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Flint chips and artifact fragments, as well as some pottery has been observed on the surface. The original physical appearance of the area would have differed little from what is seen today.

The objective of the level of treatment will be to preserve this area in as nearly as possible its natural condition free from all intrusions that would have an adverse effect. It is proposed to develop interpretive facilities to the extent this is practicable to interpret the site.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On the basis of archeological tests made during the summer of 1973, the site appears to contain a complete record of aboriginal occupations of the Northwest Plains from at least 7000 B.C. to the Nineteenth Century. It is further significant in that it exhibits evidence of a number of activities in a confined area, as exemplified by the campsite debris, hearth and the Vision Quest structure. The chipping debris would indicate that it was used also as a primitive manufacturing site. It is rare that such a variety of activities is clearly exhibited in a single site in this area. The site, therefore, has the potential of providing information concerning the evolutionary development of the tool manufacturing habits, the settlement pattern and the religious activities of Northwest Plains peoples through a number of periods of prehistoric time. The ongoing tests in the summer of 1974 indicate that the site contains other important information in the study of late plesitocine and recent geology in this part of the Northwest Plain. The discovery of certain subsurface features (hearths in the center of tipi rings; midden deposits by the tipi rings) makes the site unique for the Northwest Plain as we currently understand prehistory in this area.

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