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**“Research and Preservation at Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument”**

This session will discuss the current research and preservation activities at *Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument*, a unit within the National Park Service located in central New Mexico. The park’s focus is on the preservation and interpretation of three distinct and separate Pueblo/Mission sites: *Abó*, *Quarai* and *Gran Quivira*. Research projects include a Historic Structures Report, Historic Resources Study and an Administrative History, as well as research associated with park preservation actions. Preservation projects include on-going stabilization of the park’s major archaeological ruins, and partial reburial (backfilling) of the Mound 7 Pueblo at Gran Quivira. New discoveries concerning the park’s history will be outlined, along with how these new findings may potentially impact the park’s current interpretation of the sites. The session will also entail innovative thinking behind the park’s science-based preservation program, and how physical research melds with archival research to yield new and exciting information about the park’s cultural and natural resources.