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**PROJECT ABSTRACT:**

This project will involve **a**rchaeological salvage work, artifact analysis, and report preparation for archaeological investigations at the Rainbow Forest Clovis site (AZ: Q: 01:103), a threatened early human archaeological site in eastern Arizona at Petrified Forest National Park. The site has been heavily impacted for approximately three decades because it has been used as a horse pasture. The movements of shod horses across the site on a daily basis in all seasons of the year have stripped the pasture bare of foliage and subjected the pasture to eolian deflation. This deflation resulted in the discovery of a variety of artifacts that would not have been found otherwise. Clovis sites are extremely rare in Petrified Forest National Park and Arizona in general. The information from this project will add significantly to our understanding of this time period.