



## **About the Conservation Committee**

The Committee on Conservation Archaeology (CCA) is a subgroup of the larger Montana Archaeological Society (MAS). Our mission is to conserve archaeological resources and the information embodied within them using scholarly research, stewardship programs, recordation techniques, publications, stabilization efforts, conservation easements, resource banking, and public education. Support provided by the CCA is meant to supplement existing efforts, not to be a primary source of funding.

MAS members can apply to the CCA to support a specific project. If approved by the Committee, funding will range from \$500 to \$2,000 depending on the number of applications received and the merits of the project. Applications are reviewed at the annual MAS meeting. Applicants are encouraged to attend the Committee meeting to present their application. The ideal project is a joint effort between avocationalists, professional archaeologists, and the general public. Examples of successful past projects include funding for C-14 dates, pole-assisted aerial photography services, and GPR testing.

Recipients of CCA funds are required to share their results by publishing a paper in the *Archaeology in Montana* Journal or presenting at a MAS annual meeting. The paper or presentation must describe how CCA funds were utilized. Copies of field notes, photographs, audio/video files, maps, reports, and related materials must be submitted to the landowner or land managing agency. One set of produced materials must also be submitted to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office.

CCA will not fund conservation projects that are conducted by an agency to fulfill any statutory or policy responsibility regarding the identification, evaluation, or treatment of archaeological or historic resources pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or the Montana State Antiquity Act.

## **Conservation Committee Funding Application**

**Submit responses to the following questions to the CCA Chair before March 15<sup>th</sup>**

1. Name of MAS member taking a leading role in the project;
2. Name and description of project. Specifically identify what CCA funding would be used for and how the project will contribute to conserving archaeological resources and data;
3. Amount of money requested;
4. Length of time projected to complete the described project and term over which the funding will be used;
5. Describe the potential for involvement among the following groups: public, avocational archaeologists, academic institutions, students, Native American organizations, state or federal agencies, and private landowners.