

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



FIELD TRIP REPORT

Date: **October 26, 2013**

Destination: **Trail Canyon**

Leader: **Bud Poe**

Number of Participants: **12**

On October 26, a beautiful fall day, Bud Poe led 12 SJBAS members through Trail Canyon, private land adjacent to the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Highlights of the trip included visiting a large Anasazi reservoir; a rock art site used as a female fertility site from 500- 1300 AD; a P I site; and several historic sites (Murder Ridge site and the Baxstrom Homestead on the CO Historical Register), together with evidence of early cattle ranching activities. The "gang" enjoyed the scenery as they toured the canyon, especially a dramatic waterfall, the only significant one in Montezuma County. Finally, sharp-eyed folks spotted some previously unidentified rock art during the hike to the base of the waterfall.

SJBAS was fortunate to be able to visit this beautiful and exciting area with one of the two authors of *Trail Canyon: 6 Miles Long, 10,000 Years Deep*.

- Prepared by Bud Poe

Participants: Bud Poe, Joel Arnold, Carolyn White, Richard White, Jill and Bill Tripp, Terri and Tom Hoff, Rick and Rae Moeller, Janice Sheftel, Diane Skinner