

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this section is to provide archaeologists with a manual for a standard approach to arriving at historical artifact function and chronology. The purpose of defining artifact chronology and function is to assign a function and occupation range to historic sites. This section provides a means for preliminary identification only and is not intended to be complete or exhaust the subject of historic artifacts.

Also, the level of intensity of analysis may not be necessarily commensurate with the nature and complexity of the site. Estimates of numbers of various artifact types may be more appropriate for large sites rather than detailed descriptions which are more appropriate to small sites.

The specific artifact classes represented here are the most common to be found on historic sites and are generally the most diagnostic.

Evaluations of any site should not be dependent solely on surface features and artifacts, but must be complimented by historical documentation.

The basic intent of this section is to provide source material for identification and dating of historic artifacts and to refer user to references cited.

100 - INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This Guide contains instructions and computer codes for the IMACS Site Form. This form is approved for use in the following areas:

- Utah - BLM, NPS, and USFS administered lands. State lands.
- Idaho - BLM administered lands (except northern Idaho). All Region-4 National Forests (Payette, Boise, Salmon, Challis, Caribou, Sawtooth, Targhee NF's). State lands.
- Nevada - All BLM and USFS administered lands. Department of Highways lands/projects.
- Wyoming - Targhee and Bridger-Teton National Forests, all BLM and NPS administered lands.
- California - Toiyabe National Forest.

The IMACS Site Form consists of five separate parts: Part A - Administrative/Environmental Data; Part B - Prehistoric Data; Part C - Historic Data; and a separate encoding sheet. Thus, the minimum site record consists of Part A plus one additional section, as appropriate. The encoding sheet is also required in all cases. The forms are available in the FORMS section.

THE SITE FORM MUST BE COMPLETE, EVEN IF THE
ANSWER IS "NONE". ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN,
EXCEPT THE COMPUTER CODING SHEET.

The completed site form must be accompanied by a sketch map.* The map should show major site details and locations of collected artifacts. It should also indicate the relationship of the site to important landforms and proposed impacting projects, if any. A photocopy of the appropriate USGS map locating the site should also be attached, unless this information is provided elsewhere.

Site photographs must be taken and made a part of the site form.* They should not be included in the text of the survey report. This will facilitate the duplication and distribution of site inventory data to the various repositories.

It should be noted that the codes contained in this manual are designed for field use only. In regards to management or in house code use, contact the appropriate organization.

(*Sketch maps and site photographs are optional for USFS sites.)

ILLUSTRATIONS.

All illustrations are in a separate section called ILLUSTRATIONS. They were scanned from the original paste-ups and are in JPEG format. Illustrations are numbered with the IMACS section number in which they belong, a short descriptive name, and an illustration number. For example, 472-Bottleschem.jpg is from section 472, depicts chemical/medicine bottles, and is the only illustration of that type of artifact. 473-Ceramics4.jpg is from section 473, and is the fourth page of ceramic illustrations.