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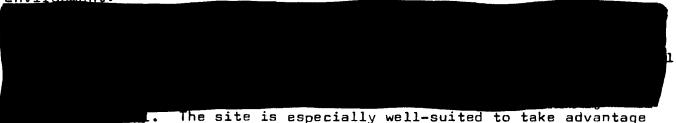
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<u>Context</u>:

PA-116 was located and sampled by a two stage process of survey and testing in the late Spring and Summer of 1978 in the Northern Areal Transect of the Shenandoah National Park as part of a general study of the cultural resources of the Park (Foss 1979: 41-43). The study, carried out by the Laboratory of Archaeology of the University of Virginia and sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Region of the NPS, involved an initial walk through survey in which potentially habitable areas were located and the presence of artifacts noted. Normally, artifacts were not collected in this first stage. At PA-116, because of the large number of diagnostics noted, these were drawn, located on a sketch map and marked by small monuments for leter collection. During the second stage of intensive survey and testing. diagnostics were collected. Shovel transects using a 5 m. interval and a one meter test square provided controlled samples and evidence of that stratigraphy of the site. The test square was placed in a spot where multiple shovel transects indicated a cluster of prehistomic material (see map).

PA-116 has yielded a number of diagnostic points indicating an occupation ranging from Middle Archaic through late Woodland (ca. 5000 B.C. - 1600 A.D.) These points include a Morrow Mountain II, a Steubenville-like Lanceolate, and three Levanna Triangular specimens. The prehistoric material covers the entire site (about 2,625 square meters) but clusters near the center. Ground cover is light due to the coniferous trees that flourish on the site.

Environment:



of permanent fresh water and a number of micro-environments while being well protected from the prevailing winds.

Archaeological Investigations:

As mentioned above, actual testing of PA-116 was done by means of shovel transects. Initially, two of these were placed perpendicular to one another and when a concentration of artifacts was found, two more lines rotated at a 45° angle from its center to define its boundaries and a test square set in the center (see map). Shovel tests were 5 m. apart and consisted of five shovels full of dirt sieved through $\frac{1}{4}$ inch screen. The one meter test square was excavated in four arbitrary 10 cm. levels and screen-ed in like fashion.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The ideal location of PA-116

and its central location with respect to a number of rich ecological zones probably drew prehistoric groups to this spot for millennia. The relatively confined habitable area has resulted in the concentration of lithic debris from the beginning of the Middle Archaic period down through, at least, 1300 A.D.

Because of the hypothesized role of the Blue Ridge as a boundary in prehistoric times and because of its similarity (complementarity?) to MD-112 (also miminated for the National Register), PA-116 represents a valuable resource for future archaeologists interested not only in defining regional cultural boundaries but, in dealing with the phenomenon of the frontier in both its prehistoric and historic forms.

PA-116 is one of the best preserved and most productive site in the morthern part of the Shenandoah National Park and thus represents an areally critical segment of Blue Ridge Culture history. Its easy accessability to hikers renders it potentially useful to the Park's interpretive program as well as a potential site for future archaeological investigation.

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Archaeological Investigations:

Soils at PA-116 consisted of a dark brown humic A horizon about 5 cm. deep underlain by a predominantly brown loam B horizon to a depth of about 25 to 30 cm. Artifact density was highest in the upper 20 cm.

The small size of the flakes recovered, the fact that quartzite (the predominant lithic resource) was exotic to the site and the relatively small functional range of artifacts suggest a specialized purpose for PA-116. It was probably a hunting camp used for staging activities further into the mountains or driving animals downstream. The abundance of late Woodland points, the lithic debris, and the overall environmental setting of PA-116 remind one of the Gentle Site, MD-112, on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge. In this respect, it offers an excellant opportunity to compare and contrast the late prehistoric populations of the Shenandoah Valley and Piedmont within the context of the Blue Ridge.

Intrusions and Data Limitations:

There is no evidence of historic building activity on PA-116 and, although plowing during the 19th and early 20th century is a possibility, it would have shallow and had little impact on the horizontal clustering of material. The principal historic impact on PA-116 was through timbering. More testing would be required to determine the existence of discrete horizontal components and the degree to which they have been disturbed.

Likewise, the effects of erosion on the remains at PA-116 are difficult to evaluate. Judging from the present appearance of the site, there seems as if there has been little serious erosion except possibly on the southern and western peripheries of PA-116, due to stream activity.