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**Study History:** The Archaeological Site Stewardship program is a pilot project designed to train an cadre of local residents to monitor endangered sites. The program began with EVOS funding during 1992 for preparation of a steward manual and field notebook. After a three year hiatus in EVOS funding the program was funded for field training during FY96.

**Abstract:** The Site Stewardship program seeks to foster local support for protection of endangered archaeological sites. The intent is to train local residents in the techniques needed to record data about site status and periodically monitor sites for injury. The stewards work with a regional coordinator who also coordinates findings with local governmental agencies or other land managers. The stewards are educated about the prehistory of their area through provided literature and on site training from professional archaeologists.

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