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Workshops Offered in Discovering Washington's Archaeological History

SPOKANE, Wash., September 28, 2004 – October is archaeology month in Washington and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will join with the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) in celebrating through a series of statewide learning events.

This year's theme for Archaeology month is "Living Archaeology." Local residents can learn about Washington's irreplaceable historic and cultural resources through archaeology and the importance of protecting these valuable resources.

Learning sessions throughout the state will address topics ranging from the Clovis people of 13,000 years ago, to an archaeological excavation of a 19th century saloon. Archaeological specialists from around the state will conduct these sessions. Kathy Callum and Scott Williams, cultural resource specialists with the NRCS, will give presentations at two of the learning sessions. Callum will address archaeology on historic farms, ranches and forests at the Colville session.

Williams will talk about the first people of Western Washington at the Olympia session. "Through education and information," he said, "we can appreciate Washington's history and preserve these resources for the future."

Admission is free, and both of the sessions are open to the public. The event locations and dates are:

USDA Agricultural Service Center 232 Williams Lake Road Colville, Washington Wednesday October 6, 7:00 PM	US Forest Service Office Olympic National Forest 1835 Black Lake Blvd, SW Olympia, Washington Wednesday October 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
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For more information about these learning sessions please visit this web site <http://www.oahp.wa.gov/Events2004.pdf> or to learn about Washington's archaeology visit <http://www.oahp.wa.gov>. Information about NRCS can be found at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>.