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**PROJECT ABSTRACT**

**Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

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**Park: Wupatki National Monument, Flagstaff Area National Monuments**

**Project Title:** **Archeological Condition Assessment and Photography at 35 Navajo (Diné)** **Sites in Wupatki National Monument**

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**Abstract**:

This project proposes a detailed wall by wall condition assessment of all non-assessed Navajo (Diné) culture architectural sites (35 total sites) at Wupatki National Monument. All of these sites are associated with the Navajo occupation and use of Wupatki National Monument, ca. 1830 to the present. The sites exhibit intact architectural remains, consisting of hogans, corrals, sweat lodges, water control features, brush shelters, children’s play houses, benches, and storage cists, often occurring in combination. The structures exhibit a variety of construction styles, including early forked-stick hogans, later coursed masonry hogans, upright slab features, and seasonal wooden shelters. Materials consist of mostly of juniper posts and poles, and sandstone, limestone, and basalt slabs and boulders. Many of the structures, because they were built of perishable materials, are deteriorating. Most have received no documentation since their original recording during the Wupatki Archaeological Survey of the 1980s (Anderson 1989; Roberts 1989).

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