

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



FIELD TRIP REPORT

Date: **April 28 - 29, 2012**

Destination: **Ute Mountain Tribal Park Service Day**

Leader: **Jim Shadell**

Number of Participants: **20** (7 SJBAS)

The annual Ute Mountain Tribal Park service day on April 28 was a bitter-sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet affair: 'Bitter' because only seven SJBAS volunteers made the trip. 'Sweet' because 13 Hisatsinom chapter members from Cortez bolstered the ranks; sweet because they brought with them such an incredible degree of archaeological knowledge; sweet because we made a 'baker's dozen' of new friends - we had such a good time at happy hour and sitting around the fire drinking wine and chatting after the work was completed. Sweet because we all felt a sense of pride upon completion of Rutherford's list of assigned tasks of improving check dams at Porcupine House ruin, trails at Kiva Point, and out-houses at Kiva Point and the campgrounds; and sweet because we went on an extraordinary bush-whack on Sunday exploring a remote canyon where we 'discovered' two unnamed ruins - we even 'guided' our guide and friend, Rick Hayes to ruins he had not seen! I could even add one more 'sweet' because the temps were refreshing on our work day and warm on our play day. Great fun was had by all, and we all look forward to another great time next year!

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