

## **FSRA'S HISTORY: ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN OUR FIRST 12 YEARS – 1990-2001**

1991 – First official meetings of Friends of Sierra Rock Art

1991/1992 – First trainings for monitoring Tahoe National Forest sites; began annual site monitoring program

May 1992 – Beginning of ongoing public education for California Archaeology Month; each May: four weekly public presentations and a series of art exhibits in public places

1992 – First project recording a rock art site

During 1990s – Helped Bishop, CA BLM archaeologist with site recording, site surveys, site monitoring

During 1990s – Site advocacy work: urged members to send letters to advocate for endangered sites; FSRA sent letters to government agencies in support of site protection

Early/Mid 1990s – Began involvement in annual Passport in Time Projects that made contributions related to archaeology work for the Forest Service (recording sites, doing surveys for new sites, etc.)

1993 – Awarded certificate from the Society for California Archaeology for our 1992 contributions to archaeology

Fall 1994 – Took Trust for Public Lands and TNF officials to Wabena site in hopes they would purchase it from private owner and donate it to TNF (this visit contributed to the site's coming under the TNF's ownership in 1997)

1994-1995 – Efforts to protect El Dorado County site threatened by private development; numerous meetings with Native Americans, land owner, county officials; drafted site monitoring proposal

May 1995 – Four public presentations and thirteen art exhibits in three counties for CA Archaeology Month

1995 – Worked on Nevada County ordinance for county's general plan to protect cultural resources

May 1996 – Awarded the Society for California Archaeology's Helen C. Smith Award for significant contributions to California archaeology in 1995. We were the first non-professional organization to be given the award. Forty organizations competed for it

1997 – Undertook a major project recording sites on the Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada

1997-2000 – Four annual Passport in Time summer projects in the Middle Fork American River area for the TNF Foresthill District Archaeologist; we inventoried 1,090 acres, monitored or re-monitored over 50 petroglyph sites, discovered 18 new petroglyph sites, and contributed over 1,200 hours of volunteer labor

1998 – At the initiation of TNF, FSRA began the process of creating educational signage at the Donner Pass site, which would include information on site behavior; done in collaboration with the TNF, the Washoe Tribe, and the Sierra Nevada Alliance; in 2006 FSRA was awarded a certificate from the TNF for its part in creating the sign

1999 – Work project at Donner Pass site

Early 2000-early 2001 – Many hours of work advocating for PG&E lands with rock art sites that were at risk of being sold at public auction; our intention was to steer these lands to the TNF; we worked with a branch of the Nisenan tribe and various organizations to protect these endangered cultural resources

Annual trainings for Bridgeport State Park docents; slide shows for regional schools; and other activities.