Dear archaeological professionals,

Thanks to all your great questions and even more FS data than was previously available, I have yet more information for you to help you refine your bids. The total number of sites that will need to be revisited is now 60, regardless of which pedestrian survey area(s) you do. If you have already submitted a bid, you are welcome to resubmit it based on this new information.  Read on for Q&A.

Respectfully, -Wolfy

Q: Are we allowed to further define the survey area once we get boots on the ground? (I.e., areas of impenetrable brush; areas that looked steep due to LiDAR but actually aren’t that bad, etc)

A: Yes.

Q: It looks like the “sitepolygons” PDF table shared in Drive is just the “sitepoints” table again?

A: You’re right! That was an error. The real sitepolygons table is attached and has also been uploaded to the [Drive folder](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bBRmgGECFA_CuFEwgLSxfUaAn8ROp_lW/view?usp=sharing).  The total number of known sites in the APE is now 60.

Q: OK, there are all these known sites in the APE, but what do we need to do about them?

A: The District Archaeologist, Doreen Hrivnak, writes: “Essentially ALL sites in the APE need to be visited so we can come up with resource protections measures. The level of documentation during the visit is either doing a monitoring form and some photos for the site, re-gpsing if that data is not accurate, or doing a full DPR site recording if it was not recorded on standard DPR forms or the conditions have drastically changed, which could be the case with the fire. Usually contractors would have a sense of this and I would assume their bid would be more based on the number of sites in the project area. If it’s a complex site, it might take more time to monitor, if it’s a historic refuse site, it could take 10 minutes. Which is why descriptions are included. Also, I included NR status on the reports I run because legally we don’t have to manage non-eligible sites.”

Q: What is the APE?

A: The APE is the 20,000-acre area outlined in purple on the maps; due to funds, we will only be able to do pedestrian surveys on small fractions of it (those are the bid areas). However, all the known sites in the APE need revisits regardless of how many acres we get pedestrian-surveyed. Most sites that need revisiting (45 of the 60) are within or immediately adjacent to the bid item survey areas, but 15 sites are scattered farther afield.

 Q: Thanks for sharing the list of previously recorded sites in the project area. Can you break them out by how many are in, or very close to, each bid item?

A: Sure, although you’ll need to visit all 60 regardless of how many bid items you bid on. Here you go:

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| **Bid Item** | **Multipoint Site(s)** | **Polygon Site(s)** | **Polyline Site(s)** |
| **In or near mandatory bid item (A)** | There are 17 point sites; 8 not NR-eligible, 9 eligibility not determined. Most are sparse lithic scatters of varying sizes. One site where eligibility has not been determined is a “Large multi-component site consisting of a prehistoric lithic scatter and a cabin flat along with historic debris scattered throughout the site. Three occupation loci are identified within the site” | 14 total polygons:·0.12 ac, not NR eligible·0.13 ac, eligibility not determined·0.17 ac, eligibility not determined·0.43 ac, eligibility not determined·1.15 ac, eligibility not determined· 1.56 ac, not NR eligible·1.76 ac, NR Eligible·1.83 ac, not NR eligible·About 3 dozen insulator trees scattered across a long area, including along some historic roads; not NR-eligible.·6.31 ac, eligibility not determined·0.03 ac site, eligibility not determined·2.97-ac site, eligibility not determined·3.11-ac site, eligibility not determined·Less than 0.01-ac site, eligibility not determined | Various segments of the old Humboldt Wagon Rd are adjacent to the bid item; all segments are now very close to or part of existing roads; NR not eligible. |
| **In or near optional bid item B** | 1 site (sparse lithic artifact concentration); not NR-eligible. | **None known** | **None known** |
| **In or near optional bid item C** | 1 site (lithic scatter), not NR-eligible. | **None known** | As is common knowledge, segments of the old Humboldt Wagon Road are adjacent to the bid item.  NR not eligible. |
| **In or near optional bid item D** | 6 sites; all lithic scatters, 2 with a historic component and are NR-eligible.  One is NR-not-eligible.  The other 3 have not yet had eligibility determined. | 5 total polygons:·0.99-ac site, lithic scatter, not NR eligible·1.41-ac site, lithic scatter, eligibility not determined·3.88-ac site, lithic scatter, NR Eligible·10.4-ac site, lithic scatter, eligibility not determined·11.81-ac site, cabins zone, not NR eligible | **None known** |
| **Additional sites needing revisiting in the wider 20,000-ac area (regardless of bid item)** | 8 sites | 5 total sites:·20-ac site on lakeshore, eligibility not determined·3.5-ac site, NR not eligible·0.88-ac site, eligibility not determined·1.54-ac site, eligible·0.49-ac site, eligibility not determined  | One site: segments of old wagon road; not NR eligible. |