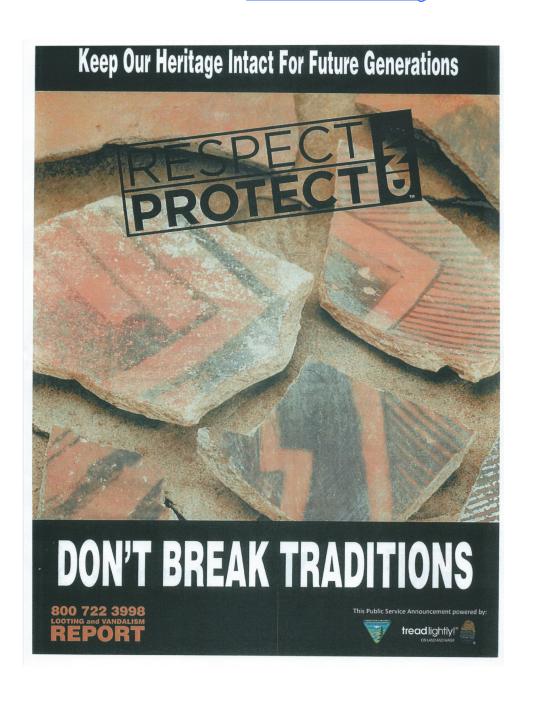
# **Petroglyph Patrol**

The BLM in conjunction with SUNCLF has started a new program - "Petroglyph Patrol".

The purpose of the program is "to create a pool of engaged citizens dedicated to enhance and protect National Conservation Lands of Southwest Utah. Volunteers for the Petroglyph patrol accomplish this mission by educating the public at high visitation sites and by reporting vandalism and damage to rock art sites".

The initial focus of the Petroglyph Patrols will be Land Hill (Anasazi Ridge).

Please contact Susan Crook at susan@conserveswu.org to volunteer.



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Utah has had a long history of looting and vandalism of archaeological, paleontological, and natural resources. And, unfortunately, these issues continue. As populations and outdoor recreation increase, these places are being "loved to death" by uniformed visitors. These resources are the story of Utah's past; they are priceless, irreplaceable, and we lose so much when they are damaged.

The Bureau of Land Management has partnered and collaborated with hundreds of stakeholders across Utah to develop the "Respect & Protect" message. The goal of Respect and Protect is to eliminate the looting and vandalism of archaeological, paleontological, and natural resources in Utah.

We encourage people to enjoy archaeological and paleontological sites respectfully; it is up to all of us to ensure that our cultural and natural heritage is still here tomorrow.

Together, through outreach, education, and stewardship, we can empower visitors to enjoy their cultural and natural heritage in a way that minimizes damage to these places. You can help, by following good site etiquette, reminding a family member or fellow visitor to do the same, or by reporting looting and vandalism or volunteering with a local site steward group. Ultimately, protecting cultural resources comes down to community support and an engaged public and we see Respect and Protect as a step in that direction.

Please consider volunteering as a member of the Petroglyph Patrol or become an archaeological and/or paleontological site monitor.

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## **Petroglyph Patrol**

The Petroglyph Patrol is a public education and monitoring group that is an extension of the Southwest Utah National Conservation Lands Friends Group (SUNCLF). SUNCLF was established through a cooperative agreement between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Saint George Field Office (SGFO) and the non-profit organization Conserve Southwest Utah. SUNCLF's mission is to create a pool of engaged citizens dedicated to enhance and protect the National Conservation Lands of Southwest Utah. Volunteers for the Petroglyph Patrol accomplish this mission by educating the public at high visitation sites and by reporting vandalism and damage to rock art sites.

The Petroglyph Patrol is a part of the Respect & Protect campaign, launched by the BLM in May 2016. The ultimate goal is to eliminate looting and vandalism of archaeological, paleontological, and natural resources in Utah by raising public awareness. Utah has had a long history of looting and vandalism of archaeological, paleontological and natural resource and unfortunately, these issues continue. Further, as population and public lands visitation increases these places are being "loved to death" by uninformed visitors. The Petroglyph Patrol will minimize site vandalism and damage by increasing visitor awareness.

Petroglyph Patrol volunteers will be trained to interact with, and educate visitors about the appropriate way to enjoy Southern Utah's rock art sites. Patrol efforts will include the Land Hill Heritage Site and other heritage public use sites managed by the BLM. Volunteers will greet visitors and remind them about site etiquette and respect for other cultures while on patrol during peak visitation times.

#### **Volunteer Position Requirements**

Petroglyph Patrol volunteers will assist the BLM SGFO with visitor contact and education at Land Hill and other heritage public use sites on peak visitation days. Patrol members may also assist with outreach and education at SUNCLF events. Volunteers will patrol minimally in pairs. Volunteers will be provided with logo wear identifying them as a member of the Petroglyph Patrol and BLM/ SUNCLF volunteers.

Requirements for becoming a Petroglyph Patrol member include the following:

- Ability to hike up to 1 mile in variable conditions
- Completion of training on BLM visitor contact policies and procedures at heritage public use
- Be friendly and non-confrontational with visitors when educating them about site visitation etiquette
- Know when to walk away from tense situations and get help
- Willing to work some holidays and weekends
- Diligent in tracking and reporting volunteer time and in filing incident reports
- Adherence to BLM policy, including non-disclosure of protected site locations, and group gathering limitations.

### **Training Requirements**

- Attend and successfully complete classroom training on BLM visitor contact policies and procedures to include
  - o Types of cultural resources in BLM St. George Field Office management area
  - Respect & Protect principles
  - Diffusing difficult situations
  - o Brainstorm and role play visitor contact scenarios
  - o Emergency procedures
    - who to call for backup or in case of emergency
    - reporting vandalism and incidents in progress
  - Hiking safety for self and others
  - Logging and reporting volunteer time and activities
- Attend and successfully complete on-site orientation at Land Hill (or other assigned heritage public use site)
  - Observe and rate condition of interpretive displays, regulatory signs, petroglyphs and other cultural resources
- Sign BLM and SUNCLF risk management worksheet, photo waiver forms, volunteer agreements, and code of ethics statement.

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