

Enumeration of Units

1.1.2 System of Sectors, Units, and Squares

Using a datum, broad sectors of the site will be established within which units and finally excavation loci, will be mapped and utilized to record precise locations and orientations of salient archaeological features. Forms for recording plan and profiles of completed squares or features will be standardized. Fichas will be 9 by 14 mm as used by CIZA. A ficha for each artifact, feature, or burial will include provenience and catalog number, one of a series of incrementing numbers at CIZA, as well as a drawing and measurements of shaped or decorated artifacts.

1.1.3 Numbering of specimens

Each artifact, bag of ecological specimens, photograph, or page of notes or form is numbered using the CIZA system in which the first two numbers are location in the Instituto Geográfico Nacional 1:100,000 topographic maps and the last number is a unique CIZA number for each site. The location in the grid of 6 x 6 meter squares and the stratigraphic level is also written on each artifact or bag of ecological specimens.

1.1.4 Techniques of Excavation and Artifact and Sample Recovery

Upon completion of a field map, excavation areas will be selected. All excavation will be done using hand tools, trowels, and shovels. Collection of plant and animal remains, artifacts, human remains and architectural information will be a priority. We

will screen all excavated deposits through nested 1/4" hardware screen. We will collect fine-screened samples from nested 1/4", 2mm, 1mm, and what falls through all from all contexts for capture of seeds and very small bones and plant remains. Collected material will be stored in archival quality plastic bags or, when necessary, carefully boxed. All boxes, bags, etc. will be labeled according to specific provenience, date, and name(s) excavator.

A detailed description in Spanish of methods used in the 2002 and 2003 field season (and continued in the 2004 season at the same site) is available at <http://rcp.missouri.edu/bobbenfer/index.html> through the link: Buena Vista Informe.