Report of Task Agreement #J8100090250

Park: Mesa Verde National Park

Project: Collection Condition Survey

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Final Project Report

The cooperators performed an on-site collection condition survey of objects at Mesa Verde National Park with the NPS conservator. Objects surveyed were 500 objects on exhibit at the Chapin Mesa Archaeological Museum and 850 objects on exhibit at the Far View Visitor's Center. The survey was performed on-site from November 2-6, 2009 and from February 22-25, 2010.

The survey was entered into a Filemaker Pro database, and included information about the current condition, treatment priority, proposed treatment, estimated treatment time, and level of expertise required. A full CCS report draft was developed in conjunction with the NPS Conservators, with data provided by the cooperators. Cooperator Kipling also contributed a section focused on the condition of the ceramic vessels, which details the history of treatments and materials used, as well as the critical nature of the majority of ceramic objects in need of treatment. Cooperator Kipling's design for feather storage (currently being developed as a Conserve-O-Gram) will also be included in the final report as a guideline for storage upgrades for small, loose bulk feathers.