

Echoes of the Ancients

Rock Art of The Dalles-Deschutes Region

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Between April 1998 and March 2003 the United States Forest Service and the Oregon Archaeological Society sponsored a rock art research project in The Dalles-Deschutes area of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Although the rock art is some of the best known and earliest studied in the Columbia Plateau—largely due to the extensive concentration of fantastic painted and carved images—only one site in the area had been completely recorded and fully reported prior to this project.

Twenty eight sites were recorded during the course of the project. Sites ranged from single, isolated motifs to large concentrations totaling more than 400 individual images. Seventeen of the sites had been previously located and project surveys located eleven previously unreported sites. Spectacular images include the spirit figure shown on the front cover of the book and a large polychrome rayed concentric circle shown on the inside back cover. The book includes a motif classification chart that illustrates more than 20 major categories. The report also discusses the newly defined Columbia Plateau Scratched Style consisting of scratched motifs, modified cracks, and modified edges. This book is extremely useful for people wanting to see and understand the images in the Columbia Plateau.

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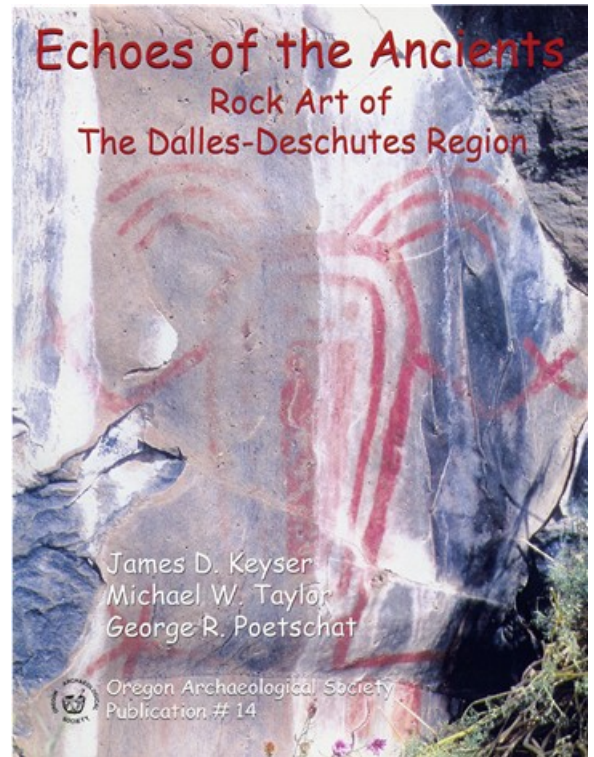
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