Archaic Peoples Among the Rocky Mountains [MAS]

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Archaic peoples among the Rocky Mountains can be examined by looking for those things that they made and did. This report focuses on some aspects of a project aimed at documenting past human existence. We'll probably never know with certainty whether certain meanings or interpretations are true, but one can develop a model and test how reasonable an interpretation might have been. The Archaic Period dates to 6000-1000 B.C. One can present a model for the life-style of Archaic peoples during this time span based on the analysis of cultural features, burial sites, faunal and floral remains, tools, and other forms of data available in the archaeological record. It is also possible to suggest a local, regional, and areal environmental reconstruction based upon ecological data recovered. By showing the possible technological derivations of traditions that develop, a hypothesis for cultural transition during the North American Archaic Period can be made. This report establishes a general foundation for human occupation over thousands of years and characterizes the conditions for life in the Archaic Period.