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FOREWORD

Cultural resource management in the Bureau of Land Management necessitates an understanding of what approaches have been taken in archeology in previous years in order to evaluate cultural values and the steps necessary to protect them. In line with this need to know what has been done, the Bureau is developing a class I inventory or an overview of the archeology on public lands.

It is becoming obvious from our efforts to gather this overview data that in some areas, particularly southwestern Colorado, much of the early archeology which has defined cultural sequences was a result of work done on public lands. In fact, the first two archeological sites recorded in what is now Colorado (the Escalante Site and Canyon Pintado) are on public lands. These sites were recorded in 1776 by Fathers Dominguez and Escalante.

This bibliography is a part of an overview of southwestern Colorado that is still in preparation and encompasses the early work in that portion of the State. In view of the increasing levels of archeological work in southwestern Colorado, particularly in the Bureau of Reclamation's Dolores River Project area, this comprehensive bibliography is being presented so that it may be used to locate often obscure and rare references for those working in the area. The Bureau and other agencies can also utilize this data for their planning and management efforts that require archeological input. It will aid in the search for the pertinent literature that is required for these types of documents and plans. This work is also the first attempt since the 1950's to assemble and update as much of the literature on this subject as was possible.

I am pleased to make this fifth publication in cultural resources available to the public and to the professional community.

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State Director
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INTRODUCTION

The bibliography is the culmination of six months of intensive research on the archeological literature of southwestern Colorado by the senior author. This research will eventually result in an overview of the prehistory of the Mesa Verde culture area within the bounds of Colorado. Since the final result is still in preparation and the amount of archeological research in the area is increasing, the authors believe this work will serve as an interim guide to the incredible amount of literature on the area. Every effort has been made to diligently search past and current works on southwestern Colorado and cross-reference other bibliographies. The result has been the compilation of over 1,000 references on the archeology of southwestern Colorado. The authors believe this is the most exhaustive search of its kind since Herb Dick's work in the early 1950's (Dick 1953). This bibliography is up-to-date as of January 1978 with a few additional references added since that date.

Undoubtedly there have been sources or literature missed. It is hoped that what was inadvertently overlooked is not a major work. It might be noted that during the course of this research the authors learned of a number of student papers done as a part of some graduate or undergraduate level course that may be useful to the profession. An attempt has been made to cite these works, but many more have probably been missed. Should any work or works have been overlooked, the authors would greatly appreciate any additional data the reader
may have available. Any additional references that can be provided will be utilized in the final overview report.

As one reads or even thumbs through the bibliography, it will become apparent that the work mirrors the evolutionary trend that American archeology has taken. The progression from the early theorizing about origins through data gathering and presentation and finally into the current level of sophisticated presentation of data and explanation can easily be seen in the citations.

Although the purpose of this introduction is not to write the history of the Mesa Verde area archeology at this time, it is further worth noting that some of the "father" figures of modern anthropological theory have contributed to the varied literature in this bibliography. Many of the first generation American archeologists, particularly southwesterners, have also contributed to the cited literature. The list of early authors reads something like a Who's Who in Southwest archeology. Names like Holmes, Jackson, Morgan, Wetherill, Nordenskiold, Cummings, Chapin, Hewett, Prudden, Fewkes, Kidder, Morley, Morris, Martin, and Roberts appear in the following pages. Much of the work done by these individuals and others stands the test of time and is still acceptable by today's standards. No small amount of the work of this early period stands alone as the only literature on the subject to date. Again, the purpose here is not to write a history, as that will be a major part of the overview, but rather to disseminate this rather impressive bibliography to the professional community and other interested parties.
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