

Carson National Forest Old Spanish Trail Project
Project Logistics
May 25 to June 2, 2017

Project Overview: Paleocultural Research Group (PCRG) will conduct archaeological inventory on selected parcels in the Miranda Valley south of the town of Talpa in Taos County, New Mexico under a research grant from the Carson National Forest. The primary goal of the project is to identify and document segments of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail or Camino Real. The trail is believed to have served as a summer route between the Taos and Picuris Pueblos at least as early as the late 1600s. A strategy using pedestrian transects and small block metal detection transects will be used in targeted inventory parcels to identify portions of the trail as well as features or artifacts associated with the trail's use prior to 1850. Field work is scheduled for May 25 to June 2, 2017.

Project Logistics: Most of our group will camp in the Archaeology Camping Area (#9 on the attached map) at the SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin Campus located about 10 miles south of Taos, New Mexico. Fieldwork is scheduled for an eight-day session from May 25 to June 2. May 25 is a travel and camp set-up day (see schedule below). Fieldwork begins on May 26. All participants should arrive the day before their first scheduled work day and plan to stay for a minimum of three to four days.

The SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin Archaeology Camping Area is an open field with access to drinking water, a bathroom, and one shower but you are welcome to bring a solar shower. Participants should plan to arrive at camp any time after 3 or 4 pm on May 25 for the start of the session. The PCRG staff will arrive earlier in the day to begin setting up camp although camp setup will be minimal since all meals will be served in the SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin Dining Hall. June 1 is the final work day of the session. Camp will be dismantled and cleaned before we depart on June 2. Breakfast will be provided on the final day of the session.

Project schedule

Day/Date	Activities
Thursday, May 25 after 3 pm	TRAVEL DAY. Spend the afternoon setting up camp and discussing methods for inventory and metal detection
Friday, May 26 to Thursday, June 1	Inventory, site documentation, and metal detection survey
Friday, June 2	Break down camp and depart for home

If you stay in the project camp: SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin will provide breakfast and dinner in their Dining Hall (#19 on the attached map) for everyone camping in the PCRG project camp; bag lunches will also be available each day. You are welcome to bring personal beverages (soda, beer, wine, etc.) and snacks to camp but please bring your own cooler and ice. **Please see the gear list for other gear to bring.**

If you stay in a hotel or local residence: Some participants may prefer to stay in nearby hotels rather than camp. Reservations for hotels are the responsibility of individual participants.

The meals provided in the Dining Hall are primarily for those staying in the Archaeology Camping Area. If you do not stay in the project camp, you are welcome to eat your meals with the group in the Dining Hall and prepare a bag lunch each day but **we must provide SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin with an accurate number of diners for each meal including those requiring bag lunches.** If you aren't camping, please indicate on your sign-up form which meals you plan to eat at the Dining Hall. Note that breakfast will be served from approximately 6 am to 7:15 am and we will leave camp for the project area at 7:30 am.

Please fill out the on-line Carson NF OST Arrival and Departure form using the link provided in the email you received. Alternatively, you may also fill out the form on page 8 and return it via email.

Volunteer positions are limited, so let us know that you would like to participate as soon as possible.

Participant Equipment List:

In Camp:

Camping gear—tent, pad, sleeping bag, pillow, etc.

Evening/dinner beverages (beer, wine, soda, etc).

Cooler for personal drinks and snacks

Solar shower

Warm clothes (camp is at about 7425 ft.; it's hard to know how cool it will be at night).

Musical instruments

Lawn or camp chair

Flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries

DEET or other insect repellent

In the Field:

Day pack large enough to carry water, lunch, camera, etc.

Hiking boots (boots higher on the ankle are recommended)

Sun hat

Rain gear

Containers for 2 to 3 quarts of water

Work gloves, if you use them in the field

Sunscreen and lip balm

Compass

Clipboard and pencils (no pens please!)

Camera, for personal use

Binoculars

Driving Directions:

Google Maps shows a 297-mile trip from Denver to SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin via I-25. Take I-25 south to Walsenburg then head west on Hwy 160 until you reach Fort Garland. From Fort Garland, turn left (south) onto CO Hwy 159 and continue south on NM Hwy 522 to Taos. The SMU-In-Taos/Fort Burgwin campus is approximately 10 miles south of Taos. An alternate route via Hwy 285 will take about 5 hours, 39 minutes to travel 318 miles. The PCRG project campsite is on the east side of Hwy 518 directly across from the entrance to SMU-In-Taos and will take 15 to 20 minutes to reach from Taos.

If you are camping: You will meet the group at the SMU-In-Taos/Fort Burgwin Archaeology Camping Area. From the town of Taos, take Paseo del Pueblo Sur/State Highway 68 southwest about 3.5 miles to the intersection with Hwy 518. Turn left (south) and continue about 6.5 miles to SMU-In-Taos/Fort Burgwin. The camping area entrance is not marked but is across from a sign for Southern Methodist University SMU-in-Taos Fort Burgwin (see attached photo).

Each morning, campers should be ready to leave for the project area between 7:15 and 7:30.

If you plan to stay in a hotel or local residence: There are many lodging options in Taos with a few near the Hwy 68/518 intersection but it is recommended that you book early since the project overlaps the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Anyone staying in a hotel or local residence should plan to meet the rest of the group at 7:15 am at the PCRG project camp (SMU-In-Taos/Fort Burgwin Archaeology Camping Area) and we will caravan to the project area in as few cars as possible. The roads in the project area require 4-wheel drive vehicles with high clearance so we will rely primarily on vehicles supplied by PCRG.

Emergency Contact Information

Cell phone coverage will be limited in the project area. Crew chiefs will carry radios for contact between crews and for emergencies during the work day.

PCRG:

Mark Mitchell

Mark.Mitchell@Paleocultural.org

Cell: 303-913-2435

Vehicle: Ford F-150, CO license plate 915 BIG

Amy Nelson

amynels@yahoo.com

Cell: 970-485-4718

Vehicle: Nissan Xterra, CO license plate 632 MJZ

Agency emergency contact numbers:

SMU-In-Taos/Fort Burgwin

Fort Burgwin

6580 Highway 518

Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557

575-758-8322

Carson National Forest

208 Cruz Alta Road

Taos, NM 87571

575-758-6200

Local medical facilities

Holy Cross Hospital (24 hours)

1397 Weimer Rd.

Taos, NM 87571

800-755-6236

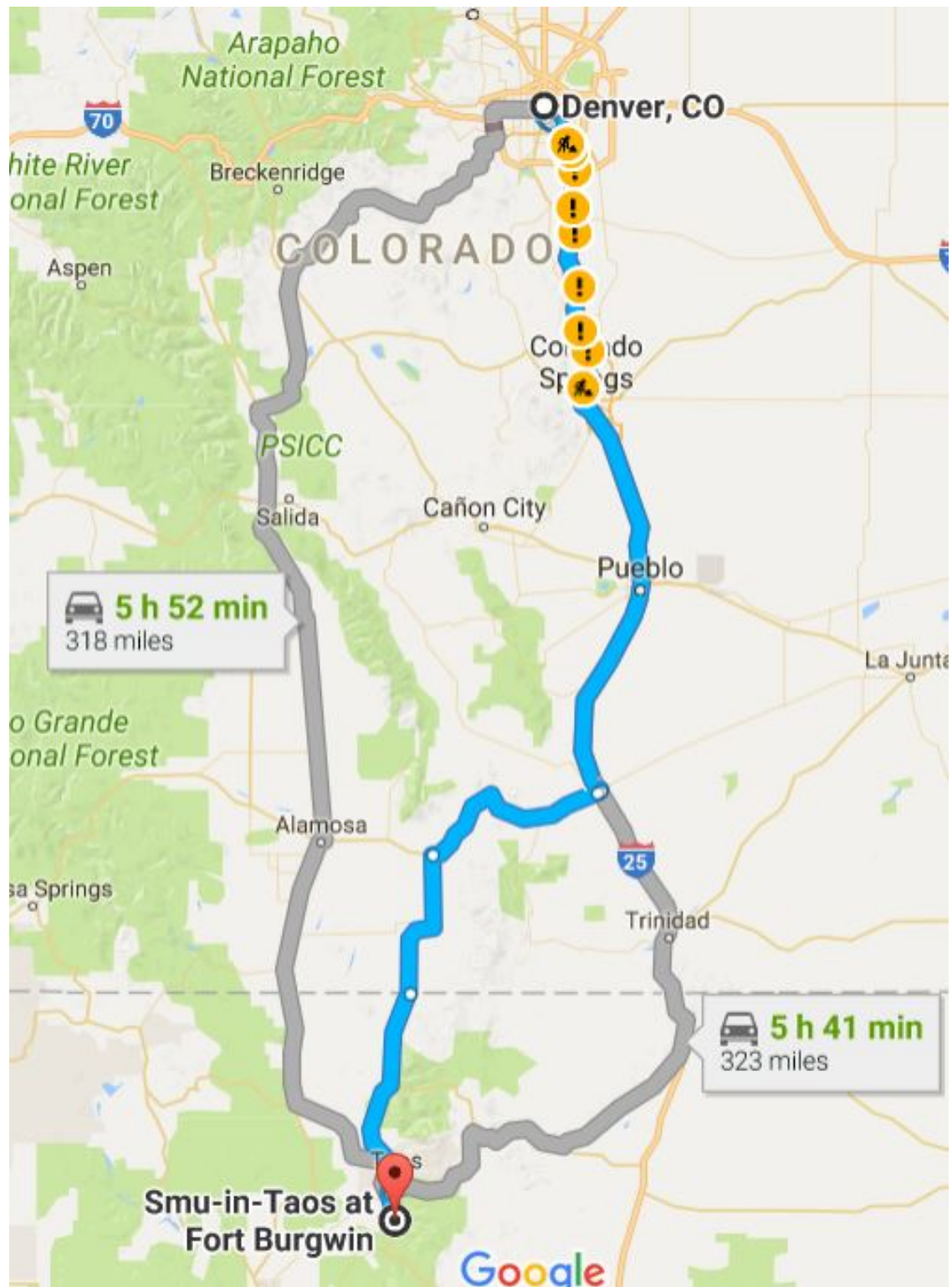
575-758-8883

Taos Urgent Care (9 am to 7 pm)

330 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur

Taos, NM 87571

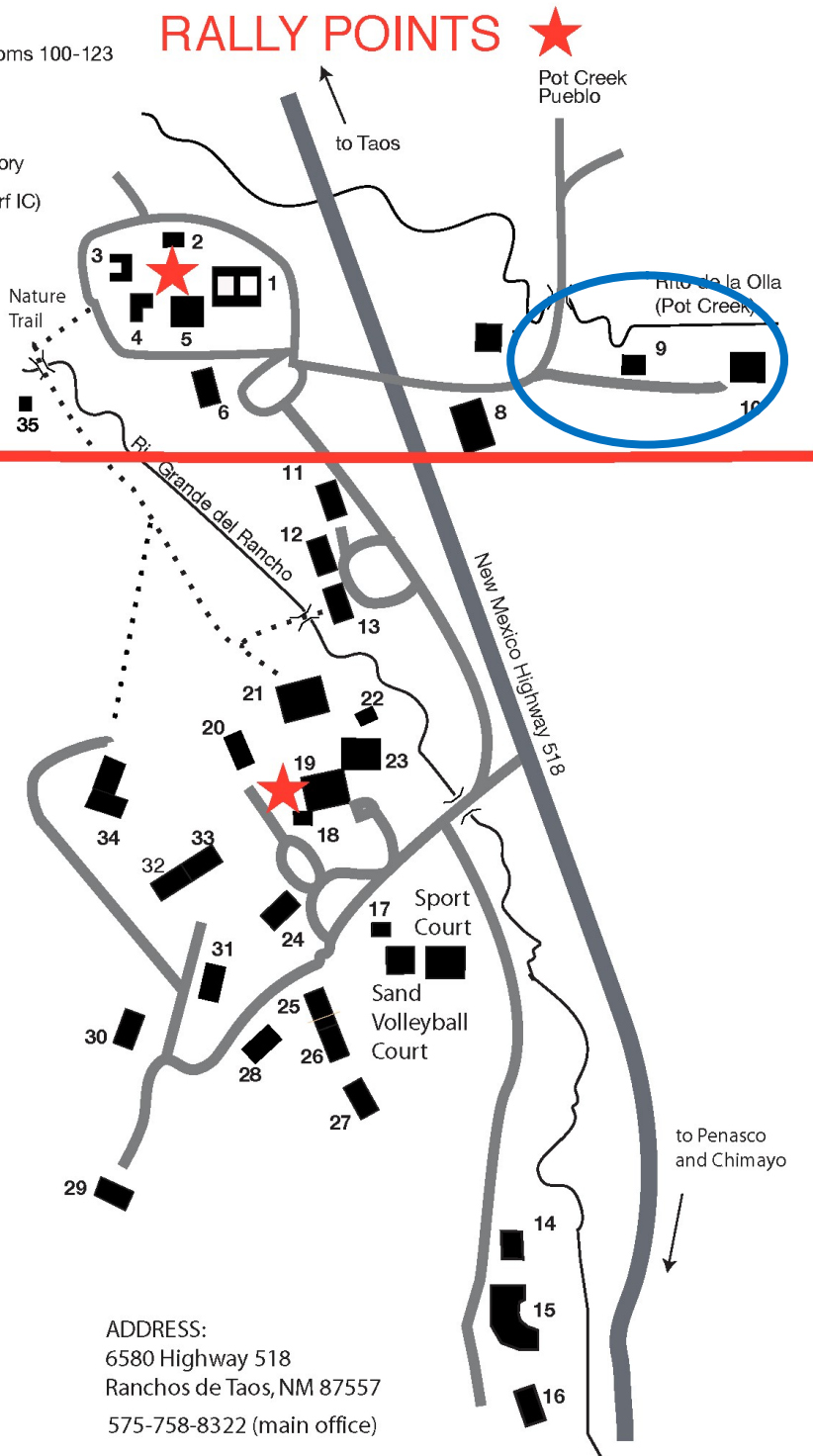
575-758-1414



SMU-IN-TAOS Fort Burgwin Campus

RALLY POINTS ★

- 1 Fort Building, Main Office, Classrooms 100-123
- 2 Commander's Quarters
- 3 Officer's Quarters Apts 1 - 5
- 4 Archaeology Lab and Artifact Repository
- 5 Library and Computer Lab (Wendorf IC) and Librarian's Residence
- 6 Caretaker's Quarters and Shop
- 7 Chalet (Faculty Housing)
- 8 Art Barn
- 9 Archaeology Camping Area
- 10 Wendorf Residence
- 11 Faculty Casita 3A & 3B
- 12 Faculty Casita 2A & 2B
- 13 Faculty Casita 1A & 1B
- 14 Clements Guest House
- 15 Clements Conference Center
- 16 Heroy House
- 17 Pumphouse
- 18 Laundry Facility
- 19 Dining Hall and Seminar Rm 2
- 20 Seminar Rm 3
- 21 O'Donnell Auditorium
- 22 Chapel at Fort Burgwin
- 23 Miller Campus Center and Seminar Room 1
- 24 Casita Thetford
- 25 Casita Ware
- 26 Casita Harvey
- 27 Casita Armstrong
- 28 Casita Montana
- 29 Casita Alta
- 30 Casita Arbolita
- 31 Casita Media
- 32 Casita Ultima West
- 33 Casita Ultima East
- 34 Casita Clements



ADDRESS:
6580 Highway 518
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557
575-758-8322 (main office)

••••• Footpaths and Trails



Driveway on the west side of Hwy 518. The Archaeology Camping Area is across the street on the east side.



Arrival and Departure form

Please fill out and return to PCRG no later than May 1.
 You may also provide this information via the on-line Carson NF OST Arrival and Departure Form using the link provided in the email you received.

Name(s)	
Day/Date you will arrive (Please arrive the night before your first work day)	
Will you arrive in time for dinner (6:00 pm)?	
Day/Date you will start work (May 25 is a travel day)	
Day/Date you will leave (June 2 is a travel day)	
Camp or hotel?	
If NOT camping, would you like to eat meals with the group at SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin?	Yes No
If you are NOT CAMPING but plan to eat meals at SMU-in-Taos/Fort Burgwin, which meals? (Circle any that apply)	All Breakfasts (May 26 to June 2) All Dinners (May 25 to June 1) Self -Serve Bag Lunches (May 26 to June 1) Other: Provide meals and dates:
Do you have any food or other allergies?	
Do you have any food preferences? (Circle any that apply)	None Vegetarian Vegan Gluten-free Other, Describe:
Make and model of vehicle	
Comments/Special Circumstances	