

## MESA PRIETA PETROGLYPH PROJECT

### RESPECT and ETIQUETTE on MESA PRIETA

- The landscapes of Mesa Prieta (Tsikw'aye) in which the petroglyphs are found are spiritual places to many Native Americans. We do not understand the meaning of these petroglyph images, but we know that some are sacred to the Pueblos of Northern New Mexico. The objective terms we use to record the petroglyphs are descriptive only and are not intended to assign meaning or interpret the images. It is our intention to be respectful to those who made the petroglyphs and all who hold them sacred. We wish to celebrate the existence of, sustain, and protect these images as well as the cultures and history they embody.
- *Please do not touch the petroglyphs.* Oils from fingers can damage the glyphs over time and invalidate dating techniques being developed by scientists.
- Should recording teams find an artifact such as a pottery sherd, stone tool, historic artifact, etc., please record the object as a locus and leave it where you find it.
- If a team finds an artifact that is atypical of the “usual” artifacts found on the mesa, teams may be requested to collect the artifact for professional evaluation. Please call Janet MacKenzie @ 505-927-6604 or Candie Borduin @ 505-490-2787 to discuss the artifact. An artifact collection kit is in your recording pack.
- Please remember we are working on private land. Respect the area by not abusing roads (driving on them when they are wet or muddy), driving off roads or tracks, leaving trash or cigarette butts or removing any object, etc.
- When recording, choose your route to a boulder with care; the fragile soil and precariously located boulders are subject to erosion and falling.
- Photography is part of the recording process. Team members are welcome to take personal photographs for your own use.  
**PHOTOGRAPHS MAY NOT BE USED FOR PUBLICATION, SOCIAL NETWORKS, PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, PROFIT OR WEB PAGES.**
- Guests, family and pets are not allowed on recording or survey outings.

- In order to fulfill our preservation mandate, we request locational information not be revealed to others who are not involved with the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project.

Thank you.

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