**Archaeology Sentences**

**Colorado**

1. One of Colorado’s leading archaeologists, Jean Allard Jeançon, explored Chimney Rock in the summer of 1921.
2. Jeançon found that:
	1. “There are 109 buildings on the mesa top.”
	2. “[The largest] building is a compact mass consisting of two kivas and the remainder living rooms.”
	3. “It is probable when the excavation is completed there will not be less than 35 rooms and perhaps more…”
3. Jeançon and his colleagues brought back many artifacts from the site, which were added to the collection of the State Historical Society.
4. In the years since Jeançon’s work, southwest Colorado continued to be a hotspot of archaeological research in Colorado.
5. A team from the University of Colorado, led by Frank W. Eddy, again excavated at Chimney Rock in 1970-72.
6. Numerous other sites in southwestern Colorado have yielded clues about our state’s earliest inhabitants.
7. In 1977, Betty LeFree, also an archaeologist with the State Historical Society, studied the area around the Los Pinos River in Hinsdale County.
8. In *Cultural Values of the Los Pinos River,*she notes that the archaeological evidence found in that area mainly consisted of spear points.
	1. This led her to the conclusion that early peoples did not live in the area but traveled there to hunt.

Source: https://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/resource-sharing/state-pubs-blog/time-machine-tuesday-archaeology-of-southwestern-colorado/

**Archaeology Sentences, Continued:**

1. An archaeological dig in the Mountain West has unearthed several giant sites of Native American ruins.
2. The dig is happening in advance of planned highway construction over the area.
3. Before the Colorado Department of Transportation could re-route a narrow and dangerous stretch of Highway 550 near Durango, they had to consult with archaeologists.
4. “On a couple sites we’ve had some surprises,” Greubel said.
	1. “For example, one of the sites it turned out there’s three pit houses and one of the pit houses is one of the largest ones ever identified in the area.”
5. He said it seems to be a ceremonial structure from the time of the Ancestral Puebloans around 1200 years ago.
6. According to archaeologist Rand Greubel, one of the main reasons sites like this are found and excavated is due to infrastructure projects like this one.
7. Greubel said,
	1. “There’s transmission line projects, pipeline projects, highway and road realignments.”
	2. “Each one of those projects requires an archaeological survey and the same sort of steps we’ve taken on this project.”
8. Artifacts and research from the Durango digs will be housed at the Canyons of the Ancients Museum in Dolores.

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