

UTAH ARCHAEOLOGY SITE FORM

PART A – Administrative Data

- 1. **Smithsonian Trinomial:** 42GR4425
- 2. **Temporary Site No.:**
- 3. **Site Name:**

- 4. **Date Recorded:** 8/30/2020
- 5. **Type of Recording:**  First Recording  Full Re-record  Update
- 6. **Project Name:** A Cultural Resources Inventory of the Cisco Spring 2D Seismic Project in Grand County, Utah
- 7. **State Project Number:** U20HP00620
- 8. **Land Status:** BLM (Moab Field Office)
- 9. **USGS 7.5' Quad Map Name and Date:** Cisco Springs (1970)
- 10. **Township:** 20S, **Range:** 23E, **Section:** 9, (1/4): NW/NW/NW **County:** Grand

- 11. **Meridian:**  Salt Lake  Uintah
- 12. **UTMS:** Zone 12 639711 mE 4327570 mN **NAD:** 83
- 13. **Site Dimensions:** **Length:** 85 m **Width:** 57 m **Area:** 4,105 m2  GIS  Estimate

- 14. **Site Class<sup>a</sup>:**  Prehistoric  Protohistoric  Historic

- 15. **Site Type:** Prehistoric/Ethnohistoric Historic
  - Long-Term Residential  Task Specific  Domestic  Transportation/Communication
  - Temporary Camp  Specialty Site  Agriculture/Subsistence  Defense
  - Unknown (sites in which the primary pattern of Use is prehistoric or ethnohistoric, but the nature of Use cannot be confidently determined)  Unknown
  - Other  Other<sup>b</sup>

- 16. **Site Characteristics<sup>a</sup>:**  Artifact Scatter  Rock Art/Inscription  Lithic Source/Quarry  Rock Shelter/Cave  Architectural Feature(s)  Non-Architectural Feature(s)  Linear

- 17. **Impacting Agents:**  None  Erosion  Livestock Concentration  Recreation  Road/Trail  Vandalism/Looting  Other:

- 18. **Site Condition:**  Stable  Deteriorating  Imminently Threatened  Destroyed

- 19. **Description** (as needed): The site is in poor condition. The previous documentation noted significant erosion and grazing impacts as well as possible looting. The stone alignment features appear to be less well-defined than previously described. A new barbed-wire and t-post fence line constructed on the north end of the site does not appear to have impacted the site.

- 20. **Recorded by:** Sandy Chynoweth Pagano **21. Organization:** Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. (CHG)

- 22. **Material Collected:**  No  Yes (describe in Site Description) **Repository:** N/A

**NRHP Evaluation**

- 23. **Is the Site Significant:**  No  Yes, under criterion<sup>a</sup>:
  - A (event)  B (person)  C (design/construction)  D (important information)

- 24. **Does it Retain Integrity:**  No  Yes, aspects present<sup>a</sup>:
  - Location  Design  Setting  Materials  Workmanship  Feeling  Association

- 25. **NRHP Status:**  Not eligible  Eligible  Listed

**Justification** (include discussion of historic context, significance, and integrity): This site is a previous recorded short-term historic campsite. The site was previously recommended Not eligible to the NRHP due to “lack of integrity” and not being associated with an important person. Commonwealth revisited the site in 2020 and noted that the condition of the site has deteriorated somewhat through erosional processes; however, it still retains some integrity of location, setting, materials, feeling and association. This site cannot be associated with an important event or person in the region’s history, nor does it embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. This site is therefore, recommended Not Eligible to the NRHP under Criteria A, B, or C. Although there were some rock alignment features noted, they appear to be surficial and there does not appear to be any potential for cultural depth in the shallow rocky sediments. As such, this site is not likely to yield information that could answer questions important to the history of the area, and Commonwealth agrees with the previous recommendation of Not Eligible to the NRHP under Criterion D.

- 26. **Site Description** (interpretation, context, size, artifact and feature assemblage, dating, previous works and curation, etc.): This site is a previously recorded temporary historic campsite. Originally document in 2010 by the BLM, the site was described as an “historic trash scatter with three features” and a scatter of artifacts (Grench). The features originally described include a stone alignment (F1), a scatter of tin cans (F2), a rock pile (F3), and a stone circle (F4). Artifacts include tin cans, a tobacco tin, glass fragments, a bullet casing, and a prehistoric isolate of a single white chert uniface and a

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red chert flake. Commonwealth revisited the site in 2020 and found the site much as previously described; although the chert uniface was not relocated. Additionally, two railroad spikes and a metal strap/bracket were added to the artifact assemblage. The rock alignments within the features appear less well-defined than previously described, especially the circular stone alignment (F4). The cans observed at this site include 25 sanitary cans of various sizes, the top of a spice tin, a pocket tobacco tin, and a pry-out lid coffee/cocoa can. All the cans were previously described as being in a concentration (F2); however, the revisit noted several of the cans have moved downslope to the east of the feature areas. Glass is in mostly small fragments of clear, amethyst, aqua, and milk glass representing at least six different vessels, including a milk glass mentholatum jar. Artifacts generally date this site to the historic period ca. 1905-1917.

**27. Environmental Context** (topography, vegetation, ground visibility, depositional context): The site is located on the top of a knoll on the west side of Cisco Wash at 4,840 ft ASL. Deposition consists of fine-grained sands with a high content of rounded and angular gravels and pebbles. Vegetation is a sparse shadscale community and surface visibility is good.

**28. Notes Regarding Access** (as needed): Access on foot from the road near Cisco Spring. Site is 250 m southwest of the spring.

**29. Additional Part A Comments:**

**References Cited:**

Grench, Leigh

2010 *Intermountain Antiquities Computer System (IMACS) Form for Site 42GR4425*. Inventory files, Division of State History, Utah State Historic Preservation Office, Salt Lake City.

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1. **Primary date of site use:** 1907-1917

2. **Secondary dates of site use:**

3. **Architectural Features:**

Type	Description

4. **Non-Architectural Features:**

Type	Description
3	Stone alignments
1	Can concentration

5. **Feature Comments:** Three stone features were observed at the site. F1 is a roughly square rock alignment measuring approximately 6 ft x 6 ft. F2 is a can concentration (see #6-7). F3 is a small rock pile with no clear use. F4 is a loosely defined circle of stone about 8 ft in diameter. The features do not appear to have been hearths, but the specific purpose is unclear.

6. **Cans – Total Quantity:** 29

Quantity	Type	Description
25	Sanitary	Crushed food cans, various sizes
1	Hole-in-top	Knife slit
1	Spice tin	Spice can top fragment
1	Tobacco tin	Hinged lid, pocket tin
1	Coffee/cocoa	Pry-out lid

7. **Can Comments:** The cans observed at this site include 25 sanitary cans of various sizes, the top of a spice tin, a pocket tobacco tin, and a pry-out lid coffee/cocoa can. All the cans were previously described as being in a concentration (F2); however, the revisit noted several of the cans have moved downslope to the east of the feature areas. Pocket tobacco tins were introduced in 1907 and continued well into the modern period ca. 1988 (Merritt 2014:6).

8. **Glass Bottles – Total ENV:** 5

ENV	Manufacturing Method	Description
3	Automated	Clear glass fragments
1	Automated	Milk glass mentholatum jar
1	Unknown	Amethyst glass fragments
1	Unknown	Aqua glass fragments with bead finish and paneled sides

9. **Glass Bottle Comments:** Glass observed at the site is in mostly small fragments. Three different clear base fragments were observed with embossing, however, none of them are a specific trademark. The embossing on the first is the number 15, the second is embossed with the letter C, and the third has the letter F and an Owen's ring/scar. Several fragments appear to be from a single, small milk glass mentholatum jar. One base fragment has the partially lettering - *entho* - - / *re* in embossed lettering. No other trademarks were observed on glass. Amethyst colored glass generally dates to ca. 1880-1917 and aqua glass to 1880-1910 (Reher 1977:240).

10. **Ceramics – Total ENV:** N/A

ENV	Ware	Description

11. **Ceramic Comments:** N/A

**12. Additional Artifacts/Debris:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ammunition/Firearms | <input type="checkbox"/> Car/Car parts            | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass (non-bottle) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nails (wire) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics (non-tableware) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Materials             | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nails (cut)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Stove Parts  |   |

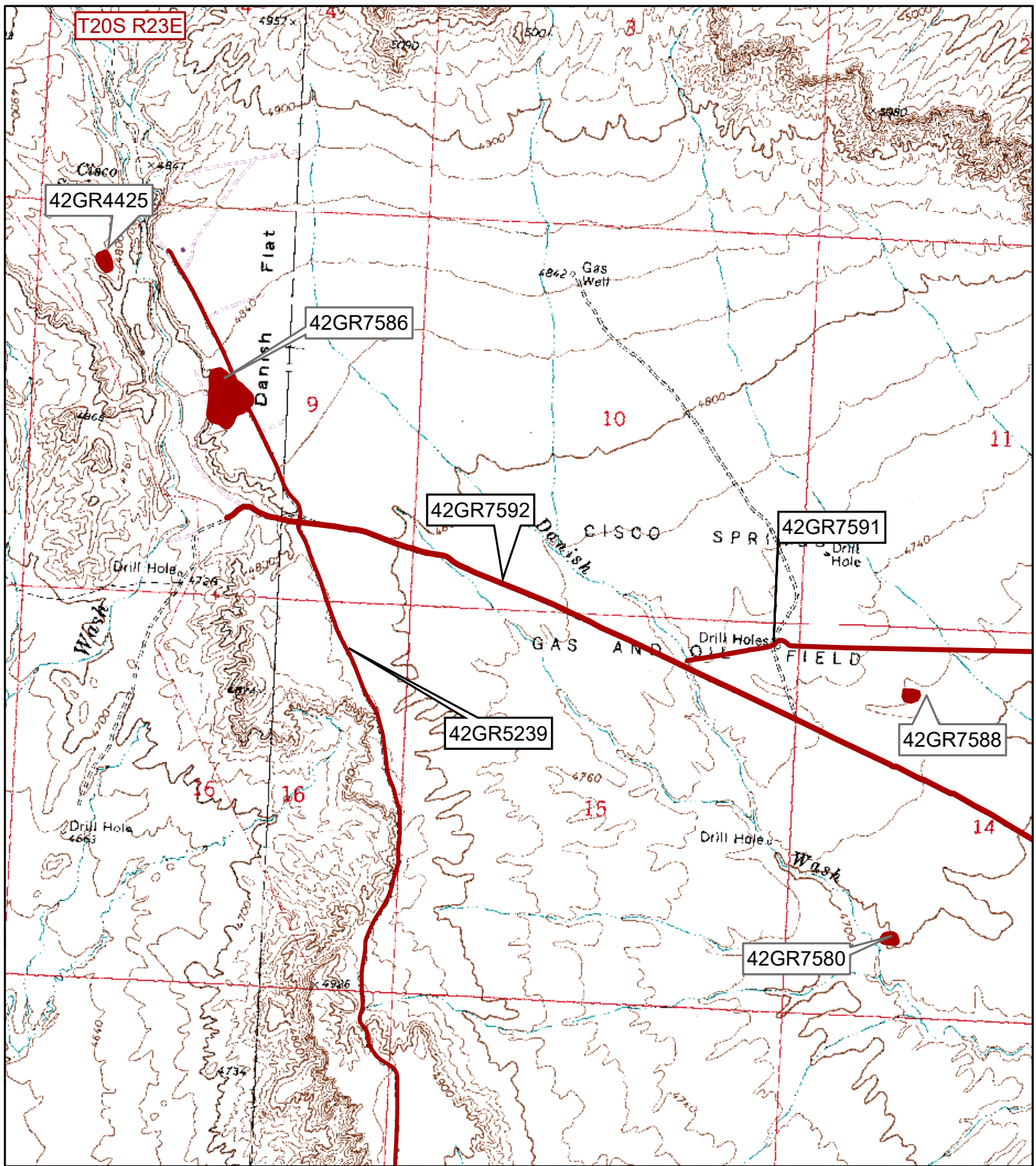
**13. Additional Artifact/Debris Description:** Miscellaneous artifacts include a bullet casing, two railroad spikes, and a metal strap/bracket. The bullet casing is a .38 caliber center fire brass casing stamped with *REM-UMC / 38-55*. The spikes are both small railroad spikes (likely from the abandoned narrow-gauge line to the south (42GR935), one of which does not have the head. The metal bracket 4 in long and has holes in both ends, one with a rusted iron rivet. Its purpose is unclear.

**14. Additional Part C Comments:**

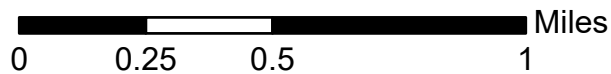
**References Cited:**

Merritt, Christopher W.  
 2014 *Historic Artifact Guide*. State of Utah, Utah Division of State History. Salt Lake City.

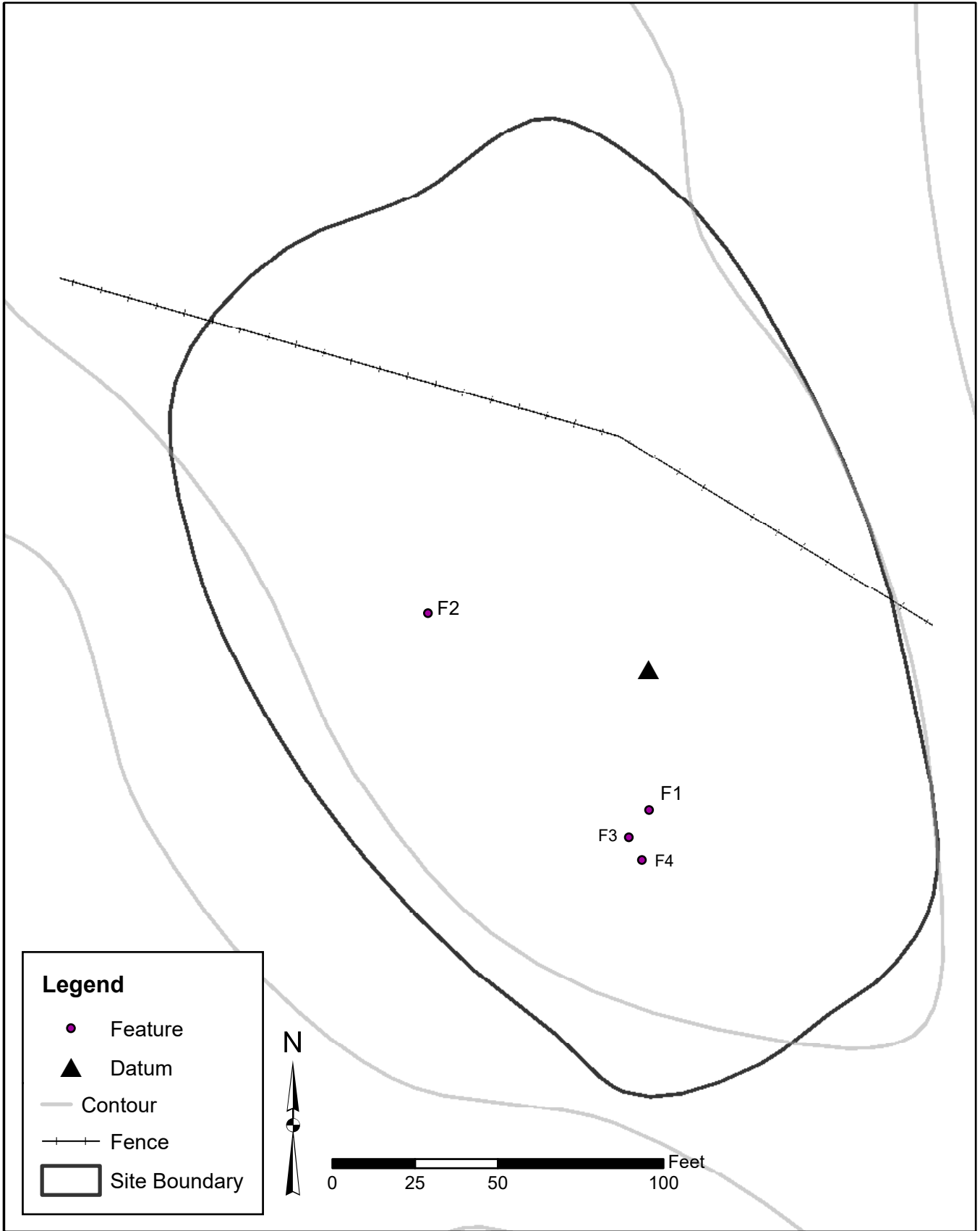
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 1977 *Settlement and Subsistence Along the Lower Chaco River: The CGP Survey*. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque.



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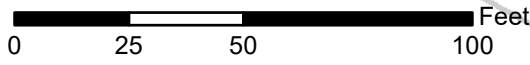


Location of sites located during the Cisco Spring 2D Seismic Project. Taken from the USG 7.5' Quadrangles Danish Flat, Utah (1970) and Cisco, Utah (1970).



**Legend**

- Feature
- ▲ Datum
- Contour
- - - Fence
- Site Boundary



Site 42SV4425



**Site 42GR4425.** Site overview showing loosely defined rock alignments in Features 1 through 3; view to the south-southwest.



**Site 42GR4425.** Site overview; view to the west.



Site 42GR4425. Milk glass mentholatum jar fragments; close-up view.



Site 42GR4425. Representative glass fragments; close-up view.





Site 42GR4425. Spikes and metal strap; close-up view.



Site 42GR4425. Hole-in-top can; close-up view.