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Re: Your book: Native American Indian Sites in the East Bay Hills

Dear Mr. Benney:

My name is Jack Sprague and I am the chairperson of the Conservation and Preservation Committee for the American Rock Art Research Association. The reason that I am writing to you is that it has been brought to my attention that your new book, Native American Sites in the East Bay Hills, contains both directions and GPS coordinates to sensitive, and irreplaceable, archaeological sites.

The ARARA Conservation and Preservation Committee holds firm in our belief that conservation of these precious, and fragile, Native American sites is our goal. As I am certain you are aware, with easy access to these incredible sites, there will be some people who visit that will not understand the sensitivity of these treasures, and will vandalize them, either for profit or "fun".

The ARARA Conservation and Preservation Committee would like to ask you to PLEASE withdraw your publication, Native American Sites in the East Bay Hills from circulation, and to PLEASE remove all site location information, including directions and GPS coordinates, from your website. We are aware that to do so may constitute a financial hardship to you, but we ask you to consider doing so under the umbrella of a "contribution". This "contribution" to the possible scientific exploration of the past Native peoples of the East Bay, is a priceless gift to future generations to come.

I would like to thank you for your attention to this letter, and ask that if you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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