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Archeology Program website has a new look and a new web address
The Archeology and Ethnography website has been divided into two websites to reflect the establishment of the NPS Ethnography Program. The Archeology Program website can be found at http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology. (Ethnographic topics are now available on the Ethnography Program website at http://www.cr.nps.gov/ethnography). The Archeology Program contains much archeological information, distance learning courses, and links useful to both the public and professional partners. Matt Burns and Everett Lindsay designed and implemented both new websites. VIP Jessica Stibick assisted in troubleshooting the new archeology site.

ASMIS upgrade
The Archeology Program is pleased to report that ASMIS 3.00, Version H has been uploaded to the program website and can be found at http://ftp.asmis.cr.nps.gov/asmis/. Version H contains improved software, standardized reports (which will assist in production of Regional Condition Assessment plans), and data entry configurations. Revisions also have been made to the ASMIS 3.00 Data Dictionary. A number of data entry fields are now designated as required fields, to facilitate the creation of complete, accurate, and reliable records in ASMIS. It is unlikely that there will be any more updates before ASMIS is migrated to an online data entry system.

Updates to WASO Archeology Program Library
The Archeology Program has recently updated and revised the Archeology Program Library catalogue. Harper’s Ferry Center developed the NPS catalogue standard (based on ProCite 5) database that holds more than 4,000 bibliographic entries. The catalogue allows researchers to easily locate books, videos, journals, and grey literature in the program’s library. Journals range from American Antiquity and American Anthropologist to Scientific American and Sotheby’s Antiquities. Archeological reports from national park units and other federal agencies are also available. Use of library resources is restricted to the building. Users are asked to sign out books to be used at their desks.

The library is located on the 7th floor, 1201 Eye Street, Washington, DC.

Projects in Parks: High Elevation Archeological Survey in Pacific Northwest Mountain Ranges
Between 2002 and 2004, NPS archeologists at Mount Rainer, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks conducted high elevation archeological surveys in sub-alpine and alpine environments in each of the parks. The surveys identified 39 new sites, which augmented information about previously identified sites. All site information was entered in a shared research database developed as part of the project. The results of the study demonstrate that high elevation environments were more widely utilized during prehistory than previously thought. The study has prompted a reassessment of settlement systems of cultures of the Pacific Northwest, and provided a more complete context for understanding settlement patterns and habitat use.

NPS employees can learn more about this project (PMIS 61509, 61517, and 61520) by going to the Archeology Program pages on Inside NPS.
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