

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Form
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Agenda Item

Joint Tribal Liaison Report

Purpose of Agenda Item

To report on the Joint Tribal Liaisons' activities and meetings as well as Tribal concerns, challenges, and accomplishments.

Action Requested

Information item only; we will answer questions but no action is requested.

Presenters

Sarah Rinkevich, Joint Federal Tribal Liaison
Theresa Pasqual, Joint Federal Tribal Liaison

Previous Action Taken

N/A

Relevant Science

N/A

Summary of Presentation and Background Information

The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program Joint Tribal Liaisons (JTL) will report on the following:

- (1) A change in the structure of the Federal Family meeting. Specifically, a format change for the Federal Family meeting was suggested at the August 2016 AMWG meeting to provide the Tribal Representatives the opportunity to meet first thing in the morning, lead the discussion, and reduce the amount of redundancy during the meeting.
- (2) Programmatic Agreement meetings that have been productive primarily because they were face-to-face and the Tribal Representatives' comments are being incorporated.
- (3) Tribal concerns with regard to the change in administration and what the changes will be, if any.
- (4) Tribal concerns with regard to the knowledge assessment exercise, which the Tribal Representatives are struggling with because the methodology is in a Western science format and does not articulate the Tribes' perspectives.

(5) A letter that was drafted by the Tribal representatives to the new Secretary's Designee articulating the Tribal perspectives' with regard to the Grand Canyon.

In addition, the JTLs will report on Tribal perspectives with regard to the Adaptive Management Program. For example, many of the Tribal Representatives liked the "getting to know you" exercise at the August 2016 AMWG meeting because it was helpful to get to know members of the AMWG better.

Finally, a proposed 2017 Tribal lead river trip, similar to the 2015 trip, will be discussed.

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August 2016 to February 2017



Sarah Rinkevich and Theresa Pasqual,
DOI Joint Tribal Liaisons

AMWP

Joint Tribal Liaison Report

- Tribal synthesis project
- Letter to the new Secretary's Designee
- Presentations at the Annual Reporting meeting
- On-going activities

Tribal synthesis project

- Carry over money from 2016 (Statement of Work is needed)
- 1-1.5 day workshop of Western Hemisphere Indigenous Groups to discuss
- One Objective:
 - Promote knowledge & experience exchange among indigenous participants from Canada, Brazil, and U.S.
 - Share ideas with regard to programs linked to hydroelectric dams

Letter to the new Secretary's Designee

- Our tribes have long-established relationships with the canyon which involve intrinsic ceremonial processes to maintain its' health, balance, and wellbeing.
- Our ancestors have handed down to us precise instructions of how to co-exist and care for this canyon.
- The care and management of the Canyon is vital to our cultural sustenance.
- Canyon is vital to our cultural sustenance. One cannot survive without the other, we are inter-dependent.
- We all have a shared vested interest in working to maintain the ecological and cultural integrity of the canyon. To this end, we are excited to continue on this important work together.

Kinship to the Canyon: Hualapai Stories of Success



Jumway, Indian Tea



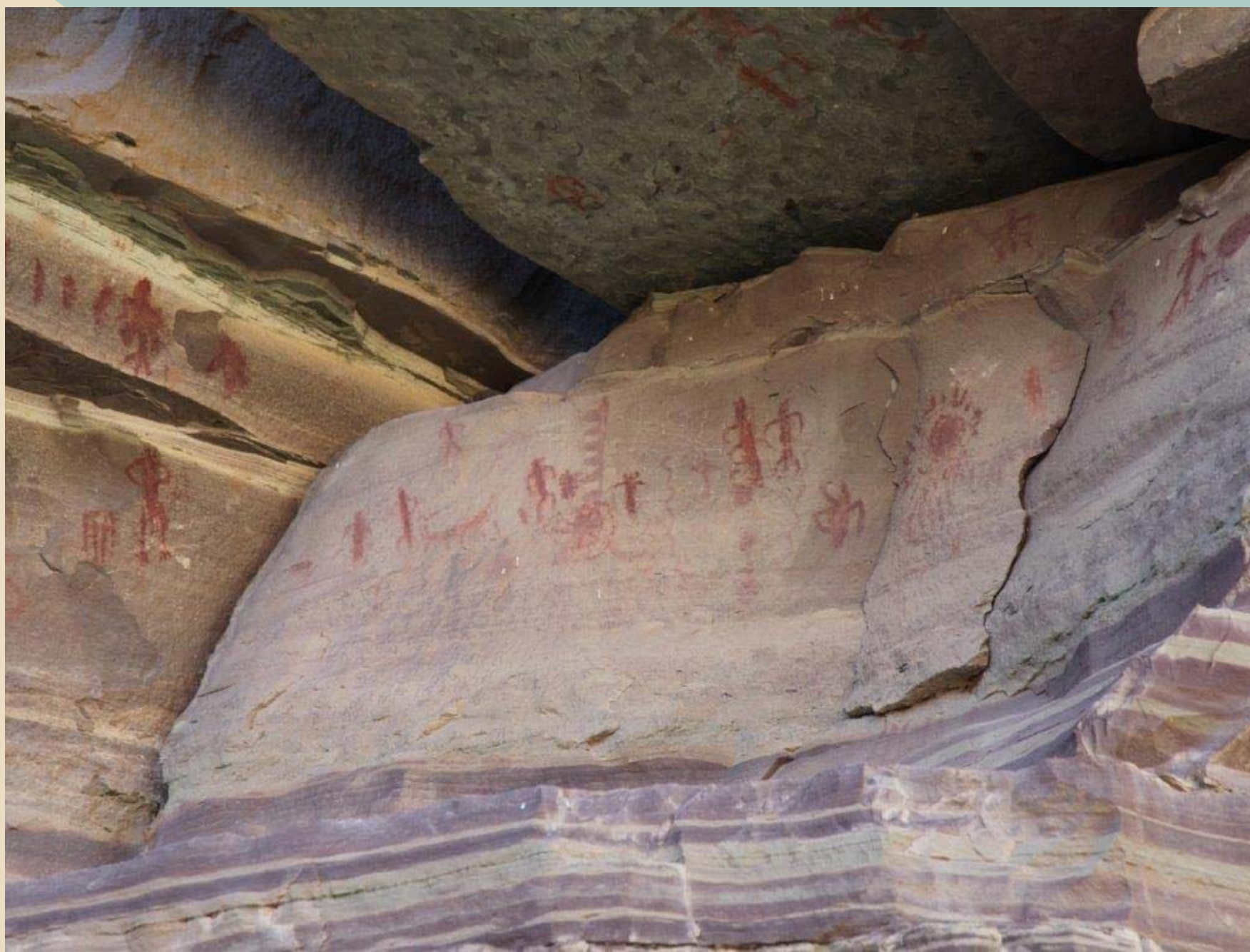


Zuni Associative Values Project (Zuni Grand Canyon Film Project)

- Presented to the January 2017 Annual Reporting meeting.
- Inspired by ZCRAT wanting to convey/teach to Zuni Youth the important role the Grand Canyon plays in Zuni culture.
- Produced by the ZCRE with funding from DOI (BR); filming, directing, & editing by SkyShip Films (Daniel Byers, Director)

Zuni Associative Values Project (Zuni Grand Canyon Film Project)

- 25 min film that is currently considered “draft” because it still being edited.
- The film articulated Zuni traditional history beginning with emergence, migrations, ancestral Zuni homes in GC, and continuing role of the GC in Zuni life.
- Copies will be distributed to all schools at Zuni, libraries, UNM ext campus at Zuni, and Zuni Tribal members.





On-going Matters

- Knowledge Assessment – need alternative to existing spreadsheets;
- Early planning for a 2017 Tribal-lead River Trip;
- Programmatic Agreement is still being drafted;
- Tribal preparation of paperwork for determination of eligibility of the GC to the National Register of Historic Places as a TCP;
- Triannual work plan for 2018-2020.

Thank you for your support!

- Kurt Dongoske & Councilman Eric Bobelu (Zuni Pueblo)
- Charley Bulletts (Southern Paiute Consortium)
- Mike Yeates (Hopi Tribe)
- Dawn Hubbs & Kerry Christensen (Hualapai Tribe)
- Melinda Arviso-Ciooco (Navajo Nation)
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Science and Water

Questions?

