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Barker Ranch Update

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The Inyo County Sheriff's Department concluded excavation at the first dig site at Barker Ranch. According to Lieutenant Jim Jones, "One bullet casing was found in the first site but forensic testing indicates that there were no human remains in or around that site."

Excavation of the second site of interest commenced and was turned over to the National Park Service when remnants of what appears to be ash, and small animal bones were discovered. The National Park Service determined that this particular site would be handled as an archeological dig.

Forensic investigations are expected to be ongoing through Thursday May 22, with law enforcement personnel staying on site. Access to Barker Ranch is limited to a two-hour window of time per day for the preselected media pool. The Sheriff's Department will not consider requests to extend this pool.

Information updates will be posted daily at www.inyocounty.us.

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