

UTAH ARCHAEOLOGY SITE FORM

PART A – Administrative Data

- 1. **Smithsonian Trinomial:** 42GR7592
- 2. **Temporary Site No.:** R3
- 3. **Site Name:** Cisco Springs Road

- 4. **Date Recorded:** 09/01/2020
- 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:** U20HP0585
- 8. **Land Status:** BLM (Moab Field Office); Private
- 9. **USGS 7.5' Quad Map Name and Date:** Cisco Springs (1970); Danish Flat (1970)
- 10. **Township:** 20 S, **Range:** 23 E, **Section(s):** 9, 10, 13-15, and 24, **(1/4):** Linear **County:** Grand
Township: 20 S, **Range:** 24 E, **Section(s):** 19, 29 and 30

- 11. **Meridian:** Salt Lake Uintah
- 12. **UTMS:** Zone 12 640280 mE 4326549 mN (west end) NAD: 83
648398 mE 4322531 mN (east end)
- 13. **Site Dimensions:** **Length:** 9,500 m **Width:** 7.6 m **Area:** 71, 730 m2 GIS Estimate
- 14. **Site Class^a:** Prehistoric Protohistoric Historic
- 15. **Site Type:**

<u>Prehistoric/Ethnohistoric</u>		<u>Historic</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Task Specific	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Communication
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/Subsistence	<input type="checkbox"/> Defense
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown (sites in which the primary pattern of use is prehistoric or ethnohistoric, but the nature of use cannot be confidently determined)		<input type="checkbox"/> Industry/Processing/Extraction	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Other ^b Recreation	

- 16. **Site Characteristics^a:** 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: Regular maintenance of road
- 18. **Site Condition:** Stable Deteriorating Imminently Threatened Destroyed

Description (as needed): This site is an historic road alignment that has been mostly abandoned. The site is faintly visible in the abandoned segment and erosion has been filling in the ruts over time. It appears to have been abandoned sometime in the 1970s when a new alignment was built.

- 19. **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^a:
 A (event) B (person) C (design/construction) D (important information)
- 24. **Does it Retain Integrity:** No Yes, aspects present^a:
 Location Design Setting Materials Workmanship Feeling Association
- 25. **NRHP Status:** Not eligible Eligible Listed

26. **Justification** (include discussion of historic context, significance, and integrity): This site consists of a road that provides local access within Danish Flats. The site retains integrity of setting, materials, feeling, association, and some of its location with part of the road being redirected in modern times to serve oil and gas needs. This site cannot be associated with and important person, nor is it an integral part of a broad pattern of history. The site does not represent a specific type or method of construction. Further, it is not likely to contain intact cultural deposits at depth that could yield information important to the history of the area. Therefore, this site is recommended Not Eligible to the NRHP under any Criteria.

27. **Site Description** (interpretation, context, size, artifact and feature assemblage, dating, previous works and curation, etc.): This site is an historic road corridor. The road runs for about 6 miles across Danish Flat from the Cisco Springs area to a junction with another historic road near I-70, north of Cisco, Utah. The abandoned road is faintly visible alongside the current modern alignment. It averages about 25 ft wide and is slightly lower than the surrounding landscape. This historic road corridor is shown on a General Land Office plat (GLO) map as “Albert Turner’s Ranch to Cisco Springs” and a branch of the “Cisco Springs to Pike’s Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway”(GLO 1925); however, there are at least three other roads shown on this historic GLO map with the same name. The *Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean*

^aCheck all that apply

^bSee manual for additional categories

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Highway was one of many promoted travel corridors of the early automobile era. During this time, Highway Associations began forming as the automobile became popular, and the *Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway* (PPOO) organized in 1914 to promote a route from New York City to San Francisco (Weingroff 2017). The main travel corridor associated with the PPOO passes through Cisco (the town), about 8 miles south of Cisco Springs. The roads shown on this historic GLO map are likely local variations that lead off the main travel route, possibly utilized by travelers for access to water springs or campsite locations. The main PPOO travel corridor later became US6/50 after Federal Highway Act of 1921 prompted the Bureau of Public Roads to create the federal highway numbering system. The PPOO Association continued advertising efforts, but the age of the named trails fizzled out by the 1930s.

The 1925 GLO map depicts a small network of roads connecting several residences in an historic farming community on Danish Flat. The community was settled starting in the mid-1910s and lasted until around 1930 (Salmon 2004:21-24). The main use of this road likely coincided with the active years of the community.

- 28. Environmental Context** (topography, vegetation, ground visibility, depositional context): This linear site runs from Cisco Springs southeast to its junction with old US 6/US50 (42GR2651), north of the town of Cisco. The road travels across Danish Flat on a broad mesa below the Book Cliffs and north of the Colorado River. Elevation is 4,533 ft ASL at the east end and rises to 4,800 ft ASL at the west end of the recorded segment. Vegetation along the segment is a shadscale community with sparse low grasses. Ground visibility adjacent to the site varies along the length of the corridor.
- 29. Notes Regarding Access** (as needed): The site parallels a modern dirt road (100 m to the north) for most of its length, merging in with the improved road on both ends. Access from the north side of the Danish Flat exit (Exit 214) on I-70.
- 30. Additional Part A Comments:**

References:

Government Land Office [GLO]

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- 1925 Plat Map for T 20S R 23E, Salt Lake Base & Meridian. Electronic document, accessed 8/24/2020, https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/details/survey/default.aspx?dm_id=339001&sid=0a5wavum.y21

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- 1970 *Cisco Springs, Utah*. USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle. U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey.

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- 2017 *The Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway: The Appian Way of America*. U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Electronic document, accessed 9/21/2020 <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/pikes.cfm>

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1. **Primary date of site use:** ca.1910s – 1970s

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

3. **Architectural Features:**

Type	Description

4. **Non-Architectural Features:**

Type	Description
Trail/Road	Graded and graveled road
Trail/Road	Abandoned dirt road

5. **Feature Comments:** This site is an abandoned historic road corridor. The corridor runs for about 6 miles across Danish Flat from the Cisco Springs area to a junction with another historic road near I-70, north of Cisco, Utah. The abandoned road is faintly visible alongside the current modern alignment. It averages about 25 ft wide and is slightly lower than the surrounding landscape.

6. **Cans – Total Quantity:** N/A

Quantity	Type	Description

7. **Can Comments:**

8. **Glass Bottles – Total ENV:** N/A

ENV	Manufacturing Method	Description

9. **Glass Bottle Comments:** N/A

10. **Ceramics – Total ENV:** N/A

ENV	Ware	Description

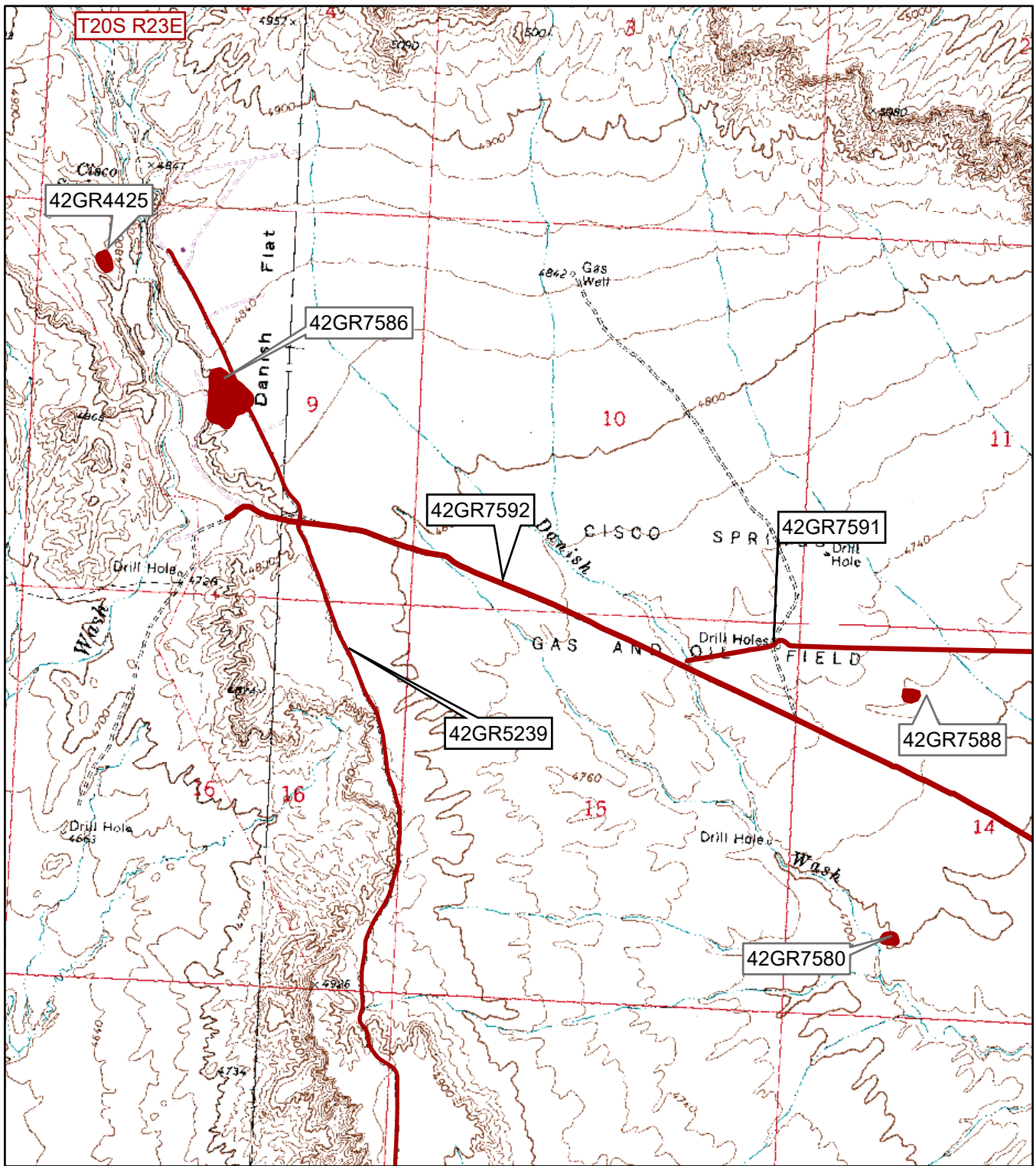
11. **Ceramic Comments:**

12. **Additional Artifacts/Debris:**

- Ammunition/Firearms Car/Car parts Glass (non-bottle) Nails (wire) Toys
- Bone Ceramics (non-tableware) Hardware Plastic Other
- Building Materials Clothing Nails (cut) Stove Parts

13. **Additional Artifact/Debris Description:** N/A

14. **Additional Part C Comments:**



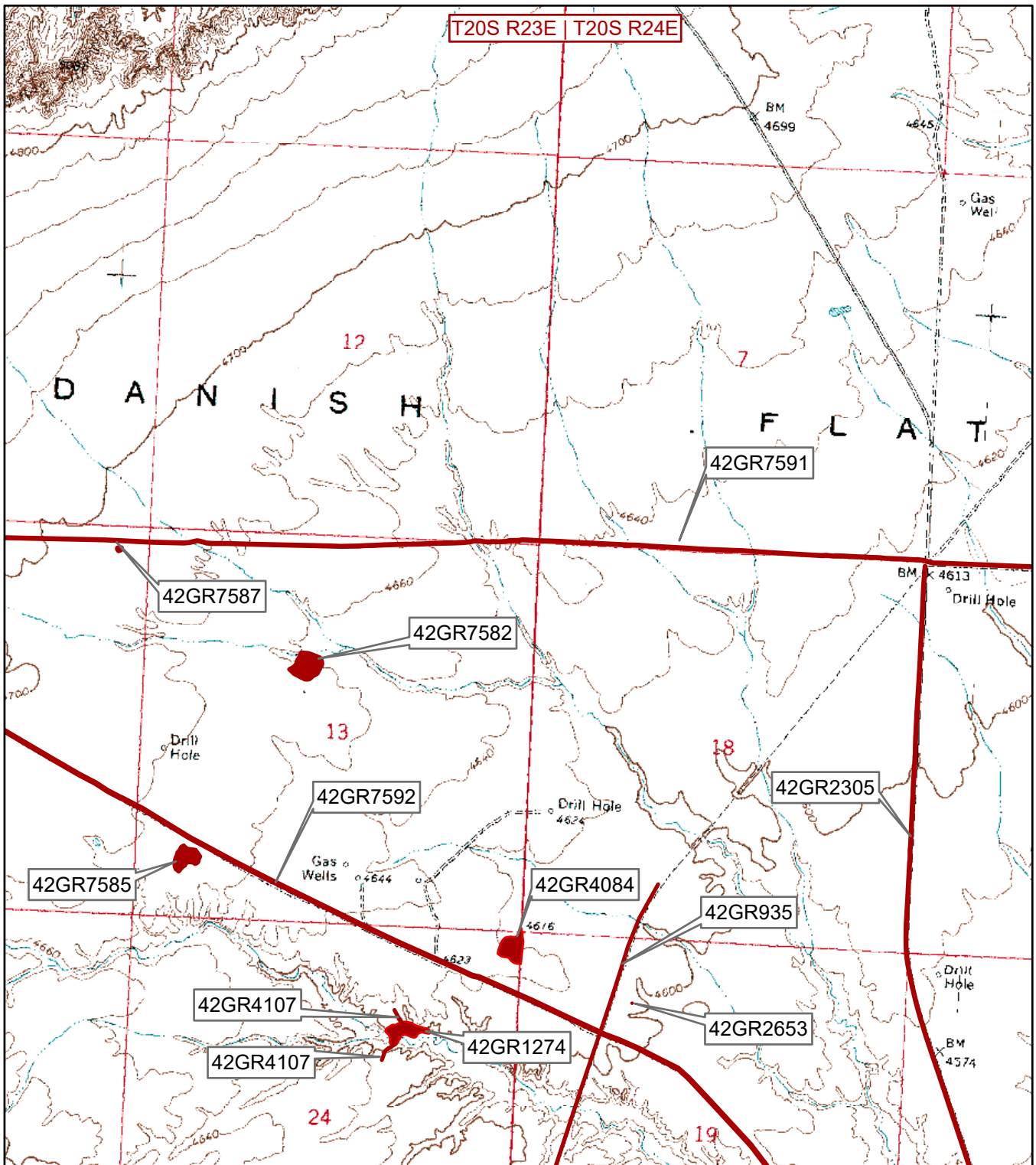
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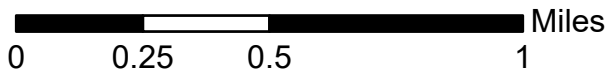
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Location of sites located during the Cisco Spring 2D Seismic Project. Taken from the USG 7.5' Quadrangles Danish Flat, Utah (1970) and Cisco, Utah (1970).



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Site 42GR7592. Site overview showing abandoned road paralleling new alignment; view to the east.



Site 42GR7592. Site overview showing faint line as road crosses abandoned railroad grade (42GR935); view to the west.



Site 42GR7592. Overview of eastern side of road where the corridors merge; view to the north.



Site 42GR7592. Overview from west end of segment in Cisco Wash; view to the northeast.