

We Won't Stay Long: Anticipated Mobility at Rabbithole Springs, Nevada

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Date: Saturday, May 6, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: Sierra View Library Meeting Room, Reno Town Mall, 4001 S. Virginia, Reno

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Cost: FREE

Located near the Black Rock Desert, Rabbithole Springs, Nevada is a remote mining district originally named by emigrants on the Applegate Trail.

Families squatted at the Double O Mine in order to escape the effects of the Great Depression and were able to make a living placer mining for gold. The community was inhabited from 1935-1941 and the residents improvised by living in tents or dugouts built from scavenged materials. This project is a continuation of research conducted by the University of Nevada, Reno and focuses on the anticipated mobility of the community. The patterns of trash disposal, the residential features, and locations of work areas fit together to tell the story of how long the residents thought they would stay at Rabbithole.

Kristen Tiede will receive her MA in Historical Archaeology from UNR in May 2017; she has been the recipient of HRPS' endowment scholarship. She worked as a field director for her thesis work in the Rabbithole Mining District squatter community.