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**PROJECT ABSTRACT**

**Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

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**Park:** El Malpais National Monument

**Project Title:** Advancing Preservation through Archaeological Site Condition Assessments

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**CPCESU Partner Institution:** The Center for Desert Archaeology

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**Abstract:** Conducting site condition assessments is a key component of El Malpais’ preservation archaeology program. El Malpais has been conducting site condition assessments for several years in support of the Intermountain Region’s corrective action plan (CAP). The goal of the CAP is to assess the condition of all sites in the region that lack assessments and to update the Archaeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS) database with current and reliable data. El Malpais achieved this goal for sites lacking condition assessments and, as part of its site stewardship responsibility, continues to conduct assessments for sites that are known to be in fair or poor condition and where condition assessments are out of date, e.g., condition assessments more than six years old. In support of this effort, the Center for Desert Archaeology (the Center) will conduct archaeological site condition assessments for 25 sites in El Malpais National Monument. The Center will record condition assessments and data on threats and disturbances to sites in an ASMIS template database. Additionally, the Center will conduct GPS mapping of site boundaries, documentary digital photography, and prepare a report that presents updated information on the condition of the archaeological resources that were assessed.

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Archeology, Surveys, Management