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Archeological Quality involves those characteristics of the scenic byways corridor that are physical evidence of historic or prehistoric human life or activity that are visible and capable of being inventoried and interpreted. The scenic byway corridor's archeological interest, as identified through ruins, artifacts, structural remains, and other physical evidence have scientific significance that educate the viewer and stir an appreciation for the past.

Utah's Patchwork Parkway follows ancient migration routes used by native family clans moving from their Great Basin wintering grounds to high summer hunting and gathering lands. The Sevier Fremont culture and earlier Archaic hunter-gatherers left evidence of their passage, especially with rock art. This is especially apparent at nearby Parowan Gap just west of Parowan, where more than fifty inhabited sites, hunting places and rock art panels give evidence that the people who once lived in the area were familiar with the Mesoamerica calendar used by ancient cultures in the southwest and Mexico

Southern Paiute peoples inhabited the region at the time of European settlement. Sizable villages were located in or near many of the locations eventually used as town sites. Some of the highest elevation prehistoric Paiute village sites known occur near Brian Head.



Petroglyphs at Parowan Gap west of Parowan
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Much of the Markagunt Plateau was used for hunting and gathering. Panguitch Lake was a focal point of processing fish, game and plants. Panguitch actually means 'big fish' in the Paiute language. Trout were so abundant in the lake that the natives had

only to walk along the shore and spear the fish.

Navajo traders followed migration routes off of this plateau to trade with the Paiutes and new settlers. The Old Spanish Trail passed just to the north of the plateau and made its way through what is now Parowan.

This long history of human use provides a myriad of archeological resources in and near the highway corridor. Because some sites are also often considered sacred and are subject to damage, planning for possible interpretative sites will take these sensitive factors into consideration.



Many petroglyphs at Parowan Gap are readily visible from the roadway. Some, however, necessitate a short hike for a closeup look.
(Photo courtesy of Five County Association of Governments)

Existing Archeological Qualities			
#	Resource	Location	Agency
A1	Parowan Gap	West of Parowan	Bureau of Land Management
A2	Indian Village Remains	Parowan	Private Ownership
A3	Petroglyphs	Parowan Canyon	Private Ownership
A4	Numerous archeological sites	Brian Head Vicinity	US Forest Service
A5	Petroglyphs	Panguitch Lake Vicinity	US Forest Service
A6	Petroglyphs	White Rocks Vicinity	US Forest Service
A7	Archeological Scatters	Panguitch Creek	Private Ownership
A8	Old Navajo Trail (Paragonah)	Unsure Alignment	US Forest Service

Strategies for Archeological Resources

- Ensure that a responsible organization or agency maintains archeological sites that have been identified as available for interpretation and public access.
- Utilize interpretive facilities and materials to educate the public about archeological sites and their preservation.

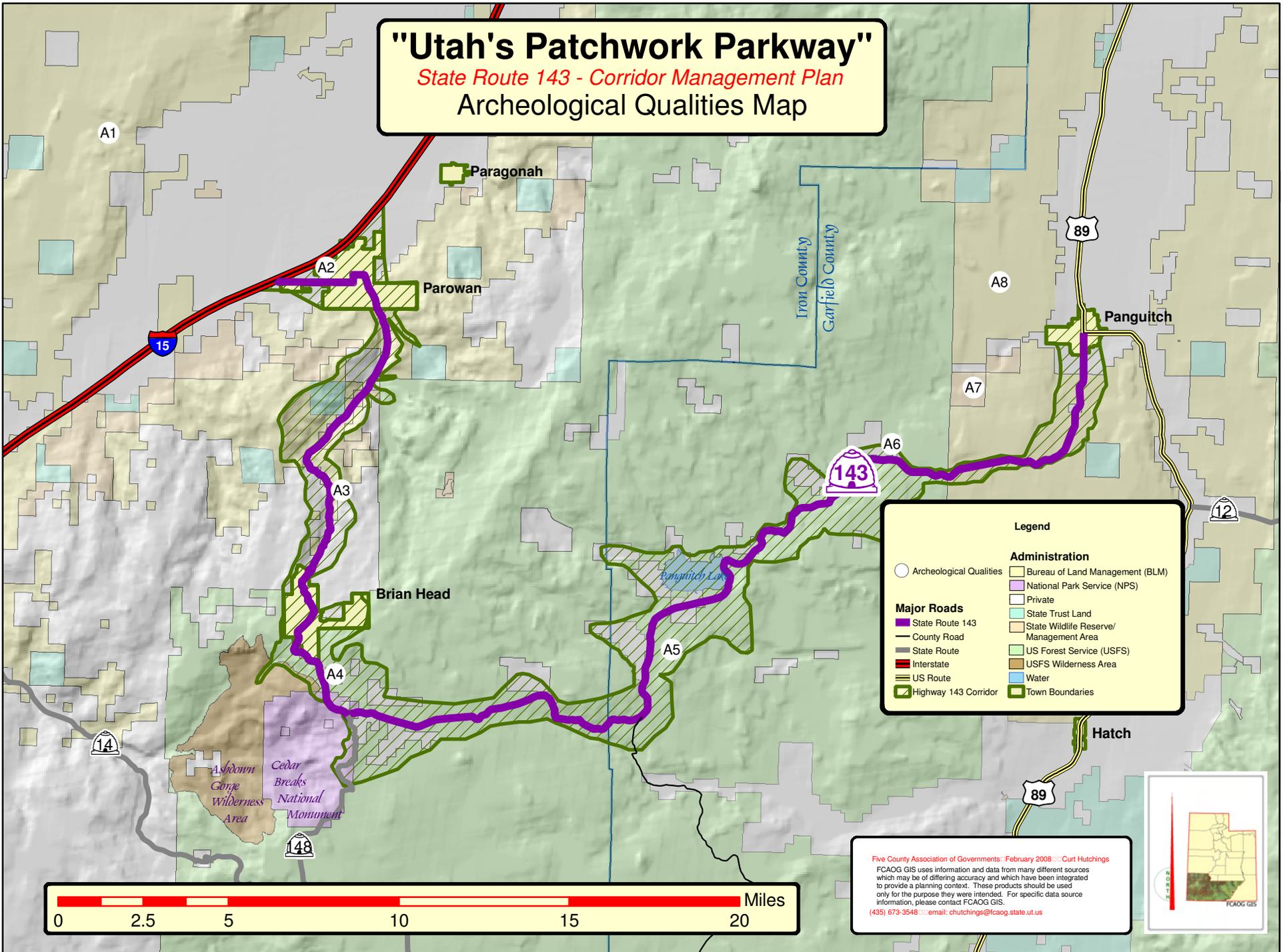
Proposed Actions for Archeological Resources

- Develop a strategic plan for archeological resources in the corridor for the protection of the promoted sites.
- Educate the public about the archeological sites as a unique resource that may be considered sacred.
- Involve the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah in the strategic planning process and interpretive efforts.
- Involve the Utah Division of Indian affairs in the strategic planning process and interpretive efforts.

- Involve the Utah Division of State History in the strategic planning process and interpretive efforts.

"Utah's Patchwork Parkway"

State Route 143 - Corridor Management Plan
Archeological Qualities Map



Legend

	Archeological Qualities		Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
	State Route 143		National Park Service (NPS)
	County Road		Private
	Interstate		State Trust Land
	US Route		State Wildlife Reserve/ Management Area
	Highway 143 Corridor		US Forest Service (USFS)
			USFS Wilderness Area
			Water
			Town Boundaries

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