

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA
RECOVERY AT SITE 26NY10133,
NEVADA TEST SITE,
NYE COUNTY, NEVADA**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report documents the methods and results of archaeological data recovery at Site 26NY10133, a residential base occupied from prehistoric times to the twentieth century. The site is located in an area that is proposed for use as the Kistler Rocket Launch Site. It is in an alluvial valley of the headwaters of the Fortymile Canyon on the Nevada Test Site (NTS). Project constraints determined the need for data recovery. The fieldwork was conducted in September and October, 1997.

The results of these investigations indicate the site was a Native American Indian residential base last used in the twentieth century with components that date back through the Paleoindian Period. Settlement, subsistence and culture change data were retrieved that are important for understanding the local and regional prehistory and history. Specific research questions that were addressed were defined in the data recovery plan and relate to settlement and subsistence patterns, chronology and culture change at the interface between prehistory and history. With this study, the Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office has met its administrative responsibilities to mitigate the adverse impacts to those portions of the site within the proposed project boundaries. No further investigations of those portions of the site are proposed by the Desert Research Institute. The portions of Site 26NY10133 outside the proposed project area should continue to be treated as a historic property.