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**PROJECT ABSTRACT**

**Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

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**Park:** El Malpais National Monument

**Project Title:** Archeological Studies at Las Ventanas (LA 1328).

**Funding Amount:** $50,000.00

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**Abstract:**

The Center for Desert Archaeology (the Center) will conduct archaeological studies focused on Las Ventanas Great House (LA 1328). These studies will include analyses of existing museum collections, archaeological survey and inventory on the lava flows adjacent to the great house, and archival reviews related to previous investigations. The existing collections are from archaeological testing conducted by the National Park Service to mitigate the effects of illegal excavations at the great house during the 1980s. The collections, totaling 474 objects, include ceramics, lithics, faunal bone and tools, a shell bead, metal and glass, mineral and floral specimens, and seven samples of soil, clay, and plaster. A review of the associated archival materials also will be conducted, and the excavation forms, notes, and maps will be organized in the monuments museum collections for use in managing the site over time. Additionally, the Center will conduct an archaeological survey of the lava flow directly west and north of the great house complex. The survey supports ELMA’s Section 110 goal for cultural resources identification, assessment, evaluation, documentation, and research on Pueblo II and Pueblo III Period land use, and will comply with the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), the Antiquities Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), as applicable. This project will initiate a new phase of investigations on southern Chaco-style great houses.

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**Archeology, Surveys, Management, Land Use**