

Archeological ORV Documentation

As with historic resources, the NPS is required to protect all archeological resources on lands under its jurisdiction. Such resources (especially the historic American Indian resources) are contributors and potential contributors to the Cultural Resource ORV in the developed areas of Yosemite Valley, Wawona and El Portal. Similar to the situation with historic resources, some of the archeological resources in the Merced River corridor have not been documented and mapped.

This project will involve archeological work focusing on recording currently undocumented resources and collecting current condition and location information for the known resources. It will result in an updated understanding (including relevant maps) of the Merced River corridor's archeological resources (the locations of such resources, pursuant to federal law, will not be disclosed to the public, in order to protect them from illegal destruction). With such updated information, the NPS will be able to more fully protect and enhance such resources