

Goat Camp Ruin: Goals and Schedule for Spring 2020

The excavation program for this Spring is pretty much a continuation from where we left off last Spring. There are the perpetual carryover items that we also didn't get done last year (like backfilling and moving rockpiles and screened dirt piles), but this Spring our focus will be on Room 8, but we will also be taking a deeper look into Room 28, opening up/completing Room 30, and wall trenching the exterior of the north, east, and south sides of the Room 8, 28-30 complex. And we will be continuing our stabilization work and doing some more backfilling of the rooms that have been completed. Maybe we'll even open up one of our roasting pits. We also have some additional mapping to do - as I was inspecting the damage done around New Years by an idiotic and selfish fourwheeler, I found another room or so that will need to be added to the site map!

We are getting close; we will not, however, be finished by the end of the season...

Excavation and Stabilization Work: First Priority

- Room 6 Assess the stabilization potential of the room and conduct wall treatments and/or complete backfilling as appropriate.
- Room 7 This season we will continue the stabilization of the room and conduct wall treatments and/or complete backfilling as appropriate.
- Room 15 We still need to buttress the back wall with a ramp of rock to illustrate the interpretation and then add more backfill to the room.
- Room 22 Complete back-filling.
- Room 8 Complete second test unit inside the room. Continue excavation of the room by quarters. Also, exterior wall trenching of the north and possibly south sides.
- Room 28 Continue original test trench along west wall to original floor. Exterior wall trenching on the north and east sides.
- Room 29 Complete exterior wall trench on east side.
- Room 30 Complete exterior wall trenching, complete excavation of interior.
- Room 31 Final map and backfilling.
- New Room Add to master site map, record, and surface collect.

Excavation Work: Second Priority/Carryover to Next Season

- Feature 2 Clear brush and duff to expose walls, map, excavate 1m x 1m test unit (?) (may transfer this work to new room depending on conditions and potential for information return).
- Features 4-5 Clear brush and duff to expose walls, map, excavate 1m x 1m test units (?).
- Feature 17 Clear and define retaining (?) walls, map.
- Feature 24 Excavate half of this roasting pit.
- Feature 26 Clear and define this presumed "retaining wall" and make surface collections along it to determine how it relates to the occupational history of the site either as an

original feature or as an Apache attempt to fortify that portion of the site they had reoccupied.

Feature 32 Relocate and excavate F. 32, the slab-lined cyst, and perhaps see how it relates to the original ground surface in front of Room 1. To do this, we will need to move one of the backdirt piles from the room excavation.

Features 36-39 Clear brush and duff to expose walls, map and add to master site map.

Upcoming Additional Work

Relocate backdirt and rock piles. Stabilize and backfill remaining exposed features, lay out visitor trail through site, etc. If the Town doesn't do anything to repair the OHV damage to the trail and adjacent parts of the site, we may do some of that this Spring.

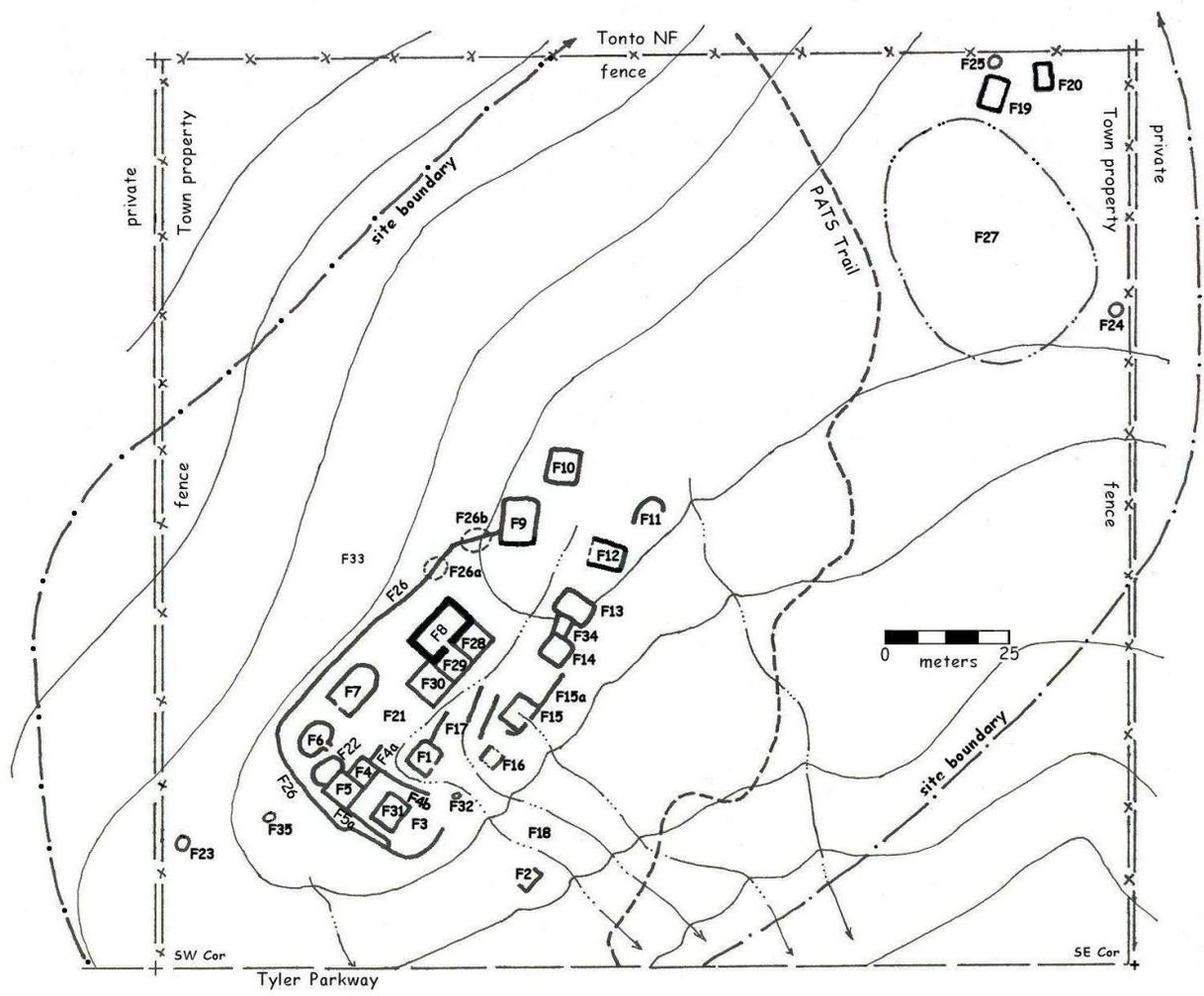
Lab Work

As usual, lab work for this Spring will be undertaken during the summer after the close of the excavation season: ceramic rough sorting and initiation of description and analyses of lithics, shell, ground stone, etc. Depending on how much we get done, we may start work on detailed ceramic analysis. This year we will finally initiate radiocarbon analyses with the funding we currently have available and seek to acquire additional funds for more radiocarbon and the processing of the float and pollen samples and expand our analysis of the pottery.

Compile a photo catalog of all decorated ceramics, projectile points, and "exotic" artifacts. As part of this effort, we will attempt to compile a central directory of participant photos from the project.

Other Work (carry over)

Survey/recording of contemporary and earlier sites in the Goat Camp area not already covered by FLEX or ADOT excavations. This will include compiling survey and excavation data from Risser Ruin for comparisons. This may not get started until next Summer. Or later.



Schedule for Goat Camp Spring 2020

Field Sessions

March 14-15

March 28-29

April 18-19

May 16-17

May 20-21

Field or Lab (depending on accomplishment and weather)

June 13-14

Lab Sessions

June 27-28

July 11-12

Additional sessions TBA as needed

Start Times: start time for all field sessions will be 9:00; lab sessions will be 10:00 unless otherwise specified. We generally work until 3PM on Saturdays and 2PM on Sundays unless we decide to stay longer on any given day. Any changes due to rain, snow, or global warming will be conveyed to all concerned by e-mail.

TBA:

Survey sessions to map and conduct surface analysis of related sites in vicinity