A Local Expression of “Salado” in the Tonto Basin, Arizona

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ABSTRACT

Salado, a local variant of the classic Salado phase, is a local historic period developed when populations were faced with the challenges of increased aridity and demographic pressure. Populations in the Tonto Basin and surrounding areas responded to these challenges by developing a distinctive local variant of the Salado/Classical Salado phase with innovations in architecture, ceramics, and irrigation systems. This local variant is the subject of this report, which presents the results of an archaeological survey and analysis of historic structures in the Tonto Basin.

INTRODUCTION

The local variant of the Tonto Basin Salado was first described by archaeologist David Jacobson in 1978. This variant, which is characterized by distinctive architectural features, ceramics, and irrigation systems, has been subsequently studied by a number of researchers. The Tonto Basin Salado variant has been identified in a number of localities in the Tonto Basin, including the Tonto National Forest, and has been the subject of several archaeological studies.

A - WHAT WAS SAŁADO?

The Salado period (900-1450 AD) is a local historic period in the Tonto Basin. The Salado variant developed in the Tonto Basin and the nearby regions, characterized by distinctive architectural features, ceramics, and irrigation systems.

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The significance of the Salado variant in the Tonto Basin is that it represents a distinctive local expression of the Salado/Classical Salado phase, which has been identified in a number of localities in the Tonto Basin, including the Tonto National Forest, and has been the subject of several archaeological studies.

B - WHAT WERE THE REGIONAL TRADITIONS AT CLINE TERRACE MOUND?

The regional traditions at Cline Terrace Mound are characterized by distinctive architectural features, ceramics, and irrigation systems.

C - HOW WERE REGIONAL TRADITIONS ADOPTED LOCALLY AT CLINE TERRACE MOUND?

The Cline Terrace Mound is characterized by distinctive architectural features, ceramics, and irrigation systems.

D - THE PREHISTORY OF HISTORIC SALADO IN THE TONTO BASIN

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