

January 3, 2002

Notes from the Archaeological Issue Team meeting of December 10, 2001.

Between December 3 B 10, issue team members received three different agendas for the meeting scheduled on December 10, 2001. The first agenda was emailed to issue team members Dec. 3, 2001 and reflected the agenda as established at the joint issue team meeting and orientation held at the Crook County Library on Dec 1, 2001. On December 5, ID team members were informed by the team lead and team facilitator that there was a modification to the meeting agenda. Those changes were emailed to issue team members on Dec 5, 2001.

When the issue team members met here at the BLM office for the meeting on Dec 10, they were confronted by yet another change that the team facilitator had made to the agenda. Because of those agenda changes, the issue team lead and issue team members were unprepared to discuss the agenda items. Additionally, because she was unfamiliar with the variety of regulatory guidance that governs various aspects of the archaeological resources issue, the team facilitator took the issue team into uncharted areas that they did not need to go. Consequently, the team did not have the opportunity to use the time provided for the meeting to 1) set ground rules, 2) discuss and explore our issue description, or 3) allow the issue team lead to provide a brief discussion/history about the AMS Area Profile relative to archaeological resources. Those three agenda items were probably the most important components to be discussed at this initial issue team meeting.

The issue team did discuss whether the team membership adequately represents all interests. And, with the possible exception of artifact collectors and looters, the team was of the opinion that it was adequately represented by all legitimate interests.

Issue team members also established tentative dates for future meetings. Those dates are as follows: Jan. 16 (Redmond Library, Historical Room), Jan 23(?), Feb. 6, Feb. 20, Mar. 6, and Mar. 20. With the exception of the Jan 16 date, none of the other dates are set in stone (those dates will be confirmed at the Jan. 16 meeting).

Because of the various rabbit trails pursued during this first meeting, agenda items 1, 2, and 3 as noted above will have to be addressed at the meeting scheduled for Jan. 16, 2001.