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TRACES Archaeological Research & Consulting Ltd. had a busy year in 2001 investigating and recording 170 cultural heritage sites in the Vanderhoof Forest District (VFD) under permit 2001-171. A total of 46 development areas were surveyed and cultural heritage resources were identified in all but three of these developments.

Developments investigated include large areas along trail routes, lakeshores, and drainage systems surveyed for Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) salvage operations, as well as small MPB broods, logging blocks, and a forestry recreation site. TRACES conducted 39 AIAs (archaeological impact assessment), seven PFRs (preliminary field reconnaissance), as well as an AIA, test excavations, and subsequent monitoring at site GaSe 10. The latter project was in response to a proposal to relocate four outhouses within a forestry recreation site. A large portion of the archaeological site GaSe 10 is located within the recreation site area.

TRACES employed representatives from the Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Lhooskuz Dene Government, Nazko Band Government, Saik’uz First Nation, Ulkatcho Indian Band, and Nadleh Whut’en Band during these assessments. Many of our representatives had considerable archaeological survey experience with either TRACES, or other archaeological consulting companies.

Of the 170 sites investigated by TRACES in 2001, 14 were previously recorded archaeological sites which were revisited for verification of locations, as well as additional recording and mapping. One hundred and nine of the sites identified and revisited by TRACES in 2001 were protected sites and include cultural material (subsurface and surface), cultural depressions (cache pits, a roasting pit, and house pits), pre-1846 CMT sites, heritage trails, message trees, and an arborgraph of a human face. Sixty-one non-protected sites were recorded, the majority of which were post-1846 CMT sites, as well as trails, a trap house, a historic cabin, and two above-ground caches.

The archaeological sites identified and recorded by TRACES in 2001 ranged in size from isolated lithic scatters and CMTs, to small village sites with up to 56 cultural depressions, large-scale cambium harvest CMT sites, and large expanses of heritage trails. Many of the survey areas investigated by TRACES in 2001 were situated along major trail corridors within the VFD including the Messue, Mill’s Creek, and Cutoff Creek trail routes. The trails proved to be rich in cultural heritage sites from the pre-contact period into the historic period, confirming that Aboriginal trails should be heavily considered when predicting areas of high and moderate archaeological site potential (Carlson 1996).

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