

ABSTRACT

This report documents the detailed wall-by-wall condition assessments and photographic documentation of 20 sites in the front- and mid-county management zones of Wupatki National Monument (WUPA), Arizona, conducted by Northern Arizona University (NAU) archaeologists between January, 2008 and August, 2010. Documented sites include East Mesa sites WS 80, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1640, and 1645; Middle Mesa sites WS 1717, 1718, 1723, and 1730; Kaibab House sites WS 100, 112, 134, 157 (includes 1577), and 1574; and Priority 1 sites WS 404, 890, 1396, and 2176. WUPA selected these sites for the current investigations because the sites are in or near heavily visited areas of the park, exhibit standing architecture, and lack documentation beyond the survey level. Documentation at the 20 sites fulfills both the mandates of Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, and the objectives set forth in the Vanishing Treasures (VT) initiative within the National Park Service (NPS).

All investigations reported herein proceeded under Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CPCESU) Cooperative Agreement H1200-04-0002 as a collaborative venture between NPS and NAU. The project was designed to achieve objectives set forth in the NPS VT initiative, with the primary concern being the assessment of the condition of architectural sites within the NPS system, including WUPA. All site documentation standards, database formats, and photographic archiving procedures were those of NPS. WUPA staff also provided project oversight, technical assistance, and access to project-related archival materials.