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Company Overview

Interpret Site L.L.C. was established in 2023 by Founder C.E.O. Todd Christopher McMahon after thirty years of dedicated public service as a professional archaeologist working for the State of Colorado.

Interpret Site LLC provides two key services. One service relates to archaeological collections care and management. Our consultation services range from establishing governing documents, cataloging, training etc. often to establish a State-Approved repository status. Archaeological collections also often need upgrading from non-archival bags/boxes to stable archival containers, drawers etc. at the museum/center (often called “re-housing”). These collections can also be used to create small-scale exhibitions (travel size displays) and other forms of visitor engagement for public benefit purposes. Our other main service involves interpretive planning for historic or archaeological sites, museums, visitor centers, etc. This includes planning to develop such items as wayside signage, wayfinding signs and other media engagements. Interpret Site LLC can also provide educational training/speaking engagements with audience participation for public fairs, schools or other organizations.

We pride ourselves on the following:

- Following industry best standards in collections care and practices for archaeology and historic collections.
- Incorporating and involving descendant communities in interpretation.
- Providing and creating effective thematic messaging with interpretation.
- Using technology effectively to engage the public about our history.

We are a small firm with big capabilities that works to address the needs of our clients. We understand what you want to accomplish, and we want to be the trusted team partner to help you achieve your management goals.

Todd Christopher McMahon, CIP – Founder/C.E.O.



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Our aim is to achieve maximum public benefit to provide information, knowledge, and insight into the human past while honoring and consulting with descendant communities.

Company Resume/Project Experience

Douglas County Colorado

Douglas County Community Department of Community Development

100 Third St

Castle Rock, CO 80104

Brittany Cassell – Curator

720-733-6905

bcassell@douglas.co.us

July – November 2023



Interpret Site L.L.C. created an interpretive plan for the Douglas County Virtual Museum and delivered a public portal using the Lucidea Argus museum software program. Interpret Site also created content for seven on-line showcase exhibits, seven highlighted collection segments, interactive quizzes, links to County programs and an educational lesson plan: <https://5147.sydneyplus.com/argus/final/Portal/virtualmuseum.aspx>

City of Aurora Colorado, Aurora History Museum

15051 E Alameda Pkwy,

Aurora, CO 80012

T. Scott Williams

Museum Director – Aurora History Museum & Historic Sites

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Sept 2023 –



Aurora History Museum & Historic Sites

We are developing an integrated interpretive plan for the Senac pre-contact local historic landmark archaeology site. The plan involves staff team planning, as well as tie-in with management goals and objectives. Appropriate Native American consultation input with the descendant Tribes is a large part of this project. The plan also includes wayside signage, wayfinding elements, a small indoor exhibit, and other educational media. The site aims to be a place to highlight and celebrate the long history of Native American heritage within the City.

Tread of Pioneers Museum
Katie Adams, Curator
Tread of Pioneers Museum
P.O. Box 772372 / 800 Oak Street
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
(970) 879-2214
www.treadofpioneers.org
January 2024 -

Tread of Pioneers MUSEUM

The Tread of Pioneers Museum in Steamboat Springs has a unique collection of historic Native American Southwest artifacts. The majority of the historic Native American artifacts comprise the H.B. Pleasant collection. The collection also contains photogravures taken by the well-known early twentieth century Native American photographer Edward S. Curtis. The Museum contacted Interpret Site L.L.C. in 2023 to propose a plan to re-imagine the Native Arts exhibit space for permanent display of the collection using interpretive techniques and to facilitate indigenous consultation to provide appropriate cultural information, exchange and care.

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Interpret Site L.L.C. was selected by a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) targeting support for the County's History Repository including refinement of the database cataloging procedures, curation tasks, volunteer oversight and training, further enhancements to the County's Virtual Museum, exhibition planning, wayside interpretive planning, inter-departmental/external partner coordination, educational products and public outreach related to the archaeological and historic resources of the County.

Todd Christopher McMahon, CIP

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Condensed CV:

Current Employment:

January 2023 – present

Founder/C.E.O.
NAI Certified Interpretive Planner
Interpret Site L.L.C.
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Aurora, CO 80013

November 2016 – December 2022

State Curation Coordinator/Staff Archaeologist
(Program Asst. II)
State of Colorado
History Colorado
Office of the State Archaeologist
1200 Broadway
Denver CO 80203
Supervisor: Holly Norton Ph. D.

January 1996-November 2016

GIS Survey Archaeologist
State of Colorado
History Colorado
Office of the State Archaeologist
Supervisors: Richard Wilshusen Ph.D. and Susan
Collins Ph. D.,

July 1992-January 1996

Archaeological Information Specialist
State of Colorado
Colorado Historical Society
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Supervisor: Mary Sullivan

May 1992-July 1992

Physical Science Technician
United States Geological Services

National Water Quality Laboratory
5293 Ward Road
Arvada, CO 80002
Supervisor: Doug Manigold

January 1992-July 1992

Laboratory Assistant and Illustrator
Paleoresearch Laboratories an Archaeological
Laboratory
15485 W. 44th Ave., Suite A
Golden, CO 80403
Supervisor Linda Scott Cummings Ph. D.

August 1991-February 1992

Property Manager
Supreme Offices II
12395 W. 53rd Ave.
Arvada, CO 80002-1932

August 1990-July 1991

Archaeological Field Assistant and Monitor of
Impacted Archaeological Sites
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum
Applied Research Group
1525 Bernice St.
P.O. Box 1900-A
Honolulu, HI 96817-0916

January 1989-December 1989

Fossil Research Assistant
University of Colorado at Denver
Geology Department
Supervisor: Martin Lockley, Ph. D.

May 1989-June 1989

Archaeology Crew Member
California Institute for Peruvian Studies
9017 Feather River Way
Sacramento, CA
Archaeological Expedition to the Acari Valley of
Peru/Volunteer

September 1988-May 1989

Archaeology Crew Member
University of Colorado, Denver
Field School

Todd C. McMahon
Condensed CV:

Senac Dam Site (Aurora Reservoir)
Aurora, CO
Supervisor: James Grady, Ph. D.

September 1987-December 1987

Archaeological Laboratory Assistant
Metropolitan State College
Practical Archaeology Course

September 1985-May 1986

Microbiology Lab Assistant
Arizona State University
Supervisor: David Capco, Ph. D.

Workshops and Other Training
(available upon request)

Elected Offices:

- *Chair of the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission 2024 -
- *President of Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association, Inc. 2006-2013
- *Board Member – Lotus School for Excellence Charter School, Aurora Colorado 2004-2006.
- *Treasurer for the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists 2002-2004.
- *Executive Board of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists 1999-2001.

Committees and Community Activities

Current:

- *Chair of the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission (member since 2021; chairmanship: 2024 - present)
- *Society for American Archaeology's Excellence in Public Education Awards Committee (2024 - 2027)
- *Member of the Society for American Archaeology's Curation Interest Group (2019 – present)
- *Member of the National Association for Interpretation (2023 - present)

Past:

- *Society for American Archaeology's Committee on Museums, Collections and Curation (2021 – 2024)
- *Mission Viejo Community – Cultural Heritage Site Designation Liaison
- *Lead Organizer for Aurora's Mission Viejo exhibit at the Aurora History Museum 2007
- *Organizer for the Mission Viejo Community's 35th anniversary celebration September 2007
- *Webmaster and author of the Mission Viejo HOA web site and its Neighborhood History Section
- *Project Archaeology liaison for the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists.

Current Research, Symposium and Published Works (available upon request)

Educational Background

Bachelor of Arts Degree with Distinction in Anthropology from the University of Colorado Fall 1989.

Graduate School Coursework as an Anthropology Major University of Colorado at Denver 1991.

Attended Anthropology Courses from: Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado

University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado

Lund University, LUMA-GIS (Geographical Information Systems), Distance Learning Program Lund University, Lund, Sweden

Abraham Lincoln High School Denver, Colorado – Graduated in the top 10% with honors

Personal: Married, three children.

References:

Available upon request

Professional Qualifications Statement

Todd Christopher McMahon, CIP, Founder and CEO of Interpret Site L.L.C. was a Staff Archaeologist and the Colorado State Curation Coordinator at History Colorado (Office of the State Archaeologist, State Historic Preservation Office). Todd McMahon retired from History Colorado in December 2022 after 30 years of public service at this institution. Todd formally managed and established the State-



Approved Museums and Curatorial Repositories Program, a statewide network of local museums and institutions that hold artifacts and fossil collections in-trust for the State of Colorado. In that role, he was also a member of the Cultural Historical Resource Task Force (CHR) and supported these institutions when dealing with disaster threats to their collections. Prior to that, in addition to other duties, he managed and coordinated the State-wide Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week events and mini-event grant program after receiving a multi-year State Historical Fund grant. Todd also has extensive experience using geographical information systems, site archaeological data, and as a Section 106/Section 110 National Historic Preservation Act and State Register of Historic Places compliance reviewer. He also holds research interests in the Formative Period in west-central Colorado, Peruvian archaeology, Front-range archaeology, Hawai'ian archaeology and the prehistoric North American four-corner's area.

Todd McMahon has over 30 years of employment as a professional archaeologist that includes over 10 years of work authoring the legal State standards, rules and guidelines as well as successful completion of inter-agency co-operative agreements for collections care and curation. Through authoring rules, publications, training presentations and direct collections care work, professional service, field and laboratory work Todd meets the Secretary of the Interior (SOI) standards for Curation (Curator). Todd McMahon is also a Certified Interpretive Planner as recognized by the National Association For Interpretation. As a Staff member of History Colorado, Todd also led the development of three past archaeology exhibits (See Todd's Portfolio on the Interpret Site website).

Todd is a 4th generation Colorado native, married with three children and has actively served on many educational, neighborhood, archaeology and historic preservation committees and boards. Todd also currently serves as the Chair of the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission, a member of the Society for American Archaeology's Excellence in Public Education Awards Committee and a member of the National Association for Interpretation. CV and references available upon request.