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Sniffing Out Clues to Bodie's Lost Graves

by Adela Morris & Lynne Engelbert



Rhea, part of the canine forensics team that surveyed Bodie's cemeteries in 2011 alerts at a grave site. The two colored flags mark the specific alert locations.

Little did anyone know when John Grebenkemper and his dog Tali visited Bodie in September 2007 that the seed of a strange partnership was about to be planted. John introduced himself to Terri Geisinger and explained to her that Tali was being trained to detect historical human remains with the Institute for Canine Forensics (ICF).

He asked for permission to work Tali in some of the cemeteries at Bodie. Terri's interest was piqued. Together they searched several of the main cemeteries. Terri was quite impressed when Tali identified burials located under the current paths that pass through the cemeteries. Terri introduced John to Brad Sturdivant (then Park Superintendent) and they started thinking of the possible uses for our dogs. The seeds to the partnership between ICF and the Bodie Foundation had

just been sowed. In October 2008, John and Adela Morris (ICF Director) were invited to attend a Cemetery Preservation Workshop at Bodie, sponsored by California State Parks and the University of Oregon. They gave a presentation and demonstrated what the ICF dogs are trained to do. During the four-day workshop, Adela and her dog Rhea worked many of the same sites that John and Tali had worked. Rhea confirmed many of Tali's alerts and added other

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Keeping Decay Under Arrest for 50 Years

Fifty years ago, the State of California concluded negotiations with the J. S. Cain family and other landholders to acquire properties that make up the ghost town of Bodie. The state conducted an extensive "inventory" of the condition of each structure and developed a strategic plan for continued management of the town. The plan they put together is still in use today.

It is a plan that allows the visitor to step back in time. As you look around, most of the buildings standing today are as they were in 1962. The structures are maintained under a state of "arrested decay", which means keeping what is standing, standing. This strategy presents a significant, ongoing challenge. It's a battle fought against worthy opponents – snow, wind, marauding cows and available budget to fund needed work. These battles are really a testament to the need for continued *Please see DECAY, page 6*



Approximately 200 structures in Bodie are maintained in a state of "arrested decay". Severe weather and shrinking resources from the state budget make this a difficult task. The Bodie Foundation is funding the labor costs for six projects, including a new roof for the Donnelly House (above, left), which is used as an employee residence.

Grover's Great Recovery

By Linda Frost

Grover Hot Springs State Park is a magical spot that appears unchanged from the time Native Americans were the only visitors. This beautiful valley with its wild, sylvan landscape has a mysterious and untouched feel. Strangely, history shows this is not the case. Grover is an example of nature's power to heal the land if it is protected and cherished.

Visitors following the trail of John C. Fremont, the first white man to visit this spot in 1843, were overcome by the natural beauty of the area. In 1863, a visitor reported to a Sacramento newspaper, "About three miles from Markleeville is a most beautiful valley called



Markleeville circa 1880 after clear cutting. Wood products from this valley were used in mining towns like Virginia City and Aurora during the 1860's and 1870's.

Hot Springs Valley. The water at the spring is nearly 200 degrees. This would make a most delightful place for a hydropathic establishment. Its surroundings are really beautiful, situated in a charming valley, quite sheltered from the prevailing winds by lofty mountains covered to their very summits with splendid trees; sugar pine, balsam, fir, juniper and majestic cedars eight feet in diameter".

Unfortunately, most of these "Monarchs of the Forest", as they were once described, were slated for a terrible fate. By 1873, woodchoppers had already decimated the forests around Markleeville. They moved into Hot Springs Valley and began to clear-cut the hillsides and floated the wood

down the Carson River for use in the mines of Nevada. Within a short time, all of Markleeville and the surrounding areas was cleared of trees.

Only a small stand of cedars and pines directly surrounding the spring itself was spared. A return visitor stated, "We went there again to enjoy the beautiful solitude, but found instead that the irrepressible woodchopper had already denuded the valley and begun stripping the mountain...the attractiveness is all gone. Five wood camps within a radius of a mile will soon accomplish their purpose, and render useless land that might be used for a better purpose without such a cruel sacrifice".

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A cabin sits on the site of Alvin Grover's Hot Springs Hotel, which burned down in 1919. The structure was later used as a summer cabin for a ranch family and is now used as occasional living quarters for park personnel.

Bodie Foundation News Briefs

Board Changes

Dan Galles, Board member and treasurer of the Bodie Foundation the past two years, has voluntarily resigned to focus on career obligations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan for his service and talents. We appreciate all you have done for the Bodie Foundation.

During the recent Board governance meeting of the Bodie Foundation Trustees, several changes have occurred. Board member Mark Pupich has assumed the role of Treasurer, replacing Dan Galles. Board member Nancy Frye is the new Vice President; this role has never been previously filled.

Benny Romero has been elected to the Board to fill the vacated seat. Will Richmond, former Alpine County District Attorney, will serve in a volunteer advisory position for the Foundation. We congratulate all on their new responsibilities and welcome Benny to the Board.

Bird Chautauqua

The Mono Lake Bird Chautauqua is being held June 15-17 in Lee Vining. This is *not* your average bird festival. There are lots of field trips, speakers, presentations, live music and more. Plan ahead for this great event.

Website Upgrade

Our website is being overhauled and enhanced. Watch soon for the "new and improved" Bodie Foundation website at www.BodieFoundation.org.

Photo Workshops

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Foundation Helps Mono Tufa Triumph Over Budget Crisis



The Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve marks its 30th anniversary this year. The beauty and unique ecological and geological resources of Mono Lake inspired the California legislature to create the State Natural Reserve. By 2011, Mono Lake faced potential closure because of California's budget deficiencies. The Bodie Foundation signed a concession contract late last fall to collect day-use

fees at the Old Marina visitor site along the west shore of the lake. The agreement will help generate funds that will be applied towards operating expenses associated with keeping the Reserve open. The Foundation is the recipient of the 2012 Andrea Mead Lawrence Award from the Mono Lake Committee for its efforts.

(Please see Foundation Gets 2012 Lawrence Award on page 7)

by Dave Marquart

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve. No one could have predicted in 1982 that the reserve would come within an alkali fly's breath of being closed to the public in 2012.

California's legislature adopted a budget on March 17, 2011, that called for \$11 million in budget cuts to state parks. A few days later the State Assembly passed AB 95 that required State Parks to achieve this budget reduction by closing, partially closing, or reducing services at selected units of the state park system. In May 2011, a list of 70 parks slated to be closed was issued and the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve was one of them.

The beauty and unique ecological and geological resources of Mono Lake inspired the California legislature to create the State Natural Reserve in 1981. The bill that created the Reserve also directed State Parks to provide for public accessibility and interpretation of Mono Lake's unique geologic and scientific natural resources.

In 1984, the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area was created and included all federal owned recessional lands (land exposed as the lake dropped over the years) as well as much of the Mono Basin in general. The state and federal agencies entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in 1986 and joint management of all recessional lands was born.

Over the years, Mono Lake became internationally famous for its stunning calcium-carbonate tufa towers and immense populations of migratory and nesting birds. In a 2005 document released by State Parks, the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve was identified as one of only 29 parks in California with specifically recognized outstanding natural resources.

How could a park so renowned and revered be on the closure list? How would it work logistically for State Parks to close 4,000 acres of Reserve lands plus its surface waters and lake bed, also owned by the state? Two of State Parks' most prized handicapped accessible boardwalks and trails had been

developed at two visitor sites along the shoreline. They are surrounded by pristine wetlands, which are some of the most productive in the state. Who would maintain the boardwalks? The state was also entrusted with the responsibility of protecting tufa wherever it was found around the shoreline whether on state or federal land.

Who would protect the ospreys nesting on offshore tufa? What would happen to the interpretive program at the lake and who would coordinate the school field trips for hundreds of kids a year, both being state responsibilities?

Would all the gains in removing exotic species over the years be for nothing? These were only a few of the questions being asked by supporters of the Reserve.

The closure of state parks in California is unprecedented as there are no established procedures to follow. This leaves many difficult questions with no easy answers.

The Mono Lake Committee is the
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Elwood Brown 1920 - 2012



We are sad to announce the passing of Elwood Brown of Palo Alto, California. Elwood was 92 when he passed in January.

He grew up in various mining towns, including six years in Bodie. He served in the Navy during WW II and was an aerospace quality control engineer when he retired in 1981. He is survived by his wife Barbara; son William; daughters Kathleen Gallagher and Priscilla Stoddard and grandchildren; Kelley, Lindsey, Hannah and Clayton; great granddaughter Oceana; and by his brother John.

After retirement Elwood traveled extensively with his wife, Barbara. He was also an active outdoorsman, hospital volunteer and founder of the Bay Area Chapter of the American Liver Association and active in his church.

He is interred at St. Patrick's cemetery in Sonora, Calif.

Sadly, there are only about a dozen people left who actually lived in Bodie. Elwood's presence at the annual FOB day will be missed.



also became a National Historic Landmark. We hope to have Paul say a few words at Friends of Bodie Day August 11, along with Ruth Coleman, Director of California State Parks and State Senator Ted Gaines.

2011 where did you go?

I also wanted to mention a few of the accomplishments for the Bodie Foundation in 2011:

October 2010: we began with our 2011 budget process by evaluating park unit proposals during our annual budget meeting. Budgets were approved by early December.

January: held our annual Strategic Planning meeting with State Parks at Bodie, where there was plenty of snow. We commuted via sno-cat for the meeting.

April: opened a visitor center at Grover Hot Springs State Park.

May: 2012 calendar produced and available for sale.

June: held our first ever Bodie Benefit Concert (all proceeds benefited the the Bodie Stabilization Project).

July: Independence Day booth and participation in the parade in Bridgeport, CA.

August: Friends of Bodie day; also worked on a new membership program.

Summer 2011: our most challenging effort – California State Parks received a substantial cut to their annual budget. Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve was placed on a list of State Parks to be closed by summer of 2012. In the following months, the Bodie Foundation worked with State Parks to keep the Reserve open and operating (see Dave Marquart's article on page 3). The result was a Concession Agreement with State Parks to

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President's Column

Bodie Foundation: Looking Forward, Looking Back

by Brad Sturdivant

This coming summer will mark an anniversary of sorts for me. Right around Friends of Bodie Day, it will be an anniversary of my introduction to Bodie State Historic Park. I recall uttering those infamous words "this would be a great place to work." Little did I know that I would spend most of the next 40 years doing just that.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Friends of Bodie Day. We originally called it "The Ghosts of Bodie." Later, the celebration became "Friends of Bodie/Ghosts of Bodie (or FOBGOB). What were

we thinking? We had a good chuckle about that one. I also recall a float several years back in the Fourth of July parade in Bridgeport called the "Ghosts of the Lent Shaft".

This year will also be the 30th anniversary of Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve. I have highlighted Natural because shortly before I retired from State Parks in 2008, we were trying to have the name of the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve shortened. It came back even longer, with the word 'Natural' added...naturally.

The summer of 2012 will feature a season long celebration to commemorate Bodie State

Historic Park's 50th anniversary. We are not certain of the exact date in 1962 when this occurred, but we do know that Paul Lunardi, former member of the State Assembly and State Senate, played an interesting role in its creation. Paul was fortunate enough to carry the legislation through both the State Assembly and, after being elected to the State Senate, through the Senate as well. The result was Bodie becoming a State Park in 1962. The official name changed to Bodie State Historic Park in September 1963. The formal dedication was held in September 1964 when the park

Mono Lake Survives Closure Attempt



Visitors read interpretive displays at Mono Lake's Old Marina visitor site (left). View from Old Marina parking area looking north along the Mono Lake shoreline to Pahoa Island and the Bodie Hills in the distance (right). Day-use fees collected will be used to support the Reserve's operating expenses. Sadly, studies show that only 30% of visitors will pay the fee when entrusted to use the honor system of fee collection.

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local non-profit that is credited with winning the water rights issue against the City of Los Angeles that resulted in reversing years of water diversions. They began a campaign to pressure the State to drop its plan to shut the Reserve down.

Thousands of letters were written to State Parks from supporters of Mono Lake and the State Natural Reserve. "The idea that you just pass the buck

and somebody else will pick up the ball doesn't work," said Geoff McQuilkin, Mono Lake Committee's executive director. "You can say it is closed, but the state is still going to own it and they are still going to be responsible for it."

Enter the Bodie Foundation, the organization that had already been funding the interpretive specialist position at Mono Lake. The Foundation signed a concession contract late last fall to collect day-use fees at



Mono Lake boardwalks allow wheelchair access to the shoreline.

the Old Marina visitor site along the west shore of the lake.

The agreement will help generate funds that will be applied towards operating expenses associated with keeping the Reserve open. "Our Foundation membership felt strongly that we could not stand by and not help State Parks in their time of need," said Brad Sturdivant, president of the Bodie Foundation. "We are very pleased to be working to keep this amazing natural wonder open for public enjoyment."

One-hundred percent of monies generated from the parking fees will stay at Mono Lake. "We commend our park

partners for their caring and support for this and other parks in the Eastern Sierra," said Matt Green, who was the acting district superintendent for the Sierra District of California State Parks during this process.

The next time you pass by Mono Lake on your way to Bodie, know that at least for the near future, the Bodie Foundation will be fulfilling its mission to keep the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve funded and protected for the 250,000 visitors who stop at Mono Lake each year.



A California gull makes an evening meal of alkali flies at Mono Lake's shoreline.

Foundation Funding Helps Keep Decay Under Arrest

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funding.

The Bodie Foundation, in keeping with one of its primary charters, had an opportunity to help with several tasks. The Foundation has funded all the labor to accomplish an ambitious list of six tasks. State Parks has committed resources (materials), along with additional manpower throughout the summer. These tasks are:

(1) A new ceiling for the Gregory house (#52 on the self-guided tour brochure)

(2) Interior stabilization for the Kirkwood house (#18)

(3) Stabilization and partial roof restoration of the swayback Bell garage (part of #11)

(4-5) Roof repairs of the Moyle house (#65) and Donnelly house(#8)

(6) Roof repair of the train depot office building (roofline visible on the ridgeline near water tower).

These tasks are a perfect example of the types of projects that must be done on a continuing basis to keep these old buildings standing, one which the Bodie Foundation is very pleased to fund. The money generated by foundation memberships, items sold from the museum, our online store and last but not least, donations, make these projects possible.

Without our members and their continued support, none of this would be possible. The Bodie Foundation is doing our best to be responsible stewards of the monies and trust that you place in us. In profiling some of this work, our intent is to share a sense of real accomplishment with our membership.

Watch for a follow-up article showing results of these tasks in our fall newsletter.

When you're in Bodie this summer, look for our banners on buildings that are undergoing this important task – these are your funds at work to arrest that dreaded decay.



The rusted roof of the train depot office building (near water tower) is one of six arrested decay projects being funded by the Bodie Foundation. Bodie's original structures are under constant attack from the area's harsh climate. The goal is to keep the structures as they were when Bodie became a State Park in 1962.



The Kirkwood house (above and below) will benefit from roof repairs, siding re-attachment, and interior stabilization and repairs. Foundation members can take pride in the restoration work that will benefit all of Bodie's visitors.



The Moyle house (used as an employee residence) will have its roof repaired and the swayback Bell garage (top) will receive stabilization work and partial roof repair this year.



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help keep the Reserve open to the public.

November: began process of replacing Business Manager position; completed in March 2012 – more on this below.

This brings us back full circle to where we have already discussed and approved budgets for the 2012 season. Believe me, I wish it were as simple to get all these things accomplished as it is to write them down.

On a personal note

We said “goodbye” to Terri Geissing, our Business Manager, in April. Terri has worked at Bodie since 2001. She leaves behind many friends and memories and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. We will save a parking space for BODIE 01 (her personalized license plate on her truck) when she returns for visits.

We found someone we are sure is up to the task. Her name is Danielle (Dani) Williams.



Terri Bids Adios to Bodie



Terri Geissing has been a recognizable face at Bodie since 2001 (and Business Manager since 2009). She leaves Bodie this spring to move to Montana. Her smiling face, multiple talents and wealth of historical knowledge will be missed, not to mention her acting skills.



Dani began work on March 28 and received the benefit of Terri's experience until Terri left at the end of April. Needless to say, Dani will have a steep learning

curve. We are pleased to welcome Dani as the newest member of the Bodie Foundation team.

Thank you

A few words in closing;

A heartfelt thanks to all of our membership for your loyalty and support to the Bodie Foundation mission. This support, both

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Foundation Gets 2012 Lawrence Award



Dave Marquart, Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve Interpretive Specialist (left) and Brad Sturdivant, Bodie Foundation President (center) pose with the Andrea Meade Lawrence award. Geoffrey McQuilkin, Mono Lake Committee Executive Director looks on from right.

by Brad Sturdivant

In April, the Bodie Foundation was given a great honor. The Andrea Mead Lawrence award, given annually by the Mono Lake Committee, recognizes individuals or

groups for outstanding service in their passionate engagement in community and the land. The Foundation was recognized for its dedication in supporting State Parks and its commitment in helping overcome California's budget woes with creative solutions to keep Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve open and operating.

The award is named for the late Andrea Mead Lawrence, Olympic dual gold medalist in downhill skiing, mother of five, visionary environmental leader, 16-year Mono County Supervisor, and advocate for Mono Lake's protection. The award was established in 2007, just two

years before Lawrence passed away.

It was a great honor for me to accept this prestigious award April 27 in Mammoth Lakes on behalf of the Bodie Foundation. It was also very meaningful to me since I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Andrea since the late 1980's.

I mentioned above that I was honored, but it goes a bit deeper than that. Yes, it was a great honor, but mostly I was stunned and humbled by the how the Bodie Foundation was received and viewed in the community.

A special thank you to the Mono Lake Committee, and to those of you who have supported the Bodie Foundation in the few short years we have been in business of helping to keep our State Parks open and operating.

Bodie Fun Fact Quiz

Who was Andrew Hallidie and what was his connection to Bodie?



Andrew Hallidie

A) He was a prominent lawyer in town who never lost a case. He eventually became a politician.

B) He was a drunk who murdered a rival in a jealous rage and was the first person hung by the Bodie 601 vigilante group.

C) He was a wire rope manufacturer and installed an aerial tram in Bodie.

D) A & B.

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Grover's Historic Recovery

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Markleeville and the Hot Springs Valley were their least attractive when Alvin Merrill Grover purchased an interest in 1874. Grover saw the possibilities for recreation in the valley, and he worked at improving the facilities at Grover Hot Springs. Its potential as a resort were spoken of in the Alpine Chronicle of January 16, 1874. "There is not in Alpine a more picturesque valley than this, and we doubt not that it will be a favorite resort in the coming seasons."

Grover eventually sold the land to the State of California. Under the care of the state, the trees slowly returned to their former majesty. Today, relaxing in the topaz colored water surrounded by immense and mysterious incense cedars with the wind roaring through their tops, it is hard to imagine a place that feels more sacred and more precious. It is inconceivable that anyone could want to destroy the serenity of this spot for any amount of money.

Today the forests surrounding the town and

the valley continue to inspire visitors, and with your help, will continue to do so in the future. Please come out to join us and commune with the wonder of the hot springs and all the lovely trees!

Annual FOB Day is August 11



Save the date! Our annual Friends of Bodie Day is Saturday, August 11, 2012. Plan on joining us for a fun filled day followed by our members' dinner served by Albert's Meat Market and our traditional evening program featuring lots of interpretation in and around several buildings.

Look for a mailer and email blast in July with full details.

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the Foundation will be offering additional photo workshops this summer along with our monthly Photographers Day. They will allow access to buildings and some night photography. All proceeds will go to benefit the Bodie Stabilization Project. See www.BodieFoundation.org for details.

4th of July in Bridgeport

The Bodie Foundation will once again have a prominently located booth in Bridgeport for the 4th of July celebration. If you're in the area, consider stopping by to enjoy a real "small town U.S.A." feeling for celebrating our nation's birthday. Please stop by and see the fun merchandise we'll have or to just say "hello".

President's Column

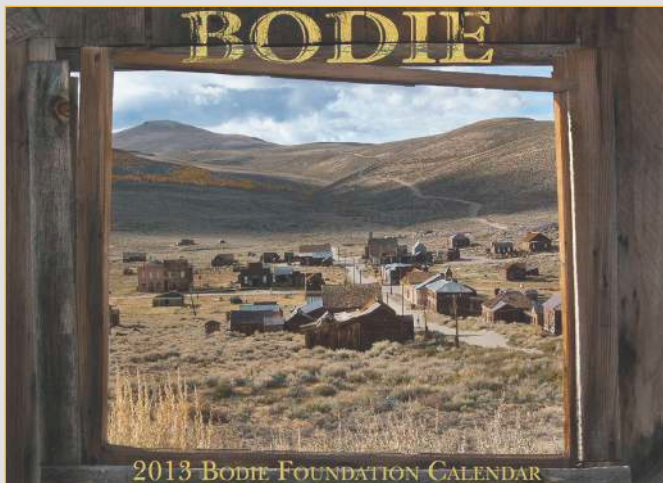
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financial and volunteer, is truly appreciated. It is our goal to continue to keep your trust in all our endeavors.

Also, a "thank you" to our friends who work for California State Parks. We were glad that we were able to assist in playing a part to keep all three state park units open, operating and viable.

I would also like to thank the Foundation's Board of Trustees. All members, past and present, have stepped up in the past four years to bring this organization to life with significant commitments of personal time and talents – not to mention the expenses they incurred; they are a great group of people and are highly dedicated and motivated. I also thank their families (and mine) for their understanding and support they continue to show.

2013 Calendar Under Construction



More than 240 entries were submitted for the Foundation's 2013 calendar contest. The deadline was extended until April 30th, so calendar availability will be in early June.

The winning submissions will be posted online at www.BodieFoundation.org.

Help support the Bodie Foundation by purchasing a calendar when you visit Bodie this summer or through our online store.

Canine Forensic Team Searches Cemetery

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locations.

Two areas in particular were the focus of these searches. Old records indicated that the first burials in Bodie were behind the hospital (in Bodie Bowl). It is believed that some of those burials were later moved to the main cemetery (above town). While the exact location of the hospital is unknown, Brad Sturdivant took the team to the presumed location where Rhea identified five possible burials. Eros, another ICF dog, confirmed those locations and added two more. The burials appeared to be in rows.

They moved on to the possible location of the Chinese cemetery. Chinese tradition had it that the spirits of the deceased could only be at rest if laid in their native soil. This meant that the remains of Chinese citizens needed to be returned to China. Usually only those of the wealthier males made that final journey, normally some time after their burial in Bodie. The initial burials were considered temporary, so it is suspected that only wooden markers were used. Once the families were no longer there to care for the burials, the cemetery fell into disrepair and the markers eventually



ICF teams surveyed several of Bodie's cemeteries in June, 2011. From left: Adela Morris, Terri Geissinger (Bodie Foundation), John Grebenkemper, Kris Black, Benjamin Peek and Chris Dillier. Canine team members (l-r): Rhea, Osara, Kayle and Jess.

disintegrated. Documentation was almost non-existent and the location of the cemetery was lost. Tali had begun the process of identifying the location of this cemetery. Rhea and Eros were able to confirm the probable location.

In June 2011, ICF brought in several of their teams to start working the three main cemeteries (Ward's, Masonic and Miner's Union), looking for unmarked burials. They were also checking grave markers that might have been moved to ensure

they were on burial sites. It took three days to complete the work in all areas. The locations of the burials were documented using a GPS.

In the fall of 2011, a production company approached ICF looking to do a short segment for "Dog-Friend. Hero.", an Animal Planet documentary on working dogs that make a difference in people's lives. The ICF Board of Directors decided that Bodie would be the ideal location for this segment. Arrangements were made and three teams began the long day of filming a very successful segment that can be viewed at: animal.discovery.com/videos/dogfriendhero-dogs-find-100s-of-bodies-in-ghost-town.html

Plans for continuing searches at Bodie are ongoing, with more work in the Chinese cemetery and other sites scheduled for June, 2012.

For more information you can access the Institute for Canine Forensics website at: <http://www.k9forensic.org>

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Answer:

C – In 1873, Andrew Hallidie was instrumental in building the continuous loop underground cable system that still operates the cable cars in San Francisco.

A few years later, he found himself in Bodie with the task of building his "Endless Wire Ropeway" (a continuous loop system) with ore buckets attached to this line. The wire ropeway ran 2500 feet uphill to the mine opening and could transport 3 tons of ore at a time to the mill for gold extraction. This line was suspended approximately 20 feet above the ground, allowing



This trestle connected with the Hallidie tramway behind the Standard Mill.

it to function during the winter months when there were usually several feet of snow on the ground. It could move 3 tons of ore at a time.

An allowance for sagging due to the weight of the full buckets also had to be made. Several feet of cable would have to frequently be removed from this line due to the stretching from the constant weight.

The tram operated for several years before it became cheaper to remove the ore through a tunnel.



Adela Morris is interviewed on Green Street in Bodie during the filming of Animal Planet's documentary, "Dog. Friend. Hero."



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