

'U F O HILL'---Mystery Solved



EXTRATERRESTRIAL? BEINGS FROM BEYOND?

For decades, I was convinced I'd found an alien landing site. Almost 20 years ago, I wrote this:

'Alien visitations? The proof is here, on an isolate ridge in the northern part of Grand County. We call it UFO Hill.

In a 300 foot circle, near the summit of a rocky ridge, every juniper tree stands dead---singed, as if by some intense heat or radiation, but NOT by fire. What occurred here? One can only imagine...

'It was a clear night, full of stars. The Anasazi hunting party could not have had a more successful day. Weary but pleased with their good fortune, they set up camp along the ridgeline.

But it was the night the sun came out. The brilliant orb appeared out of nowhere, blinded some of them and terrified them all. The Light hovered for more than an hour and one of their party vanished before their very eyes. When the Light finally disappeared into the sky, the men, desperate with fear and in agonizing pain, made their way to the great river and the cool relief it provided them.

'But the Light became their new god. And to pay homage to their god, the hunters carried hundreds of river stones to the ridge. They built a monument here...to the Light.

'Today the dead trees recall the night. And the pile of river stones, still there after all these centuries, marks the place where the Light appeared.'

NOPE...JUST HOLLYWOOD



AND THEN...

YouTube spoiled my fantasy. Searching for old films shot in the Moab area, I recently stumbled upon a video of the movie "Rio Conchos" opening credits. There it was...my dead forest. And in another scene no longer on YouTube, the footage of Native Americans burying their chief under a large pile of...you guessed it, RIVER STONES.

Another alleged alien encounter bites the dust.

Here's the YouTube link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJq3QRQInn0>



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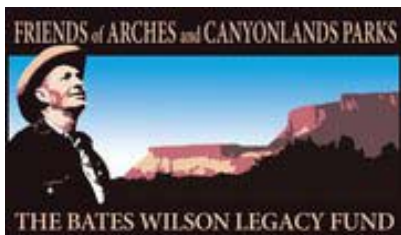
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