

NEWS RELEASE

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REWARD OFFERED FOR DAMAGE AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

The USDA Forest Service is offering a reward up to \$2500.00, for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individual(s) responsible for several incidents of damage, unauthorized excavation, defacement, and removal of cultural resources from archaeological sites located in the Flaming Gorge Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest. Cultural resources include soil and sediments on archaeological sites, not just artifacts.

Within the last five years, penalties have been increased and are much more severe for these offenses, than in prior years.

If you have any information about these cases, please call Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations at (801) 342-5125 or (435) 781-5243.

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