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To: Timothy McAndrews
Subject: Call for Interns at Petrified Forest National Park

Tim,

I received my Master's degree at the end of the spring 2016 semester last year and began working as an archaeologist at Petrified Forest National Park in northern Arizona. We are currently seeking four undergraduate and recent graduate interns for our 2017 field season. I was hoping that you could send the following call for interns to any students who are interested in gaining more experience in archaeological practice. Most of the work here at the park focuses on archaeological survey and site recording.

Thanks,
Melyssa Huston

Internship Positions at Petrified Forest

Situated on the southern Colorado Plateau, Petrified Forest National Park preserves an incredibly diverse archaeological record of 13,000 years of human history. This summer the park is hosting four internships from May 22-August 5, 2017 for archaeology undergraduate and graduate students or recent graduates who are interested in gaining further experience in archaeological practice.

Interns will work as integral members of a large survey crew led by park archaeologists. The internships are focused on supporting archaeological reconnaissance of park lands. The internship will provide them with many learning opportunities as they work to: carry out archaeological survey and site recording; manage and process archaeological data; and perform professional and public outreach. Interns will also have the chance to work on independent park-focused research projects and present at a professional conference.

At Petrified Forest National Park archaeologists encounter numerous prehistoric sites. The oldest site at the park retains evidence of Paleoindian lithic procurement and tool manufacture. Archaic sites provide information for understanding land use strategies. The park even harbors evidence relevant to understanding the transition from hunting and gathering to an increasing reliance on agriculture. Scattered throughout the park, Basketmaker villages and Pueblo settlements from early small one room structures (Pueblo I) to late pueblo buildings hundreds of rooms in size (Pueblo IV) reveal information about early populations who occupied the landscape. Some of the first ceramics found on the Colorado Plateau can also be seen here, with later ceramic assemblages becoming more highly varied and sometimes composed of wares from many areas of manufacture. These sites are complemented by an amazing

collection of Rock Art that has been stylistically dated at least as far back as the Basketmaker Period.

Petrified Forest also contains a number of Protohistoric and Historic sites. Foundations of stone hogans and ornate inscriptions carved on rock faces provide evidence for the presence of early Navajo and European occupations during Protohistoric and early Historic times. Late Historic period sites are associated with western expansion, exploration, and settlement and include: a standing stage coach stop; the remains of trading posts; a portion of Route 66 with a hotel that stood alongside the famous highway. In addition, the park harbors numerous sites and structures associated with the 1930s New Deal Civilian Conservation Corps program.

Applicants should be strongly motivated by a desire to develop the range of skills necessary to carry out archaeological fieldwork, manage and explore data, and perform research and public outreach. Applicants are required to have attended an archaeological field school or have the equivalent level of experience. Interns will receive housing in the park free of cost, as well as a weekly stipend of \$150. Travel costs to the park are not included.

Please provide a letter of interest along with a copy of your CV and the contact information for three professional references by March 17, 2017 to:

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Please forward this call to any other students who may be interested!