

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



FIELD TRIP REPORT

Date: **April 26 - 27, 2014**

Destination: **Ute Mountain Ute Service Weekend**

Leader: **Jim Shadell**

Number of Participants: **12**

This was a weird outing. There were a dozen of us: Andy and Stephanie Gulliford, Lyle Hancock, Rusty Chamberlain, me, and seven members from the CAS Denver Chapter. We succeeded in completing our assigned tasks, cleaning out a long, shallow diversion dam located on the canyon rim directly above Treehouse Ruin and repairing a portion of the washed-out, eroded trail leading to the site. Part of our crew shoveled sediment from the diversion dam into buckets and lowered them by rope 80 feet down to the crew at the ruin. That crew carried the buckets over to the damaged trail and spread the dirt. Others did weeding and brush removal at the trailhead facilities. We wrapped things up soon after lunch, because Rutherford, our tribal work supervisor, deemed the task completed and because he wanted to get out of the remote location before the roads turned to what my father used to refer to as "Durango gumbo". We caravanned back to the tribal campground where everyone dispersed, save Lyle and me, who were planning to camp. It began to rain and there we were, the two of us, with nothing to do and nowhere to go! We couldn't even get out of our cars without mud building up under our boots, so, with little to do but take refuge from the rain and wait until dark, we eventually decided to bag-it and return home!

The next day, Andy was the ONLY person to show up for the free guided tour of the site of our choice. He got a personal tour of some of the most significant rock art sites in the park!

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