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TO : Associate Regional Director Gallison

DATE: June 1, 1977

FROM : Regional Archeologist Bohannon

SUBJECT: Trip Report, May 26-27, Craters of the Moon

I traveled to Craters of the Moon with Hydrologist Don Barrett to inspect the site of a proposed test well for possible impacts on archeological resources. While in the Monument, Superintendent Hentges informed us that a Youth Conservation Corps Camp would be set up in the vicinity of the well, and I checked this area also.

The well site is located in the northern portion of the Monument, near the juncture of Little Cottonwood Creek, and a small unnamed tributary, which joins Little Cottonwood Creek from the west. The YCC Camp will be located about 200 yards west of the well site, near the point where the unnamed creek leaves its narrow draw and enters on the alluvial fan.

The setting is an alluvial fan, virtually flat, and vegetated with sagebrush and bunchgrass. Although completely dry during our visit, Superintendent Hentges states that in most years during the spring the area is quite moist.

Idaho State University conducted an archeological survey of the Monument in 1966 and the results are reported in a manuscript report entitled "A Preliminary Report of the Archeological Reconnaissance of the Craters of the Moon National Monument" by Paul Sneed. The surveyors located one site, designated 10BT88, in the vicinity of the well and camp. Sneed's report states the site is a large campsite located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27. Reference to the USGS map, "Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho," will show that this places site 10BT88 some 500 to 600 yards southeast of the proposed test well.

A careful inspection of the surface around the well site failed to turn up any archeological remains. Our search in the YCC Camp produced the same result until, at the last minute, Superintendent Hentges found a



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point or knife fragment. The area was carefully inspected again, but no additional archeological remains were located.

The inspection indicates that neither undertaking will effect significant archeological remains.

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