

Concerns/Recommendations by the CRAHG for the GCMRC FY08 Cultural Resources Budget

- 1) The group wants a schedule of reports for FY08 and future projects. As an example, the study of ground-based LiDAR; the group did not feel that GCMRC had provided updates or enough information to support the continuation of this program. It has been going on for two years, and there have been no reports or updates. The group would like some sort of decision matrix to determine whether or not the R&D project is working.
- 2) Prior to evaluating/approving the FY09 budget, the group would like reports and/or updates on all FY08 components of the budget.
- 3) The group would like contractors who are working on projects to give presentations/answer questions at a CRAHG meeting as part of the discussion for the FY09 budget.
- 4) The CRAHG could consider a hiatus for specific projects for FY09 if researchers are not making sufficient progress or the CRAHG doesn't have sufficient information to evaluate progress.
- 5) For the FY09 budget, the group would like the proposals to include timeframes for deliverables that are more closely aligned with the budget/planning cycle.
- 6) Native American perspectives need to be included in all projects, including outcomes that the tribes would like. One example that was discussed was the lack of Tribal consultation for the weather monitoring stations. It was requested that BOR should do this consultation for visual issues related to landscapes.
- 7) There needs to be clear link between LiDAR and archaeology, e.g. how does LiDAR affect evaluations and assessments of archaeological site condition. In order to do this, archaeologists should work more closely with the geologists.
- 8) An issue was the new assistant position for Helen will not be a tribal liaison position. There were concerns over this since it had been identified as a need.
- 9) The group needs more information on exactly what researchers are doing. GCMRC should identify bridging mechanisms between the geologists, archaeologists, and Native Americans. Examples discussed included weather monitoring stations, LiDAR and gully erosion/check dam study. This would then be the basis for discussion between GCMRC and the CRAHG. GCMRC should identify hypotheses for each project which would help determine if the projects are successful. GCMRC will provide to CRAHG members the research proposal that was submitted to NPS.