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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in application for the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area term archaeologist position advertised on USAJOBS (job announcement number AZSHRO 15-176 DEU-TRM). I recently graduated with a PhD in anthropology from Washington State University, and am highly motivated to begin a career in the Department of Interior. My skills and experience in southwestern archaeology and in developing and managing large geospatial databases of landscape, climate, and archaeological data make me highly qualified to join the National Parks Service.

During the past seven years I have been an archaeological crew member and GIS administrator for the Village Ecodynamics Project (VEP), a pioneering effort to integrate the most complete archaeological record in the Ancestral Pueblo Southwest with soils, climate, and computer-simulated human settlement data, in order to better understand human responses to environmental change. Among many responsibilities, I led the development of the current VEP geodatabase that harmonizes data from several federal and state sources. I also coordinated the integration of new cultural resources datasets into our geodatabase, both by digitizing analog legacy maps using Adobe Illustrator, and by creating workflows for collecting new GPS data in Mesa Verde National Park (MVNP) using iPads. I was responsible for ensuring these new and digitized data were appropriately formatted and documented for delivery back to MVNP archaeologists and GIS staff. In my current position as a post-doctoral researcher at Washington State University I am continuing to use these skills as well as integrating traditional GIS with modern web mapping systems.

I cut my teeth as an archaeologist as a crew member on the 2009–2012 Mesa Verde Community Center Survey in MVNP, and received further archaeological training as a field intern in 2012 at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, CO.

Attached please find a copy of my résumé, curriculum vitae, and transcripts from the University of Notre Dame (BA) and Washington State University (MA and PhD). Please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 362-6659 or by email at bocinsky@wsu.edu. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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