reported

Discussion:

Site was identified in 2006 by ACR (SWCA 2007) as five stone piles and 2 single stones arranged north to south. The piles consist of 3 to 7 partially sodded scoria rocks.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 to describe the cairn features. Feature 1 consisted of 2 partially buried sandstone slabs measuring 50 x 68 centimeters (20 x 27 inches). Feature 2 consisted of 2 partially buried sandstone slabs measuring 18 x 32 centimeters (7 x 12 inches). Feature 3 included 4 partially buried sandstone slabs measuring 90 x 45 centimeters (35 x 18 inches). Feature 4 was comprised of 6 partially buried sandstone slabs measuring 97 x 88 centimeters (38 x 35 inches). Feature 5 consisted of 7 partially buried sandstone slabs measuring 58 x 63 centimeters (23 x 25 inches). Feature 6 included 1 partially buried sandstone slab measuring 50 x 30 centimeters (20 x 12 inches). Feature 7 was comprised of 1 partially buried scoria stone measuring 18 x 14 centimeters (7 x 6 inches). SWCA excavated 2 shovel tests, finding 1 flake at 30 centimeters below ground surface in Shovel Test 2.

Week 2 Sites:

48CA0097

Mile Post: 796.3

Description: Stone Circle and Lithic Scatter (14 artifacts)

Context: Situated on the south slope of a low, eroding hillock, approximately 100 m from the base of a primary east/west ridgeline. The area is flanked by south-trending intermittent arroyos and swales.

Report: WY2

Status: Prehistoric Component: Unevaluated for Criterion A;
Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D;

More Archaeological Testing Needed? No

Tribal Monitor: None reported

Discussion: Site was identified in 1976 by the Wyoming Archaeological Survey (1976) as "several" stone circles and a lithic scatter including 2 bifaces, 1 utilized flake, 1 retooched flake, 1 volcanic glass flake, and 9 other flakes. All of the artifacts were collected. No subsurface testing was performed.

ACR (SWCA 2007) revisited the site location in 2006 and found no evidence of the stone circles. The stones noted in the area were scattered with no apparent pattern and were deemed to be natural to the area. The site area is located in a mixture of shallow, highly eroded soils and heavily deflated areas of clinkers and scoria rock. No artifacts were observed at the site. No shovel tests were excavated because the soils were less than 5 cm to scoria bedrock.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site location in 2007 but did not observe any cultural materials in the area. SWCA observed natural scoria and porcellanite rock outcrops within the site boundary but no stone circles were observed. Subsurface testing was not conducted because of the lack of potential for buried cultural material (as noted by outcropping scoria and deflated soils). The site was recommended not eligible for the National Register under any criteria.

48CA1528/48CA2879/48CA2880

Mile Post: 7.7 to 8.1
Description: 3 Stone Circles, 1 Stone Arc, and Lithic Scatter (31 artifacts)
Context: Situated on a ridge and located between School Creek and the West Fork of Beckwith Creek.
Report: WY2
Status: Not Evaluated for Criteria B, C, or D
 Unevaluated for Criterion A

More Archaeological Testing Needed? No
Tribal Monitor: Yes (1992)
Discussion: Site was identified in 1982 by Western Cultural Resources Management (WCRM) (1982) as three stone circles (Features 1 to 4) and a dispersed lithic scatter. GCM Service visited the site in 1994 and recorded 1 stone circle and lithic scatter. Shovel tests were excavated at the three sites. GCM (1997) returned to the site in 1997 and recorded a stone arc (Feature 2), a stone circle (Feature 3), and a stone alignment (Feature 5). Six shovel tests were excavated. The site was recommended not eligible for the National Register and SHPO concurred.

ARCHLAB (2007) revisited the site in 1999 and recorded 2 stone arcs, a lithic scatter, and a historic artifact scatter. Feature 1 included 100+ sandstone slabs and measured 2.6 m (8.5 ft) in diameter. Feature 2 consisted of 20 sandstone slabs and measured 1.7 m (5.6 ft) in diameter. No shovel tests were excavated.

ACR (SWCA 2007) returned to the site in 2006 and relocated Features 3 and 5 at 48CA1528, but considered them natural outcrops. ACR recorded 3 stone circles (Fea. 1, 2, and 3) and 1 stone arc (Fea. 4) at site 48CA2879/2880. Feature 1 (Feature 2 at 48CA1528) consisted of 30+ stones and measured 5.5 x 4.9 m (18.0 x 16.1 ft). Feature 2 included 30+ stones and measured 4.2 m (13.8 ft) in diameter. Feature 3 consisted of 20+ stones and measured 4.0 m (13.1 ft) in diameter. Feature 4 included 100+ sandstone blocks and may be the same as GCM (1997) stone arc. No shovel tests were excavated.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and recorded GCM's Feature 3 (reported as Feature 5 by ACR) as a natural outcrop.

48CA2291

Mile Post: 827.6
Description: 1 Stone Circle
Context: Situated on an elevated bench along a north to northwest-trending finger ridge capped with scoria outcrops and flanked by intermittent drainages.
Report: WY2
Status: Unevaluated for Criteria A, B, C, or D
More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes
Tribal Monitor: None Reported
Discussion: Site was identified in 1986 by Greer and Greer (1986) as a single stone circle of closely spaced to contiguous clinker blocks. No subsurface testing was done.

ACR (SWCA 2007) revisited the site in 2006, but could not relocate the stone circle. They noted large clinker boulders and outcrops. No shovel tests were excavated.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007 and located a stone circle (Feature 1). The circle consisted of 6 scoria stones and measured 4.6 x 4.1 meters (15.1 x 13.5 feet). Feature 1 may not be the same stone circle reported by Greer and Greer. SWCA suggests that construction of a well pad may have resulted in destruction of the stone circle reported in 1986. No shovel tests were excavated by SWCA.

48CA3508

Mile Post: 796.8

Description: 3 Stone Cairns, 1 Stone Arc and 8 Artifacts Scatter (8 artifacts)

Context: Situated on the crest of a southwest/northeast-trending ridgeline which is part of the ... line, north of Little Thunder Creek.

Report: WY2

Status: Potentially Eligible for Criterion A; Potentially Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D;

More Archaeological

Testing Needed?

Tribal Monitor:

Discussion:

No ...
Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 3 cairns, a possible rock alignment, and an artifact scatter located on a high isolated hill with three lobes. Feature 1 was a cairn of 20 cobbles and small boulders on the north lobe that measured 2.2 x 2.5 meters (7.2 x 8.0 feet) and 50 centimeters (20 inches) high. Feature 2 a cairn of 31 large cobbles and clinker boulders on the east lobe that was 66 x 104 centimeters (26 x 41 inches) and 30 centimeters (12 inches) high. Feature 3 was a cairn in the south lobe of 20+ cobbles and clinker boulders that measured 150 x 112 centimeters (60 x 44 inches) and 60 centimeters (24 inches) high. Feature 4 consisted of 6 stones in an arc alignment. ARCHLAB recommended the site as potentially eligible under Criterion A. No subsurface testing was performed.

ACR (SWCA 2007) revisited the site location in 2006, but did not locate the features or artifacts on any of the lobes or ridgelines. The numerous rock piles observed were considered to be natural scoria outcrops. No shovel tests were excavated because the site location is in an area of bedrock with no soil depth.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007 and identified 3 stone cairns (Features 1, 2, and 3), but could not definitively correlate the features with the cairns identified by ARCHLAB in 1999. No artifacts were observed. SWCA interpreted the cairns as likely historic given the low degree of sedimentation and placement. Feature 1 consisted of approximately 40 to 50 large stones and 100+ small stones situated on the southernmost point of a prominent ridge. The cairn measured 1.9 x 1.5 meters (6.2 x 4.9 feet) and is 55 centimeters (22 inches) tall. Feature 2 included approximately 15 notable large scoria stones situated in the middle of the prominent ridgeline. The cairn measured 1.63 m north/south by 1.54 m east/west and is 70 cm tall. Feature 3 consisted of approximately 25 to 30 large scoria stones situated at the northern-most edge of the prominent ridgeline and measured

2.2 x 2.3 meters (7.2 x 7.5 feet) and 47 centimeters (18 inches) high. No shovel tests were excavated. SWCA recommended the site not eligible under Criterion D, but possibly eligible under Criterion A.

48CA3652

Mile Post: 10.5
Description: 1 Stone Cairn and 1 Stone Alignment
Context: Situated on the apex of a ridge at the east end of a southeast to northwest trending ridge that is east from a large, steep mesa and overlooks the confluence of the Fork of Beckwith Creek and an unnamed tributary.
Report: WY2
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D

More Archaeological

Testing Needed? No

Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)

Discussion:

Site identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as two stone cairns possibly connected by a stone alignment. The northern cairn consisted of 35 cobbles and small stones measured 1.6 meters (5.3 feet) in diameter and 50 centimeters (20 inches) tall. The southern cairn included 12 cobbles in a single layer and measured 1.3 meters (4.3 feet) in diameter. A line of 4 small boulders in a line 1.3 meters (4.3 feet) long connected the two cairns. No subsurface testing was performed.

GCM Services (2000) revisited the site in 2000, but did not relocate any of the features.

The US Forest Service revisited the site in 2001. The USFS relocated the features, but suggested they might be natural in origin. The USFS recommended that the site be unevaluated pending Native American consultation. SHPO concurred with this recommendation.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007. SWCA recorded 1 large stone cairn (Feature 1) and an associated stone alignment (Feature 2). The stone cairn reported by ARCHLAB in 1999 was considered to be part of Feature 2. Feature 1 consisted of 50+ conglomerate stones and measured 1.6 x 1.8 meters (5.3 x 5.9 feet) and 45 centimeters (18 inches) high. Feature 2 includes over 10 conglomerate stones in a line 2.0 meters (6.6 feet) long. No subsurface testing was done.

48CA3653

Mile Post: 10.4
Description: 3 Stone Cairns and Lithic Scatter (2 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the top and eastern edge of a flat-top ridge.
Report: WY2
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D

More Archaeological

Testing Needed? No

Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)

Discussion:

Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 2 cairns, 1 possible cairn, and a lithic scatter. Feature 1 was a half-circle of stone measuring 2.2 x 2.1 m (7.2 x 6.9 feet). Feature 2 was a stack of cobbles and boulders measuring 1.7 x 1.0 meters (5.6 x 3.3 feet) and 30 centimeters (12 inches) high. Feature 3 was 1.5 x 1.3 meters (4.9 x 4.3 feet) and 30 centimeters (12 inches) tall. A historic survey marker consisting of 6 stacked cobbles around a wooden stake also was noted. No subsurface testing was performed.

GCM Services revisited the site in 2000, but could not relocate the features.

The US Forest Service revisited the site in 2001 and relocated the features. The USFS suggested the features might be natural in origin. The USFS recommended the site be unevaluated pending Native American consultation. SHPO concurred with this recommendation. No subsurface excavation was done.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and concluded that the features identified by ARCHLAB and relocated by the USFS were natural scoria outcrops. No subsurface testing was performed.

48CA3655

Mile Post: 10.0

Description: 3 Stone Cairns and 2 Modern Survey Stakes (Outside ROW)

Context: Situated on the crest of the ridge between the West Fork of Beckwith Creek and an unnamed tributary.

Report: WY2

Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A
Not Eligible for Criterion B

More Archaeological Testing Needed? No

Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)

Discussion:

Site identified by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 3 stone cairns (Features 1, 2, and 3) and 2 historic survey markers. Feature 1 was a concentration of 20 stones that measured 1.4 x 1.0 meters (4.6 x 3.3 feet). Feature 2 was a concentration of 10 small cobbles in a 70-centimeter (28-inch) diameter area. Feature 3 consisted of a concentration of cobbles and boulders measuring 2.4 x 2.4 meters (7.9 x 7.9 feet) on a bedrock outcrop. The survey markers were two wooden stakes 13.8 meters (45.3 feet) apart supported by rock piles. No subsurface testing was performed.

GCM Services (2000) revisited the site in 2000. GCM reported 1 stone cairn situated on a rocky butte. The cairn was composed of a single layer of 22 scoria boulders and measured 2.0 x 1.0 meters (6.6 x 3.3 feet). GCM recommended the site not eligible. No subsurface testing was done. The US Forest Service and SHPO determined the site unevaluated pending Native American consultation.

ACR (SWCA 2007) returned to the site in 2006, but found no features or artifacts. ACR observed scattered stones that appeared naturally dispersed. No subsurface testing was made as soils were less than 5 centimeters deep.

48CA6451

Mile Post: 795.5
Description: 1 Stone Cairn and Lithic Scatter (46 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the eastern edge of a ridgeline. The site is bisected by a seasonal drainage which intersects a productive spring located in the center of the site.
Report: WY2
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D;

More Archaeological Testing Needed?
Tribal Monitor:
Discussion:

No
The site was identified in 2006 by ACR (SWCA 2007) as a stone cairn and a large lithic scatter area. It included 3 projectile point fragments, 4 biface fragments, over 30 gray porcellanite primary flakes, and about 106 secondary flakes (approximately 100 gray porcellanite, 3 pink quartzite, 1 moss agate, 1 tan quartzite, and 1 clear chalcedony). ACR interpreted the site as a short-term lithic reduction and resource procurement area.

The stone cairn (Feature 1) consisted of 19 sandstone cobbles and measured 2.0 x 1.8 meters (6.6 x 5.9 ft) and 20 centimeters (8 inches) high. ACR excavated six shovel tests at the site. All were negative. Therefore, ACR recommended the site as not eligible for nomination to the National Register.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007 and reported that the stones of Feature 1 had moderate sedimentation and that a piece of juniper or ponderosa approximately 50 centimeters (20 inches) long was within the feature. Based on the presence of the wood, SWCA interpreted the cairn as possibly historic. SWCA was unable to relocate ACR's Projectile Point 1, but both bifaces in the immediate area of the projectile point were relocated. No subsurface testing was performed. SWCA concurred with the recommendation that the site was not eligible for listing in the National Register.

Week 3: (11 Sites visited during the week of June 15-19)

39FA1417

Mile Post: 699.4
Description: 1 Stone Cairn and Lithic Scatter (82 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the summit and side slopes of an upland ridge spur that descends southward from a peak towards the upper reaches of Tepee Creek. Seasonal drainages define the ridge spurs. A small gully bisects the site.
Report: SDI (ARCHLAB)
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Eligible for Criterion D; Not Eligible for Criteria B or C

More Archaeological

Testing Needed?
Tribal Monitor:
Discussion:

Yes

Yes (1999)

Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as a cairn and lithic scatter including 7 artifacts and 8 artifacts collected from the subsurface testing. The artifacts were concentrated on two knolls separated by an irregular ridge. The cairn was at the southwestern extent of an artifact concentration on the high northern knoll and designated Area A. The cairn consisted of large cobbles and boulders within a 1.5-m diameter area on the northern knoll.

ARCHLAB recovered 66 artifacts, including 1 Early or Late Archaic projectile point, 1 biface midsection, 1 biface fragment, 2 retouched flakes, 2 utility flakes, 1 modified reduction flake fragment, 4 chert cores, 28 flake fragments, 7 reduction flake fragments, 16 pieces of shatter, and 3 pieces of a tested cobble that refit each other. Area B yielded one Battle Mountain quartzite biface base, one brown Battle Mountain quartzite flake, 1 chalcedony flake fragment, and 4 pieces of quartzite shatter. ARCHLAB excavated one shovel test near the summit of the spur ridge, which was negative. TU 1 and TU 4 were 50 x 50-centimeter (20 x 20-inch) units and TU 2 and TU 3 were 1 x 1 meter (3.3 x 3.3 foot) units. ARCHLAB recovered eight lithic artifacts from Test Units 1, 2, and 4, including 1 scraper of Battle Mountain quartzite.

ARCHLAB recommended the site as eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion D and potentially eligible under Criterion A.

39CU1822

Mile Post:

655.4

Description:

2 Stone Cairns, 2 Stone Features, and Lithic Scatter (19 artifacts)

Context:

Situated on the summit and side slopes of an east to west-trending eroded ridge that forms the divide between the South Fork of French Creek valley to the south and the French Creek valley to the north.

Report:

Status:

SD1b (SWCA 2007); SD1b (SWCA 2007)
 Not Eligible for Criterion A
 Not Eligible for Criterion D

More Archaeological

Testing Needed?

Tribal Monitor:

Discussion:

Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 4 stone cairns and a sparse lithic scatter. Cairn 1 measured 4.0 x 6.0 m (13.1 x 19.7 feet) and Cairns 2 to 4 measured 1.5 to 2.0 meters (4.9 to 6.6 feet) in diameter. ARCHLAB also noted two possible cairns outside the survey area but did not record these. The lithic artifact scatter consisted of a red chert graver, a brown chert scraper fragment, a light gray quartzite retouched flake, four flakes, and two pieces of shatter. Native American monitors indicated that the cairns might be burial locations. No subsurface testing was done. ARCHLAB recommended the site potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion A.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and relocated Cairn 1 (Feature 1) and Cairn 2 (Feature 2) and two recorded cairn Features 3 and 4, as well as a sparse lithic scatter. Feature 1 was a deflated stone feature measuring 3.1 x 2.3 meters

(10.2 x 7.5 feet) comprised of 50 to 60 granite stones which were partially sodded and exhibited heavy lichen growth. **Feature 2** was a stone feature comprised of approximately 30 to 40 granite stones which measured 2.3 x 2.0 meters (7.5 x 6.6 feet) and which were partially sodded with moderate lichen growth. **Cairn Feature 3** was comprised of 18 granite stones, measured 1.3 x 1.1 meters (4.3 x 3.6 feet), and had moderate sodding and minimal lichen growth. **Cairn Feature 4** measured 1.4 x 1.2 meters (4.6 x 3.9 feet) and was comprised of 16 granite stones with moderate sodding and minimal lichen growth. The lithic scatter included 19 flakes. No subsurface testing was performed. SWCA recommended the site potentially eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and D.

39CU1823 -- not found*****

39CU1824

Mile Post: 655.1
Description: 1 Stone Circle, 2 Stone Arcs, and Lithic Scatter (20 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the summit of a low tread of a north-trending, descending stepped terrace spur between the South Fork of French Creek and French Creek valleys.
Report: SD1 (ASIS 2007); SD1b (SWCA)
Status: Potentially eligible for Criteria A and D
More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes
Tribal Monitor: No
Discussion: The site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as a stone circle (Feature 1) and two stone concentrations (Features 2 and 3) described as possible remnants of stone circles. **Feature 1** had a diameter of approximately 4.0 meters (13.1 feet) and consisted of 19 embedded cobbles and small boulders. **Features 2 and 3** were located 19.0 meters north of the stone circle and 5.5 meters south of the stone circle. No additional information was provided for either of these stone concentrations. Native American monitors suggested that the site had religious significance as a potential TCP. Therefore, ARCHLAB did not conduct any subsurface testing. ARCHLAB recommended site 39CU1824 as potentially eligible for nomination to the NRHP pending Native American consultation.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and relocated all of the stone features and observed an additional light lithic scatter primarily on the slope west of the stone features that had not been previously recorded. Artifacts included 3 early stage bifaces and lithic debitage. **Feature 1** was a stone circle that measured 6.6 x 7.8 meters (21.7 x 25.6 feet) and consisted of 26 quartzite and sandstone cobbles that were moderately to heavily sodded with minimal to heavy lichen growth present. **Feature 2** was a poorly defined stone circle that measured 3.3 x 5.0 meters (10.8 x 16.4 feet). It was one of the previously recorded stone concentrations and included 12 quartzite, sandstone, and granite, moderately sodded cobbles in an undefined scatter, with little to no lichen growth on the upper surfaces. A biface was located on the southern boundary of Feature 2. **Feature 3** was the second previously recorded stone concentration. It was a stone alignment (possibly a partial stone circle) consisting of seven quartzite and sandstone cobbles arranged in a slight arc opening to the southwest. The stones

were moderately sodded with very little lichen growth on the upper surfaces. The feature measured 170 x 55 centimeters (64 x 21 inches). No subsurface excavation was done, although SWCA noted the potential for shallowly buried remains. SWCA recommended the site be considered unevaluated for the National Register under Criteria A and D.

39CU1825

Mile Post: 655.0

Description: 1 Stone Circle, Lithic Scatter (9 artifacts), and 2 Rectangular Stone Arrangements (Possible Burial Graves)

Context: Situated on a ridge line that forks to the northwest and northeast south of the reference line for the northeastern site boundary.

Report: SWCA (1999); SWCA (2007); SWCA (2007)

Status: Unevaluated for Criteria A and D;
Not Eligible for Criteria B or C

More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes

Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)

Discussion: Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 2 stone circles each 4.0 m in diameter, 4 rectangular stone alignments interpreted as historic graves, and a sparse lithic scatter of 1 core, 2 tested cobbles, and 3 flakes in Area A as well as 1 biface and 2 flakes in Area B. Grave 1 measured 1.8 x 1.5 m (6.0 x 5.0 ft), Grave 2 measured 2.4 x 2.3 m (7.9 x 7.5 ft), Grave 3 was semi-circular and measured 1.8 x 2.0 m (6.0 x 6.6 ft), and Grave 4 was 3.5 x 2.3 m (11.5 x 7.5 ft) and poorly defined. ARCHLAB excavated one shovel test, which was negative for cultural materials. A metal detector survey of the site area was also conducted, but no buried historic artifacts were located. Based on the presence of the stone circles, ARCHLAB recommended the site as potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion A.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007, relocating the previously recorded Graves 1 through 3 and redesignating them Features 1 through 3. SWCA observed that the two previously recorded stone circles and Grave 4 were likely not cultural in origin. They could not be differentiated from the natural cobbles littering the site, based on stone size selection, feature shape, or other morphological characteristics. **Feature 1** consisted of 32 closely spaced, large cobbles in a rectangle that measured 200 x 165 cm (80 x 66 in), with the long axis oriented east-northeast. The stones were moderately sodded with minimal to moderate lichen growth. **Feature 2** consisted of 56 closely spaced, large cobbles in a rectangle that measured 270 x 200 cm (108 x 80 in), with the long axis oriented east/southeast. The stones were moderately to deeply sodded with little to heavy lichen growth present. **Feature 3** consisted of 31 closely spaced, large cobbles in a circle that measured 180 x 160 cm (72 x 64 in). The stones were deeply sodded and had light to heavy lichen growth. One core and 1 flake were recovered from Area A. Two scrapers and 1 flake were found outside Area A. No subsurface testing was performed. SWCA recommended the site be considered unevaluated for the National Register under Criteria A and D.

Site 39CU1850

Mile Post: 644.1 to 644.6
Description: 1 Stone Cairn, 1 Stone Circle, 7 Lithic Concentrations, 2 Fire-Cracked Rock Concentrations, and Artifact Scatter (500+ artifacts)
Context: Situated on the summit and slopes of a bluff along the south side of the Battle Creek valley.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB); SD1b (TRC)
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Eligible for Criterion D; Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, and E

More Archaeological

Testing Needed?

Tribal Monitor:

Discussion:

Site was identified by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as long linear collection of 1 lithic concentration (Feature 1), 2 fire-cracked rock concentrations (Features 2 and 3), 1 stone circle (Feature 4), one stone cairn (Feature 5), 6 lithic concentrations (Areas A to F), and a broader distribution of artifacts. Feature 4 included 7 stones in a circle 4.0 meters (13 feet) in diameter. Feature 5 included a pile of 24 large cobbles in a pile 1.5 meters (5 feet) in diameter and 40 centimeters (16 inches) high. ARCHLAB reported 2 Late Paleoindian projectile point bases, 1 Archaic point base, 2 scrapers, 1 uniface, 1 utilized flake, 3 retouched flakes, 2 cores, 1 ground stone, over 247 chipped stone flaking debris, 3 tested cobbles, and over 20 FCR. ARCHLAB excavated 40 shovel tests; 18 shovel tests yielded a total of 44 artifacts. Five test units also were excavated yielding another 169 artifacts.

TRC (2008) returned to the site in 2008 and recorded 1 flake concentration (Feature 1), 2 fire-cracked rock concentrations (Features 2 and 3), 1 stone alignment (Feature 4), 2 stone cairns (Features 5 and 8), 1 rock concentration (Feature 6), 1 partial stone circle (Feature 7), six artifact concentrations (Areas A to F), and a broader distribution of artifacts. Features 6 to 8 were newly recorded. Feature 6 is composed of a cluster of 40 large granite cobbles and boulders in an area measuring 11.0 x 5.0 meters (36 x 16 feet). Feature 7 is a crescent of 30 cobbles measure 2.5 x 1.0 meters (8 x 3 feet). Feature 8 consists of five sandstones piled 25 centimeters (10 inches) high. Artifacts reported by TRC include 1 biface, 2 retouched flakes, 2 utilized flakes, 4 cores, 95 chipped stone debitage, 2 modified cobbles, and 30 pieces of heat-altered rock.

Site 39CU1851

Mile Post: 643.9
Description: 2 Possible Stone Circles, 2 Depressions, and 1 Tested Cobble
Context: Situated on the summit of an end slope of a terrace spur along the south side of Battle Creek. An intermittent drainage is at the east side.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB); SD1b (SWCA)
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, and D

More Archaeological

Testing Needed?
Tribal Monitor:
Discussion:

No
 Yes (1999; 2007)
 Site was identified in 1997 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 2 possible stone circles and one lithic scatter. Stone Concentration 1 consisted of a roughly circular cluster of cobbles and boulders measuring 4.5 x 3.5 meters (14.8 x 11.5 feet). Stone Concentration 2 consisted of a similar cluster measuring 2.5 meters (8.2 feet) in diameter. A shovel test was excavated.

SWCA (2008) returned to the site in 2007 and recorded 2 depressions (Features 1 and 2). Stone Concentration 1 and 2 were not relocated, although natural outcrops of cobbles were in the site area. Feature 1 measured 4.1 x 3.8 meters (13.5 x 12.5 feet) and was 50 centimeters (4 inches) deep. Feature 2 measured 5.6 x 3.9 meters (18.4 x 12.5 feet). One flake was observed.

Site 39CU1852

Mile Post: 643.7
Description: 1 Stone Cairn, 1 Stone Circle, and Lithic Scatter (3 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the northern edge of a high terrace remnant on the south side of Battle Creek. A fence runs south and west of the site.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB); SD1b (SWCA)
Status: Unevaluated for Criteria A and D; Not Eligible for Criteria B or C

More Archaeological

Testing Needed? Yes
Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999; 2007)
Discussion: Site was identified in 1997 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as a cairn and lithic scatter. The cairn consisted of a concentration of 11 cobbles in a 50-centimeter (20-inch) diameter circle. Two tested cobbles and 1 flake were reported by ARCHLAB. A shovel test was excavated.

SWCA (2008) returned to the site in 2007 and recorded the cairn (Feature 1), a stone circle (Feature 2), and a lithic scatter. Feature 2 was identified by the Native American monitor. It consisted of 33 stones in a circle measuring 3.5 x 3.2 meters (11.5 x 10.5 feet) in the natural cobble outcrop. Also observed were several pieces of fire-cracked rock.

39CU1853

Mile Post: 643.3
Description: 2 Possible Stone Circles, Lithic Scatter (23 artifacts), and Historic Dump (70+ artifacts)
Context: Situated along terraces on the south side of Battle Creek.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB); SD1b (SWCA)
Status: Prehistoric Component: Unevaluated for Criteria A and D; Not Eligible for Criteria B or C;
 Historic Component: Not Eligible for Criteria A, B, C, or D

More Archaeological

Testing Needed? Yes
Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)

Discussion:

Site was identified in 1999 (SWCA 2007) as a sparse lithic scatter and a historic artifact scatter or dump. A wide range of historic artifacts were recorded including glass and ceramic, metal, mammal bones, and barbed wire. The 19 artifacts in the prehistoric lithic assemblage were concentrated in two areas located on the T2 terrace surface and on the surface of the T3 terrace and part of an adjacent terrace. ARCHLAB plotted two stone circles (**Features 1 and 2**) on their sketch map, but did not mention or describe these stone features in the report text or site form. SWCA conducted a series of exploratory soil probes which revealed a distinct layering of sediments throughout the site. Three shovel tests were excavated on the T2 terrace and two shovel tests on the T3 terrace. In addition, two 1 x 1 meter test units were excavated on the T2 terrace. A total of 1 FCR, 1 biface, 1 flake, and bivalves were recovered from TU 1. TU 2 was not excavated. ARCHLAB recommended the site as eligible for the National Register under Criterion D.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and observed a sparse prehistoric lithic scatter and a sparse historic artifact scatter. The historic trash dump that ARCHLAB originally recorded had been removed from the property. At the time of SWCA's recording, the historic scatter consisted of a fragment of whiteware ceramic and a small shard of purple glass. The prehistoric component consisted of a sparse surface scatter of three flakes. The two stone circles depicted on ARCHLAB's sketch map, but not described in the report, were not relocated by SWCA. No subsurface testing was performed. SWCA recommended that the site be considered unevaluated for Criteria A and D.

39FA1361

Mile Post: 719.7
Description: 3 Stone Cairns, 2 Fire-Cracked Rock Concentrations, Lithic Scatter (134 artifacts)
Context: Situated on a high terrace and adjacent south facing slopes above the Cheyenne River
Report: SWCA (2007)
Status: Unevaluated for Criteria A and D
 Eligible for Criteria B and C
 Not Eligible for Criteria B or C

More Archaeological Testing Needed?

Tribal Monitor:

Discussion:

Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 3 Stone Cairns (Features 2, 3, and 6), 2 Fire-Cracked Rock Concentrations (Feature 5), and a Lithic Scatter of 134 artifacts (Features 1 and 3). **Feature 1** is a concentration of six quartzite cobbles, of which at least two were tested. Within a 10-meter (33-foot) radius of Feature 1, were numerous pieces of debitage, 1 biface, 1 uniface, 1 core, and 1 Besant point base. Cairn **Feature 2** included 18 large cobbles and measured 10 meters (33 feet) in diameter. **Feature 3** included one silicified sediment cobble and associated shatter. Cairn **Feature 4** included 4 stones. **Feature 5** included 2 distinct clusters of heat-altered stones. Cluster A measured 100 x 70 centimeters (40 x 28 inches) and was composed primarily of red or reddened stones, although 3 stones of other colors were on the outer edge of the cluster. Cluster B measured 180 x 70 centimeters (68 x 28 inches) and consisted

of more than 20 stones. Cairn **Feature 6** included 6 large sandstone slabs and measured 2.2 x 1.8 meters (7.2 x 5.9 feet).

Six shovel tests were excavated. Four flakes were recovered in ST1, 1 flake in ST4, 12 flakes in ST5, and 8 flakes in ST6. All flakes were found above 30 centimeters in depth except in ST6, where materials were found to a depth of 70 centimeters. ST2 and ST3 were negative.

39FA1362

Mile Post: 719.3
Description: 1 Stone Circle, 1 Stone Cairn and Lithic Concentrations (100+ artifacts)
Context: Situated on a high terrace on a steep south facing slopes above the Cheyenne River.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB)
Status: Uneligible for Criterion A; Eligible for Criterion D; Not Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D
More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes (1999)
Tribal Monitor:
Discussion: Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 1 stone circle, 1 stone cairn, and lithic concentrations. **Feature 1** consisted of nine large stones embedded in topsoil in a roughly circular pattern with a diameter of 6.0 meters (19.7 feet). **Feature 2** was a small cairn-like cluster of stones 2.0 meters (6.6 feet) in diameter. **Feature 3** was comprised of a concentration of 16 quartzite thinning flakes within a 20 x 20-centimeter (8 x 8-inch) area. The second lithic concentration was situated along the edge and slope of the terrace and included 1 Duncan/Hannah point, 2 end scrapers, 1 biface fragment, 1 retouched flake, 1 spokeshave/graver, 1 bipolar pebble core, 1 cobble core, 1 hammerstone, 65 pieces of debitage, 14 fragments of tooth enamel from a large mammal and other unidentifiable mammal bone fragments, and more than 20 pieces of FCR. Ten shovel tests were excavated; all were negative. A cutbank examination and soil probes indicate that at least four buried soil surfaces occur within aeolian deposits on site.

39FA1375

Mile Post: 714.4
Description: 1 Stone Cairn or Lithic Cache, Lithic Scatter (29 artifacts), and Historic Artifact Scatter (2 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the summit of a west-southeast trending ridge spur 1.25 miles west of the Cheyenne River.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB)
Status: Prehistoric Component: Uneligible for Criterion A; Eligible for Criteria B, C, or D; Historic Component: Not Eligible for Criteria A, B, C, or D
More Archaeological Testing Needed? No
Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)
Discussion: Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007). The historic component consists of 2 crimped seam tin cans. The prehistoric component

consisted of 29 lithics and one stone cairn or lithic cache (**Feature 1**), which was a partially buried concentration of 10 chert and chalcedony cobbles. Artifacts reported were: 1 retouched flake, 1 complete flake, 5 thinning flakes, 1 cortical flake, 2 flake fragments, 1 reduction fragment, 14 pieces of shatter, and 4 tested cobbles. The retouched flake was collected. One negative shovel test was excavated.

Week 4: (8 Sites visited during the week of June 22-26)

39CU1816

Mile Post: 656.4
Description: Lithic Scatter (2 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the the summit, shoulder slope, and side slope on the lower part of a small, narrow spur that descends westward to a broad saddle between the South Fork of French Creek to the north and lower order tributaries of the Cheyenne River to the west.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB)
Status: Not Eligible for Criteria A, B, C or D
More Archaeological Testing Needed? No
Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)
Discussion: Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as a sparse lithic scatter consisting of one large brown quartzite cortical flake and one piece of purple quartz shatter. Cobbles located in the site were possibly tested. One shovel test was excavated, which was negative. The lithic scatter is located on a surface of weathered bedrock shale and may or may not be *in situ*. ARCHLAB recommended that the site to be considered not eligible for listing in the National Register under any criteria.

39CU1817

Mile Post: 656.3
Description: 2 Stone Circles and 4 Stone Cairns
Context: Situated on the summit and slope of a stepped upland ridge spur that descends northward from the drainage divide. The site overlooks the South Fork of French Creek valley, located approximately 400 m to the north of the Cheyenne River drainage on the south side.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB)
Status: Unevaluated for Criteria A and D; Not Eligible for Criteria B or C
More Archaeological Testing Needed? Yes (1999)
Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)
Discussion: Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 1 complete stone circle and 4 possible stone circle remnants. The complete stone circle measured 5.0 meters (16.4 feet) in diameter and consisted of cobbles and small boulders. Two small cobbles were in the center. No information was provided concerning the four possible stone circles. No subsurface testing was performed. ARCHLAB

recommended the site as potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion A pending Native American Consultation.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and recorded two stone circles and four cairns. The four possible stone circles located near ARCHLAB's complete stone circle could not be relocated. **Feature 1** was a well-defined stone circle located near the edge of a bluff overlooking French Creek at the northern end of the site boundary. The feature consisted of approximately 40 stones with moderate sodding, and measured 5.0 m (16.4 ft) in diameter with an opening to the north. This stone circle's diameter and location were consistent with ARCHLAB's previously recorded complete stone circle. **Feature 2** was a partial stone circle located approximately 7 m southwest of Feature 1. The feature consisted of 25 stones, exhibited moderate sodding, measured approximately 5.0 m (16.4 ft) in diameter, and contained an opening to the south. **Feature 3** consisted of 20 granite stones with some lichen growth and moderate sodding. The cairn measured 1.0 x 1.1 m (3.3 x 3.6 ft) and was 25 cm (10 in) tall. A Native American monitor identified Feature 3 as a possible burial. **Feature 4** consisted of 16 stones with lichen growth and moderate sodding. The cairn measured 45 x 50 cm (18 x 20 in) and was 15 cm (6 in) tall. **Feature 5** consisted of 25 stones with lichen growth and moderate to heavy sodding. The cairn measured 130 x 60 cm (52 x 24 in) and 10 cm (4 in) tall. **Feature 6** consisted of 6 large stones with light to medium sodding. The cairn measured 80 x 70 cm (32 x 28 in) and 20 cm (8 inches) tall. No subsurface testing was performed. SWCA recommended the site as potentially eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and D.

39CU1819

Mile Post:

656.0

Description:

1 Stone Circle and Lithic Scatter (artifacts)

Context:

Situated on the T1 to the South Fork of French Creek, 50 m south of the creek channel at the bridge. The stone circle is in a broad grassy meadow in the creek valley.

Report:

SWCA (2007); SD1b (SWCA 2007)

Status:

Unrecommended for Criterion A
Not Eligible for National Register

More Archaeological Testing Needed?

Yes

Tribal Monitor:

Yes (1999)

Discussion:

Site was identified in 1990 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as a stone circle or effigy and lithic scatter. The feature measured 5.0 x 4.0 meters (15.6 x 13.1 feet) and was reported as containing closely spaced cobbles. Two projections were noted extending from the northeast and northwest sides of the circle. No artifacts were identified in association with the stone circle. Tribal monitors suggested that the site had spiritual significance. A landowner also suggested that the feature was a grave. No subsurface testing was performed. ARCHLAB recommended that the site be considered eligible to the National Register under Criterion A.

SWCA (2007) returned to the site in 2007 and found the stone circle (**Feature 1**) to be comparable in description to ARCHLAB's initial recording. It was composed of 52 closely spaced granite and quartzite stones, that were moderately to heavily sodded and with some lichen growth. SWCA reported the circle as

measuring 5.0 x 4.5 meters (16.4 x 14.8 feet) with a 107-centimeter (42-inch) gap on the east side. The northeastern line of stones consisted of 2 quartzite rocks while the northwest line included 1 granite and 2 quartzite stones. One gray to brown quartzite biface and 5 chert and quartzite flakes were observed. No subsurface testing was done at the site. The contexts suggest that buried site deposits are possible. SWCA recommended that the site be potentially eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and D.

Site 39CU1830

Mile Post: 654.0
Description: 4 Stone Cairns, 4 Stone Circles, and Lithic Scatter (9 artifacts)
Context: Situated on the crest and slope of a generally east-southeast-trending ridge between two interlocking ridges the flow into the French Creek valley.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB); SD1b (TRC)
Status: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Not Eligible for Criterion D

More Archaeological

Testing Needed?

Tribal Monitor:

Discussion:

No

Yes 19

Site was identified in 1995 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as 3 stone circles (Features 1, 2, and 3) and a scatter of 9 lithic artifacts. Feature 1 included 22 stones and measured 6.0 x 5.0 meters (20 x 16 feet) in diameter. Feature 2 included 15 stones and measured 3.5 meters (11.5 feet) in diameter. Feature 3 included 16 stones and measured 4.5 meters (14.8 feet) in diameter. Artifacts reported by ARCHLAB included 1 retouched flake, 1 core, 1 tested cobble, and five lithic debitage. No artifacts were collected. ARCHLAB excavated 5 shovel tests (ST 1 to ST 5). One tiny flake was found near the surface in ST 1.

TRC (2008) returned to site in 2008 and recorded 4 stone cairns (Features 4, 5, 6, and 7) and a fourth stone circle (Feature 8). Feature 4 consisted of a 90-centimeter (35-inch) long pile of cobbles. Feature 5 included an ovate pile of 11 cobbles in two courses measuring 130 x 90 centimeters (4.2 x 3 feet) and 30 centimeters (12 inches) high. Feature 6 was an ovate pile of 23 stones in two courses measuring 1.5 x 1.3 meters (4.9 x 4.3 feet) and 25 centimeters (10 inches) high. Feature 7 was an ovate cluster of 17 stones measuring 1.5 x 1.1 meters (4.9 x 3.6 feet) and 15 centimeters (6 inches) high. Artifacts reported by TRC included 1 biface, 1 retouched flake, 2 utilized flakes, 3 cores, 2 tested cobbles, and 1 mano.

39CU1857

Mile Post: 642.6
Description: 2 Possible Stone Circles, 1 Cobble Cluster, Lithic Scatter (68 artifacts), and Historic Survey Marker and Historic Scatter (10+ artifacts)
Context: Situated on both sides of a two-track road that runs along the crest of a very broad northwest to southeast-trending finger ridge. Two drainages and a draw define the landform.
Report: SD1 (ARCHLAB); SD1b (SWCA)
Status: Prehistoric Component: Unevaluated for Criterion A; Eligible for Criterion D;

**More Archaeological
Testing Needed?**
Tribal Monitor:
Discussion:

Historic Component: Not Eligible for Criteria B or C;
Not Eligible for Criteria A, B, C, or D

Yes

Yes (1999)

Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as a 2 possible stone circles. Feature 1 consisted of a large dispersed lithic scatter (46 artifacts), and a sparse historic artifact scatter. Feature 2 was a stone circle composed of 7 stones and measured 3.0 meters in diameter. Feature 2 consisted of a cluster of 3 cobbles. Feature 3 was a stone circle of 7 stones that measured 5.0 meters (16.4 feet) in diameter. The lithic scatter included 1 projectile point, 1 biface fragment, 1 bifacial fragment, 3 tested cobbles, 27 pieces of debitage, and 3 FCR fragments. Historic artifacts included green and clear bottle glass at the northwestern corner of the site. ARCHLAB conducted extensive subsurface testing, including 1 shovel test, 1 shovel probe, 1 shovel test, and 4 formal 1 x 1-meter test units. One test was placed over Feature 2. Twenty-three pieces of debitage were recovered from subsurface tests. These included a biface, a retouched flake, a utilized flake, a "tested pebble," and 19 pieces of debitage. ARCHLAB recommended the site eligible for the National Register under Criterion D.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and observed a sparse lithic scatter across the site. All of the surface cultural materials were observed in the northern portion of the site, which is located outside of the project ROW. SWCA did not relocate Feature 2 because a test unit was excavated over it in 1999. In addition, SWCA observed that the two other features are likely natural, not cultural in origin. SWCA also observed that naturally outcropping chert pebbles and gravels are present throughout the site area. One tested cobble and 11 flakes were observed as were clear and aqua container glass fragments. A property marker consisting of a small quartzite boulder with 5 pecked horizontal and vertical lines was recorded. No subsurface testing was done. SWCA concurred with ARCHLAB's recommendation that the prehistoric component of the site be considered eligible under Criterion D and unevaluated for Criterion A.

39CU1926

Mile Post:	635.0
Description:	1 Stone Circle and Lithic Scatter (5 artifacts)
Context:	Situated on a gentle, southwest aspect slope and rise crest just east of the upper portion of a small, unnamed intermittent drainage that flows southeast to a primary tributary of Spring Creek. An east to west-trending fence line lies just south of the site.
Report:	SD1 (ARCHLAB); SD1b (SWCA)
Status:	Unevaluated for Criteria A and D; Not Eligible for Criteria B or C
More Archaeological Testing Needed?	Yes
Tribal Monitor:	Yes (1999)
Discussion:	Site was identified in 1999 by ARCHLAB (SWCA 2007) as a probable stone circle and a sparse lithic scatter. The stone circle was constructed from local cobbles and small boulders, with an approximate diameter of 6.0 meters (19.7 feet). The lithics reported included 1 retouched pebble, 2 tested cobbles, and 2

flakes. One negative subsurface test was excavated. Native American monitors suggested that the site may have spiritual or religious significance. ARCHLAB recommended the site potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion A.

SWCA (2007) revisited the site in 2007 and relocated the stone circle (**Feature 1**), which measured 5.0 meters (16.4 feet) in diameter and was comprised of 24 closely placed stones that were moderately to deeply sodded and with minimal lichen growth. Feature 1 was defined primarily by the general absence of similarly sized stones in the immediate surrounding vicinity. SWCA observed the artifacts to be largely consistent with the previous recording. No subsurface testing was performed, but observed that the site may contain shallowly buried cultural materials. SWCA recommended the site unevaluated for the National Register under Criteria A and D.

39PN1741

Mile Post: 601.9

Description: 1 Stone Cairn, 3 Fire-Cracked Rock Concentrations, 1 Hearth, and Lithic Scatter (19 artifacts)

Context: Situated on the southern shoulder slopes of a descending ridge separated by intersecting ridges between the Bull Creek valley to the northwest and the Bull Creek valley to the east.

Report: SWCA (ARCHLAB)

Status: Unevaluated under Criterion A, Not Eligible under Criteria B, C or D

More Archaeological Testing Needed? No

Tribal Monitor: Yes (1999)

Discussion:

Site was recorded in 2006 by ACR (SWCA 2007) as a stone cairn (**Feature 1**), 3 fire-cracked rock concentrations (**Features 2, 3, and 5**), a probable hearth (**Feature 4**), and a sparse lithic scatter. Cairn **Feature 1** was situated on the southern part of the site on a slope below the bluff edge and consisted of 10 large cobbles and small boulders that measured 90 x 67 cm (36 x 27 in). **Features 2, 3, 4, and 5** were on the edge of the scarp. The lithic scatter extended westward along the summit into a small saddle. **Feature 2** measured 55 x 50 cm (22 x 20 in) and was composed of 7 oxidized and fire-altered quartzite rocks. **Feature 3** measured 80 x 65 cm (32 x 25 in) and was a concentration of 11 oxidized and fire-altered quartzite rocks. These two features were eroding down the side slope below the ridge crest. Hearth **Feature 4** consisted of a black stain that measured 55 x 40 cm (22 x 16 in) with a fire-altered oxidized sandstone and charcoal flecking. **Feature 5** measured 80 x 60 cm (32 x 24 in) and was a cluster of 30 pieces of fire-altered oxidized sandstone and quartzite. The lithic scatter included including 2 bifaces, 10 flakes, 5 pieces of shatter/reduction fragments, and 2 tested cobbles of quartzites, cherts, chalcedony, plate chalcedony, and silicified sediment. One shovel test was excavated, which was negative. ARCHLAB recommended the site be considered not eligible for the National Register under Criterion D, but potentially eligible under Criterion A.

39PN1783

Mile Post: 608.6

Description: 1 Stone Cairn

Context: Situated on the summit of a ridge eroded into the side slope of an undifferentiated high strath terrace overlooking the Cheyenne River valley at the northernmost end of Branner Park. The site overlooks both the Cheyenne River and the mouth of Box Elder Valley. (Box Elder Valley)

Report: (ARCHLAB)

Status: Unevaluated
Not Eligible for Criteria B, C or D

More Archaeological Testing Needed?

Tribal Monitor: (1999)

Discussion: Site was evaluated in 2006 by ACR (SWCA 2007) as a stone cairn composed of 50 large cobbles and which measured 1.8 m (5.9 feet) in diameter. No artifacts were observed. No shovel testing was performed. ARCHLAB recommended that the site be considered potentially eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A.