



**Cultural Resource Management Services for US Custom and Border Protection
Land Port of Entry Modernization Projects at Five Facilities
Aroostook and Washington Counties, Maine**

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The U.S. CBP proposed to develop and expand a number of its Land Port of Entry (LPOE) facilities as part of a general nationwide modernization effort. The NE ARC was selected to provide Northeast cultural resource management expertise and undertook activities related to five facilities within the State of Maine including the Hamlin, Monticello, Easton, Bridgewater and Forest City LPOEs in both Washington and Aroostook Counties. Working as sub-consultants to Parsons, NE ARC over the course of 16 months during 2009 and 2010, successfully completed seven archaeological phase IB surveys and two archaeological phase II site evaluations as part of the section 106 regulatory process. In conjunction, NE ARC developed two archaeological phase II research designs and two phase III mitigation and treatment plans. NE ARC also provided support for related “above ground” architectural assessments. This work led to the identification and/or verification of six archaeological sites including two Native American and four historic Euroamerican. Hamlin, Monticello and Easton were cleared after survey and evaluation of two historic period sites. The Bridgewater and Forest City LPOEs were ultimately determined to contain potentially significant archaeological sites.

The Bridgewater LPOE is situated adjacent to a small river confluence and is highly sensitive for both Native American and historic Euroamerican cultural resources. Archaeological Phase I survey and historic background research resulted in the identification of both a Native American and an historic site within the project Area of Potential Effect (APE), each with multiple loci. Although Phase II testing suggested at the time that the Native American site was not significant with regard to the National Register of Historic Places, testing and archival research for the historic site yielded artifacts and data suggesting that the site represented a historically important 19th-century mill hamlet focused on Prestile Stream, a tributary of the larger Saint John River which separates the U.S. and Canada. Tested site loci within the Hamlet included a blacksmith shop, domestic dwelling, a store and other mill related activity areas.

The Forest City LPOE is located on Forest City Stream which forms the outlet of Grand Lake. Two sites were evaluated, including a rare Paleoindian site immediately adjacent to the stream, and the 19th century F. Shaw and Brothers Tannery site. The study concluded that the Tannery site, although National Register eligible would not be adversely affected by the project. The Paleoindian period Native American site was determined to be NRHP eligible and also to be within the APE of the project.

NE ARC developed mitigation and treatment plans for the Bridgewater Boundary Line Mill Hamlet site and the Forest City Paleoindian site, both of which have since been undertaken and completed by NE ARC on behalf of US CBP under a separate contract. NE ARC assisted U.S. Custom and Border Protection minimize adverse effect of their projects on identified historic properties through identification and evaluation. NE ARC successfully responded to very tight time schedules and shifting project plans while also dealing with sensitive information with regard to private landowners and local community members.

Dr. Ellen Cowie and Robert Bartone, M.A., served as co-Principal Investigators for the project and oversaw all aspects of the management, design and implementation of the project. Dr. Gemma Hudgell served as Project Director. Stephen Scharoun, M.A., served as Historian/Historical Archaeologist and Project Director.

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