

## **2004 FIELD SCHOOLS: VALE DISTRICT, JORDAN RESOURCE AREA**

### WSU-J.Keeling

Washington State University graduate student Jennifer Keeling is conducting field investigations at a site on the Owyhee River this year. The site includes an extensive array of petroglyphs, two rockshelter overhangs, and a scatter of lithics and groundstone. Keeling will be recording the site, and conducting test excavations to determine whether any component of the site contains stratified deposits. BLM funding for the project is provided under a Challenge Cost Share agreement with WSU.

Keeling is a first year graduate student at WSU. She is originally from Alabama.



WSU-Dr. W. Andrefsky

Dr. William Andrefsky of Washington State University continues into his eighth season of work on the Birch Creek site, located on the Owyhee River. This season his field school students will be concentrating in the lab, catching up on research of the thousands of artifacts and samples that have been recovered over the past seven years of excavations.

The Birch Creek site excavations have revealed pithouses, roasting pits and other features in stratified deposits dated to more than 7000 years old.

BLM funding for the project is provided under a Challenge Cost Share agreement with WSU. Dr. Andrefsky has also been awarded a 2005 National Science Foundation grant for his work at the Birch Creek site.

