

Logging halted after damage to archaeological site

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(AP)—A California logging project has been stopped after Pacific Gas and Electric workers apparently damaged American Indian archaeological sites in Humbug Valley.

The Sacramento Bee reports that logging equipment had broken a Maidu Indian grinding stone and compromised a prehistoric village site.

Officials from PG&E and the state forestry service met at the Plumas County site last week with Maidu Summit representatives.

PG&E archaeologist James Nelson announced plans to suspend all [logging](#) activity until officials can assess the damage and develop a new protection plan for the 368 logged acres.

A protection perimeter of about 3 acres was established after an inspection turned up obsidian chips and other Native American artifacts.

The timber harvest started last fall in the valley about 100 miles north of Sacramento.

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