

Weekly Report for Aug. 29 – Sept. 2, 2016

It was another successful week. We are still in the same location, Salmon river, Chipman, NB. Daily smudge was conducted by Drew Perley when Ramona Nicholas was not in the field.

Approximately 63 test pits were completed and recorded. More transect lines were set in place and everyone on the crew has had a chance to participate and learn the different ways this can be done.

On Tuesday there was a positive test pit, a piece of clear flat glass was recovered.

On Wednesday, two lithic pieces (photos attached) were recovered on the east side of Salmon River. The first piece is a flake of Washademoak multi-coloured chert and was recovered from test pit 25N, 180E, at a depth of approx. 10cm. This piece has both a dorsal and ventral, with one broken edge and appears to have been worked along at least one margin. However this piece lacks any evidence of a bulb of percussion or striking platform. The second piece is a small cobble of Washademoak multi-coloured chert and was recovered from test pit 20N, at a depth of approx. 20cm. The cobble has one broken edge that shows some evidence of being worked. No other potential artifacts or similar material has been recovered from either of those test pits, or any of the adjacent test pits at this time. This increased the diligence do the crew.

On Friday a draft MARI form was completed and will be submitted to Archaeological Services within 5 business days as outlined in the Guidelines.

Presentation on Friday was about Archaeological Impact Assessments followed by a great discussion. The feedback from the crew is very encouraging, they are once again exceeding expectations.