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## PVC-038-Kreit-Field Notes-2002

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04 February 2002, Bradley Kreit

702:38-1

Initial descriptions: The morning was gray and muddy, saved only by an eye-opening cup of coffee. We came out to the site at 7:00 AM and waited for a while because the workers had not cleared everything. We looked for survey points with Bill, and then looked at and learned how to layout trenches. Eventually I was assigned a site with Kristin and Leigh Ann on the east side of the road. It is still being cleared, so tomorrow, we'll begin excavating.

5 February 2002 Bradley Kreit

P'02-38-02

Initial description: The morning was foggy but by 9:30, it burned off for a U.V. Ray party. I have been doing well and awake and healthy. Between 7:00 and 9:30, Leigh Anne, Kristen and I laid out trenches with the help of Usman, a worker, who hammered in stakes. At 9:30, we are ready to begin excavating. Our Operation number is 50, my sub-op number is D, and the structure number is 104. I will begin excavating from the smaller East-West axis, which is at 880. There are six meters before the East-West axis hits the north-south axis in the middle.

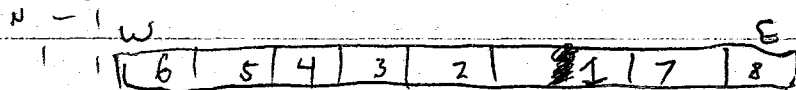
50 D/lot 001, this is the Easternmost lot on this structure. We will begin by excavating from 0-10 cm. bgs. from the Northwest corner. There was significant tumble within less than 10 cm, and therefore, we will be moving the trench back 1 or 2 meters to better see the structure.

Within the first lot, there were some sherds, and a smaller amount of obsidian and chert.

6 February 2002 Bradley Kreit

P'02-38-03

Initial Descriptions: It's a hot 7:00 AM and I'm waiting for the coffee to hit me. moved back trench 2 m, so that the Easternmost unit is now 8. That is, the numbering runs



Beginning excavation at unit 8, 50D/002.

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50D/002: 0-10 cm bgs from the Northwest corner. The soil is dark in this unit here, and there are still some rocks though not nearly as many. Finding bajareque ceramics (sherds, of course), and a small amount of lithics. There is a possible construction unit 60 cm from the west side of the unit. There is green obsidian in the lot.

50D/003: Beginning by digging 10-20 cm bgs 40 cm from East to 0 cm to see what is happening with the possible construction unit. Moving delimit to 30 cm (that is, 10-30 cm bgs) to see whether or not rocks are feature. So far in this lot, there has been some green obsidian, gray obsidian, chert, and sherds. More rocks. It appears that rocks from 50D/002 are not feature. Will begin new lot.

50D/004 Digging gradually around flat rocks & removing tilted ones. Some ceramics, lithics, green obsidian, chert.  
~~Lot needs to be finished cleaning, etc tomorrow.~~  
Lot needs finishing tomorrow.

7 Feb 2002 Bradley Kleit

P'02-35-04

Initial descriptions: 7:15 in the morning is too early for a college student. Apart from that everything is good. Looks like heat today, though I'm begging the wind god to work his magic. Beginning by cleaning off rocks, removing last bits of soil from 50D/004.

50D/004 Nothing new was there. Boy was that fun to lug my shed bag back out.

50D/005 New lot, 0-10 cm bgs from NW corner of unit 7, as per instructions from the higher ups. Looking to see if rocks in unit 1 and unit 8 make a line or a frustrating mess of tumble. While digging, I suppose we'll look for ceramics, etc. too. Very little (lithics only) here. New lot.

50D/006 10-20 cm bgs from NW corner of unit 7. The search for intelligible remains continues. Plum bate, green obsidian, ceramics, other lithics. Very little bajareque. The soil is medium sand. Appears to be in terrace.

50D/007 Removing debris rocks from unit 8 which appeared to possibly be interesting but are not. Lot is 20-30 cm bgs from NW corner - leveling out unit 8 at 30 cm. Ceramics, lithics, bajareque. Onto unit 7.

50D/008 Starting in unit 7, 20-30 cm bgs from NW. Weird yellow rock was found which is beyond Miranda's analytical brain power. Found mono, plum bate, green obsidian.

8 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

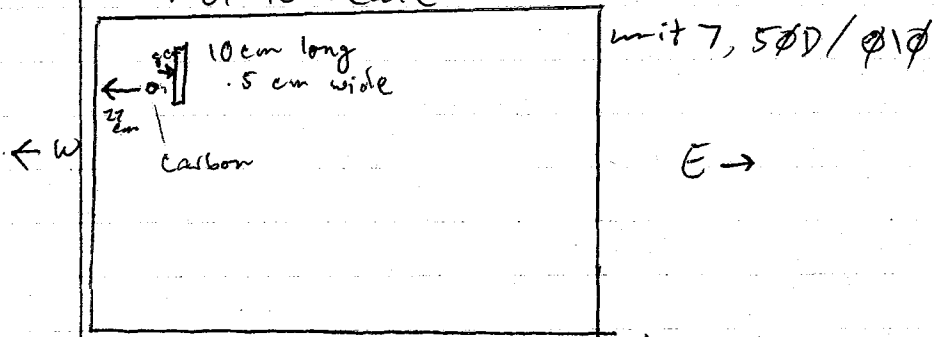
P'02-38.0's

Initial descriptions: It's 7:15 am, but other than that, all is going well. It looks like another day that I'll be perpetually lathered in sunscreen. Beginning today by digging another 10 cm in unit 7. That is, digging 30-40 cm bgs from NW corner.

50D/009: 30-40 cm bgs from NW corner in unit 7 to continue trying to gain perspective on what this is that we're actually digging, and to make unit 7 roughly level with unit 8. The soil here is medium sand. Ceramics, green obsidian, lithics, bajareque. There is a fairly flat ceramic piece which looks like it has something do with censers. There is a fair amount of bajareque around the ceramic piece. Still a fair amount of tumble, going to remove it gradually from unit 7 and call it a new lot.

50D/010: 30-40 cm bgs, from NW corner, removing tumble. Digging slowly to continue searching for a line. Found carbon sample at depth of 40 cm bgs, next to large pot sherd, 8 cm from sherd. 27 cm west of west wall of unit 7, under rock. see sketch below

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(Sherd was sherd mentioned above). Found bajareque, sherds, lithics. opening new lot in unit 1 to further pursue search for wall.

8 Feb 2002 Bradley Knott

702-38-06

500/011

New lot is unit 1. 10-20 cm bgs, 30 cm from west end, 40 cm south inside unit 1. Trying to identify possible line with units 7 & 8 running along ~~west side~~ south side of trench. Continuing with excavating at 70 cm from west wall because off flat rock in center. Continuing in larger square (first mentioned, 30 cm x 40 cm off) in search of construction unit. So far it looks like it's probably tumble. Found ceramics, green obsidian, lithics, chert. Removing rocks dropped unit to 30 cm, so time to open a new lot.

500/012

Removing rocks gradually from northeast side of unit 1. Still looking at rocks that, more and more, appear to be tumble. Gradually removing angled rocks to reveal little interesting. Fewer artifacts, some ceramics, very small amount of lithics and basaltic.

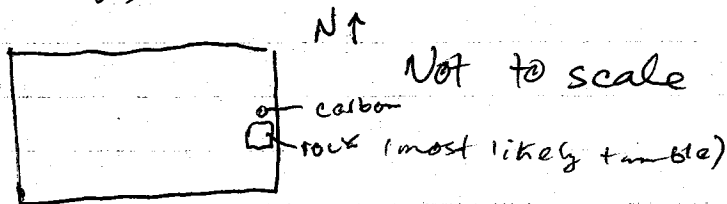
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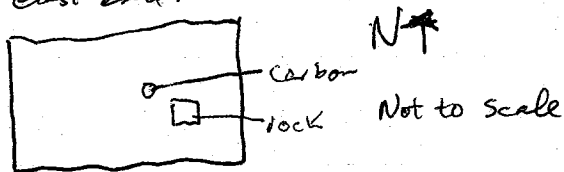
Initial descriptions: The day is starting fine at 7:15 -  
attracted and ready to work. The soil is a little wet,  
but nothing seems different here at good old structure  
104. Continuing on with a new lot, which will be the  
<sup>South</sup> ~~right~~ side of unit 1, 30-50 cm bgs from NW corner, removing  
rocks.

SOD/p13 <sup>South</sup> ~~right~~ side of unit 1, 30-50 cm bgs from NW corner.  
Found carbon sample at 42 cm bgs, east side of lot on  
the edge, 57 cm from North side of lot next to rock.



Still slow going - Finding ceramics, bajareque, some lithics.  
Still searching for some sort of construction unit. Some kind  
of handle/strap in ceramics.

2nd carbon at 49 cm bgs, 69 cm from South side, 35 cm  
from east end.



SOD/p14 Unit 2, 0-10 cm bgs from NW corner. That whole finding  
a construction unit business has yet to pan out, but there are  
a fair number of flat rocks leading into unit 2. Found: ceramics,  
lithics, bajareque, green obsidian. Lots of tumble.

SOD/p15 Unit 2, 10-20 cm bgs from NW corner. Large amounts of white  
obsidian, ceramics, bajareque, lithics. Finishing this lot  
tomorrow.



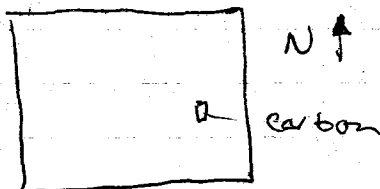
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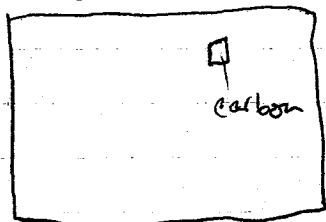
Initial Descriptions: As a friend of mine is fond of saying about the rain, God pelted us last night. The soil is black and wet, and the soil in unit 2, of course, is full of ambiguously tumbled rocks. I'm doing well today, in case anyone cares to ask.

SPD/p15: Continuing from yesterday 10-20 cm bgs from NW corner. Artifacts from each day will be in separate bags due to a bag-holding-onto error by yours truly. They will be appropriately labeled. Leaving rocks in at ~~Easternmost~~ side, 15-20 cm laterally. Found obsidian, lithics, ceramics, and bajeague. Went to 30 cm bgs in removing rocks.

SPD/p16: Unit 1, finishing leveling because rocks appear to connect with nothing, 50 cm bgs. Carbon found 56 cm deep, 43 cm from south end, 23 cm from East end of unit. Not to scale



2nd Carbon found: 50 cm <sup>bgs</sup>, 20 cm from North end, 50 cm from either side of

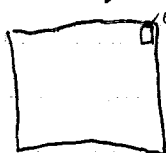


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Found lithics, obsidian, ceramics, bajeague. Lot goes to 60 cm bgs.

SPD/p17

Back to Unit 2, leveling off the easternmost 80 cm. with previous lot. Should come to approximately 60 cm bgs. Carbon found in North Wall, 28 cm bgs along eastern end of unit 2.



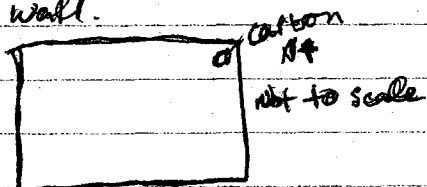
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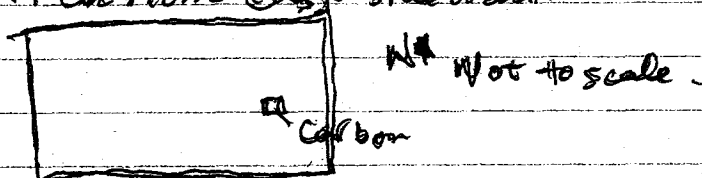
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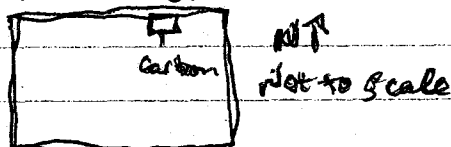
Lots of ceramics in unit; few lithics, little bajareque.  
Found more carbon, 41 cm bgs, 10 cm of east, along North wall.



Found 3rd carbon sample, 44 cm bgs, 41 cm from South side, 17 cm from East side of unit.



Found 4th carbon sample, 44 cm bgs, along North ~~side~~ <sup>side</sup>, 27 cm in from East side of unit.



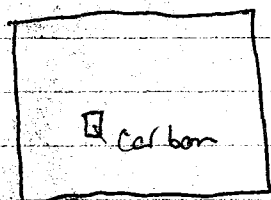
Lot is leveled out to 50 cm, beginning new lot tomorrow.

13 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

P'02-38-09

Initial description: All quiet on the western front. Removing rocks from West end of unit 2 and leveling off with rest of unit. Tired but okay. I don't think it rained yesterday, but we definitely have some refreshing clouds this morning.

500/018: Western side of unit 2, leveling with Eastern. Approximately 30-50 cm bgs. from NW corner. Lots of big sherds; bajareque, lithics. Still have not found Construction unit. Found Carbon 51 cm bgs, 65 cm from East end, 39 cm from South end.



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Ceramics, bajareque, lithics, obsidian, carbon found.

500/019 0-25 cm bgs from NW corner of unit 3. To level with rocks struck in previous lot in unit 2). Sand is medium sand (that is, the soil is.) Working in Easternmost 30 cm first because of something approaching a straight line of rocks. Lots of bajareque so far. Ceramics, lithics, green obsidian. Lot runs to 35 cm from NW corner.

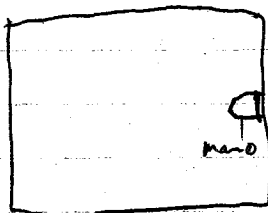
Tomorrow, we will begin excavating at level of same white rock in unit 4, hopefully, with better results.

14 February 2002 Bradley Kreit

7/02-38-10

Initial descriptions: Valentine's Day and all I get to talk about is how last night's rain darkened the soil. Were the soil not full of rocks, it'd make good planting soil. Instead, we'll continue on our quest to find something.

500/020: How many lots does it take to get to the ~~unit 4~~ center? 20, so far. This lot is a unit 4 lot, and will go down to level off with the last lot from unit 3, which was 35 cm bgs from the NW corner of that unit. Found piece of mano, at 29 cm bgs, along eastern edge of unit 4, 50 cm from North & South End.



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Pain out. Pitching a double header dig on Monday.

18 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

P'Ø2-38-11

Initial Descriptions: Monday already. I'm actually awake, for some odd reason, this morning. The soil is happy soil, the weather is happy weather. Polite observations made, let's continue our lot.

SØD/p24: Continuing on from Thursday's lot. There are some flat stones at about 35 cm from the east side of the unit that look convincingly like a construction feature of some sort. Confidently have a wall here, which will here on out, go with the name of Gobbledy Gooker. It's 35 cm from the East end, and 48 cm bgs at it's first line of rocks. In this lot, we found chert, bajareque, ceramics, and part of a matate. No obsidian goodness.

SØD/p21: Unit 5, leveling off to approximately 35 cm bgs. Lots of bajareque in this lot. Working way up Eastward through lot in search of possible features through tumble. No such luck, however. Lots of bajareque, very little ceramics and chert.

SØD/p22: Unit 4, down to the level of ~~the~~ Gobbledy Gooker, which is 44 cm bgs from NW corner.

19 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

P'02-38-12

Initial descriptions: Rain out yesterday. Writing again from the party structure, beaming out 8 watts of música ranchera, courtesy of my excellent worker Vivian.

It looks cloudy, but my workers assure me it'll be sunny. I'm awake, thanks to a morning walk out to the site.

SØD/022 44 cm bgs from NW corner of unit 4. Continuing on from yesterday. So far, we've found, bajareque, ceramics, and lithics (and by lithics, I mean a piece of chert) in this lot. Relentlessly empty unit.

SØD/023 Back into unit 5. Leveling off to level of Gobbledy Gooker, excluding an oddly shaped 20 cm line of rocks at the beginning of the unit on the east. Depth measure to come, when it's possible. Lots of pigment stones - red, white, yellow, and pink. Ceramics, bajareque, chert. Lot goes to 65 cm bgs.

SØD/024 Unit 6, because unit 5 was just that empty. Ø-10 cm bgs from NW corner. Lots of bajareque, some ceramics (very few), chert. No rocks, not even tumble. Just a new lot.

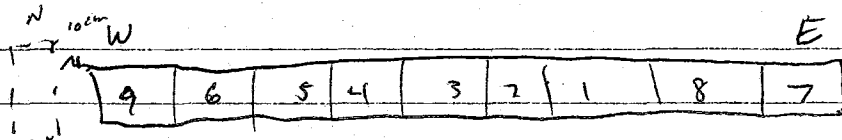
SØD/025 Unit 6, 10-20 cm bgs from NW corner. Breaking out the 15 x 25 bag for bajareque. There are 2 bags of bajareque, some ceramics, no lithics. A few rocks, so we'll just continue down 10 more cm.

SØD/026 Unit 6, 20-30 cm bgs from NW corner. Sorting through the abundant bajareque. Some ceramics, a yellow pigment stone. Finding some stones that look flat, but nothing identifiable yet. Found a green obsidian blade.

17 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

P'02-38-13

500/027: Unit 9, 0-10 cm bgs, looking for connection with unit 6 (features, etc). Due to a miscount, the actual layout of this trench is such that



This is purely a counting error - there are nine meters in this trench. I should've learned to count earlier in life. Very tiny quantity of lithics and nothing else. Lots of flat rocks

500/028 Unit 9, 10-20 cm bgs, digging around flat rocks. Ceramics, obsidian. Construction feature between 11 and 36 cm from East end of unit; 2 large flat rocks with a third coming in from the south side. Calling feature Andre The Giant.

20 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

P02-38-14

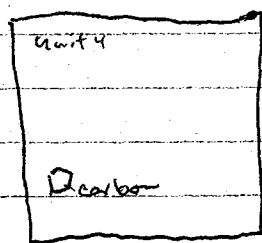
Initial descriptions: The radio we've been enjoying here esta malo, so we're back to trowels on rocks. Sad. Anyway, it's a sunshine day and the combination of my walk out here and my coffee are waking me up.

SDD/029: Unit 4, digging around the back side of Gobbledy Gooker down to a cm depth to be measured later. Lots of tumble amidst the search for the elusive flat rocks. Very small lot (to 55 cm bgs) in only western most third of unit. 1 piece of ceramics. No new features.

SDD/030: In unit 6, 30 cm bgs beginning, continuing through rocks to a yet unknown depth. Mix of stuff - fill, tumble. Some ceramics, lithics, bajareque. Unit goes down to 60 cm bgs from NW corner.

SDD/031: Another small lot upcoming, 20-30 cm bgs at the eastern edge of unit 9, in order to get some perspective on Andre The Giant. Ceramics, bajareque, lithics, but no more perspective on Andre The Giant.

SDD/032: Western 20 cm of unit 3 to ~~80~~<sup>all</sup> ~~Eastern~~ cm of unit 4. Down through a level of big sherds, 55 cm bgs to a depth to be determined. In addition to huge sherds, this will have the added bonus of finding out how deep Gobbledy Gooker goes. Soil is coarse sand. found carbon sample: 90 cm from ~~East~~ edge of unit 4, 68 cm bgs, 35 cm from Southern edge.



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20 Feb 2002 Bradley Kneit

902-38-15

500/032: Found us a white pigment stone. Pulling out lots of big sherds, some chert, obsidian. Some very well painted red sherds and a decent number of white sherds. Level goes to 73 cm bgs from NW corner.

500/033: Unit 5, 65 cm bgs to level of big sherds. Found bowl handle with markings on it; fair number of sherds. Approaching in on Gobbledygookier, which looks like a very tiny wall. Found small carbon sample in North wall of unit 4, but not enough to test. Lot goes to 84 cm bgs from NW corner

500/034: Unit 5, down from 85 cm bgs to a depth measured later. Lot to be finished tomorrow.

21 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

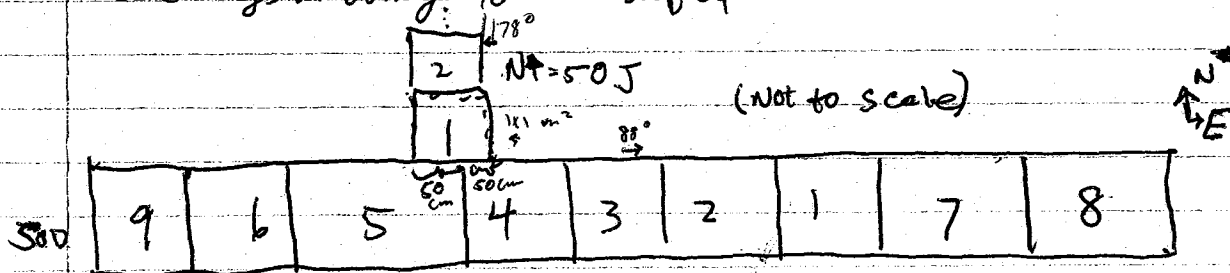
P'02-38-16

~~500/034~~

Initial Descriptions: Music has returned to our structure; it's a happy day. ~~even~~ Looks like another hot day - the kind that will make me sweat just sitting here writing notes. I'm tired today, but we can't have everything.

500/034

Finishing up lot we began yesterday 85 cm bgs to a still unknown depth. Finding some artifacts, mostly ceramics. For the most part, we are beyond the level of finding big artifacts. Lot goes to 105 cm bgs. Moving to new sub-op.



505/001

New sub-op, Following Gobbledy Gooker North in attempt to find its corner. 0-10 cm bgs from NW corner of unit. Found very large piece of chert, white pigment stone.

505/002

10-20 cm bgs and still just finding a small number of artifacts. Ceramics, bajareque lithics. Mostly tumble on the surface, so continuing onto next lot.

505/003

Lots of bajareque in this lot that begins in unit 1 and goes from 20-30 cm bgs from the NW corner. Ceramics, bajareque, chert. Gobbledy Gooker continues onto 25 cm bgs.

505/004

30-40 cm bgs <sup>in</sup> from unit 1 from ~~unit~~ NW corner. Gobbledy Gooker continues, with a second possible (though unlikely) feature on Western edge of unit 1.

21 Feb 2002 Bradley Weir

P'02-38-17

505/005. 0-10 cm bgs in unit 2. Despite our best efforts,  
the artifact bags left nothing. Empty 1st. Until tomorrow.

22 Feb 2002 Bradley Kreit

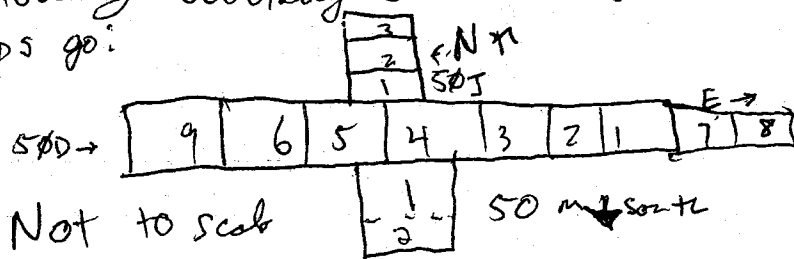
P82-38-18

Initial descriptions: They say it might rain today, cutting my last field day short like a midget. I hope not; I'm enjoying doing this and will miss it next week. Also, I ~~forgot~~ brought my camera, and while I have approximately 842 layers of plastic wrapped around it, I never cease to worry about it. Fairly awake this morning, and as always, I'm feeling very sexy.

505/006 Fighting through tumble in unit 2 from 10-20 cm bgs, looking for Gobbledy Gooker. That slippery wall had to hide from me under the soil and fallen rocks. Angrily, I shake my fist. It appears ineffective. Some bajaregne, ceramics, chert. Gobbledy Gooker continues 21 cm bgs.

505/007 Unit 3, 0-20 cm bgs Finding where Gobbledy Gooker meets Lempira (an unworthy name for a wall, certainly not as nice as Gobbledy Gooker.) Found bajaregne, ceramics, chert, pigment (white) stone. Meets up in corner 20 cm bgs.

50m/001: Following Gobbledy Gooker in other direction (South). Sub-ops go:



Ceramics, bajaregne, chert, small quantity of artifacts. Lot is 0-20 cm bgs.

50m/002 20-30 cm bgs in front of what appears to be Gobbledy Gooker (west 50 cm of Unit 3). Weird flat white rock with holes in it. 30 cm from South end, 50 cm from east-west. Very few artifacts.  
- And that's archaeology for Brad.