**Report on Historic Research on Apache and Yavapai Presence in Tonto National**

**Monument**

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**Purpose:**

The historical research done for this project creates a context for two recently

discovered archaeological sites at the Tonto National Monument that date to the

protohistoric and historic periods. Research was conducted on Western Apache and

Eastern Yavapai history including their movement throughout the Tonto Basin, early

encounters with Europeans, conflicts with the United States government, and the social

and political changes that occurred due to the Apache wars and the formation of

reservations in the region. Accounts and reports from U.S. military officials,

ethnologists, archaeologists and local American settlers as well as Apache perspectives of

the Apache wars through the construction of the Roosevelt Dam have been consulted.

These sources helped to create an image of Apache and Yavapai life at the Tonto

National Monument during this period in order to enhance the interpretation of the

Monument and its occupancy beyond the prehistoric period.