**The Taos Archaeological Society**

**November 12, 2019**

Tonight’s Speaker



**Paul F. Reed**

Paul Reed has been a Preservation Archaeologist with Archaeology Southwest since 2001. He is based in Taos, New Mexico and still works as the occasional Chaco Scholar at Salmon Ruins, New. Reed’s most recent writing is an edited book (with Gary M. Brown as co-editor) entitled *Aztec, Salmon, and the Pueblo Heartland of the Middle San Juan*, published in SAR Press’ Popular Series in 2018. He also served as editor (and author of several chapters) on *Chaco's Northern Prodigies: Salmon, Aztec, and the Ascendancy of the Middle San Juan Region After AD 1100*, published by the University of Utah Press (2008). Reed was also editor (and author of several chapters) of the three-volume, comprehensive report entitled *Thirty-Five Years of Archaeological Research at Salmon Ruins, New Mexico* published in 2006. His other books – *The Puebloan Society of Chaco Canyon (*2004*) and Foundations of Anasazi Culture* (published in 2000; as editor and author) have explored the origins of Puebloan culture and Chaco Canyon.

During the last six years, Reed has been working to protect the Greater Chaco Landscape from the effects of expanded oil-gas development associated with fracking in the Mancos Shale formation. Through a series of meetings and forums with public officials, Tribal leaders, various US Government agencies, and New Mexico’s Congressional delegation, Archaeology Southwest and its partners have focused on expanding protections to sites, traditional cultural places, and fragile landscapes in the greater San Juan Basin. The most recent effort on this front is to partner with the Pueblo of Acoma to complete a focused ethnographic study of Acoma’s connections to the Greater Chaco Landscape.

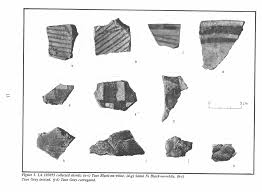
Among his other interests, Reed leads tours to Salmon and Aztec Ruins, Chaco Canyon, the Chuska Valley, and the Navajo Country, and gives public presentations on different topics in southwestern archaeology and history. Reed has conducted fieldwork and research in the Southwest for more than 30 years. From 1993 to 2001, Reed directed a roads archaeology research program for the Navajo Nation Archaeology Department, Farmington, New Mexico. Reed completed his Bachelor of Arts (1986) and Master of Arts (1989 in anthropology and archaeology) degree at New Mexico State University.

**Topic**

**Aztec, Salmon, and the Middle San Juan as a Pueblo Heartland**

The Middle San Juan region of northwestern New Mexico is often misunderstood regarding its Puebloan history. Falling between the better-known Pueblo cultural centers at Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde, the ancient Aztec and Salmon communities rarely attract deserved attention. Research at these Puebloan centers over the last 100, and particularly, the last 20 years has revealed a unique and outstanding record of innovation and creativity, as well as large numbers of Pueblo-affiliated peoples. In this talk, I will highlight the special nature of the ancient Puebloan use of the Middle San Juan region. I will also provide a brief update on our efforts to protect the Greater Chaco Landscape from oil-gas development.

**Pot Creek Ceramic Sorting** is still requesting volunteers to participate in processing out their Prehistoric collections. Wednesdays at 9:00am at the SMU Laboratory. Contact Mark Henderson for more information. [markscotthenderson@gmail.com](mailto:markscotthenderson@gmail.com)





**The Taos Archaeological Society is pleased to announce we are hosting the Annual Meeting of ASNM. The Conference will take place May 8-10, 2020 next Spring. TAS is looking for volunteers to participate in helping Saturday May 9. The Meeting theme will be “Taos at the Crossroads of Trade”.**

**Register on the TAS website now at taosarch.org**

**Interesting lectures, Field Trips, Steve Lekson keynote speaker and Banquet Dinner. Burro loading demonstration,**

**Silent Auction.**

**Contact Phil Alldritt at** [**taoscuba@hotmail.com**](mailto:taoscuba@hotmail.com) **to participate as a volunteer.**

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**The Taos Archaeological Society is offering Lifetime Membership with the contribution of $500.00 per individual anytime up until December 31, 2019. Take advantage of this Tax Deductible opportunity and help TAS fund our mission!! The Lifetime Membership will include the Member plus 1 additional family member.**

**TAS**

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**The Taos Archaeological Society, in cooperation with Carson National Forest will participate in archaeological testing of a rock shelter site in Valle Vidal Summer of 2020. We will be posting updated information soon to Members.**

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**We excavated and surveyed this area for a week August 5-9, 2019 and recorded two hearths and many artifacts. Three new sites were also recorded. We collected lithics including obsidian and 5 ceramics. Also, in the excavation we found an Archaic projectile dart San Pedro variety (see photo below (circa 1500 BC). Great group of archaeology techs and volunteers from TAS.**

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**Archaic Dart Armijo Side Notched circa 5000 BC**

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**La Cueva excavation underway**

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**La Cueva Feature 2 Thermal Feature**

**Winter POT LUCK**

**COMING SOON!!!**

**December 7, 2019**

**St. James Church**

**Gusdorf Road**

**500pm-700pm**

**Bring your favorite Wintertime Dish to Share!!!**

**Wine and Lemonade provided.**

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**The Taos Archaeological Society is in part Funding trips for students to The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project!! Trips coming up this Spring 2020!!!**

**Contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com**





**TAS is looking for Members to form an Education Committee who will promote and facilitate communication with teachers and schools to advance our bus trip programs!! To participate in this very successful effort contact Phil Alldritt at** [**taoscuba@hotmail.com**](mailto:taoscuba@hotmail.com)

**Thank you!!!**



**TAS is also looking for Members to participate in organizing TAS archives from 2000-Present. We are requesting that any Members who have photographs from TAS trips and any archival materials to contact Phil Alldritt at** [**taoscuba@hotmail.com**](mailto:taoscuba@hotmail.com)**. Thank you!!!!!**

**Upcoming Trips**[](javascript:%20void(0))

**Trip reservations are first come first serve all trips have limited space. No reservation is confirmed until deposits have been made. Watch for future trips on the website!!!**

**Thank you!**

**All TAS trips may be sign up for by TAS Members who are Active Members in Good Standing. Persons wanting to participate should become Members by mailing 30.00 to**

**TAS PO Box 143 Taos, NM 87571 Thank you!**

**May 2020**

**Chaco Canyon 3 Day Trip with Paul Reed**

[**towerkiva@yahoo.com**](mailto:towerkiva@yahoo.com) **for information**



**Chaco Canyon Aztec Ruins and Salmon Ruins**

**15 persons maximum No camping required But is an option.**

**May 15-17, 2020 3 Day Trip Guide: Paul Reed towerkiva@yahoo.com**

**May 15 May 17**

700am Depart Bloomfield

Depart from Taos Visit Twin Angels Chaco Outlier and Great North Road

Visit Salmon Ruins Depart Bloomfield

Lunch Arrive Taos

Visit Aztec Ruins

Overnight Bloomfield

**May 16**

Visit Chaco Canyon Museum

All day Chaco Canyon Tour

Visit Chaco Museum

Transfer to Bloomfield for Overnight

**\*\*\*Participants responsible for arranging hotels, transportation and food, Good walking shoes required. Sunscreen, rain gear, backpack and water.**



Aztec Ruins



Salmon Room Block



**Pueblo Bonito**

**Next Speaker January 14, 2020**



**Delafield Dubois**

 Del has spent a lifetime exploring the wilds by foot, ski, and boat. He has floated over 30,000 river miles, including over 20 years as a commercial guide and co-owner of Los Rios River Runners. Growing up in the woods less than a mile from Walden Pond, then living on the edge of the mind-boggling sprawl of Southern California, he understands the importance of land conservation. With a degree in anthropology and Latin American history, he has worked as an archeologist for the Carson National Forest and a River Ranger for the Bureau of Land Management. He has also served on the Boards of Taos Search and Rescue and the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council. Photographer, Archeologist, Park Ranger, story teller and adventurer on land and water.

**Topic**  
       Tonight’s lecture will present a program about the 50 plus constructed trails  
       within the Rio Grande Gorge. Who made them, how and why,  
       along with stories and photos from 47 years  
       of exploring the canyon      ,  
       Photographer, Archeologist, Park Ranger, story teller  
       and adventurer on land and water,

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