

Paleontological Component Form Instructions

The *Paleontological Component Form* should be completed for all paleontological resources. This form should be used in conjunction with the *Management Data Form*. Information concerning paleontological resources is added to the cultural resource database at OAHF.

I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: Please note the site number (Smithsonian trinomial number) here as it appears on the *Management Data Form*.
2. Temporary Resource Number: Fill in any temporary numbers assigned in the field.
3. Resource Name: Note any names given to the paleontological locality or resource.

II. PALEONTOLOGICAL DATA

4. Type of Locality: Describe the type of locality. Types of paleontological localities include Invertebrate, Vertebrate, Floral and Trace (for example, tracks, skin impressions, etc.).
5. Formation/Horizon/Geologic Age: Document the name of the formation associated with the resource and/or the horizon within that formation. If known, note the geologic age of the deposits (in terms of time period, years and/or epoch).
6. Description of Geology and Topography: Describe the general area of the deposits. This description may include stratigraphic outcrops, topographic relief, geomorphology and other landscape and/or stratigraphic patterns pertinent to the locality.
7. Specimens Collected/Observed: Provide an inventory of specimens collected in the field and describe those observed.
8. Paleoecologic Inferences: If known, describe the ancient environment represented by the sediments associated with the deposits.
9. Known Collections/Excavations/Publications/Other Forms: Document any previous research, recording or collecting of the locality.
10. Additional Comments: Provide any additional information which would help the reader to better understand the resource.

III. MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

11. Sensitivity: Check the level of sensitivity that pertains to this resource.
12. Research Potential/Significance: This section should be evaluated by a qualified paleontologist only.
13. Recommendations for Further Work: Like the Research Potential of the resource, recommendations for future research should be evaluated by a qualified paleontologist.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

14. Activities Completed: Check those activities which were completed at the site during this recording.
15. Existing Protection: Check the existing level of protection currently at the site.
16. Fossil Storage at: Provide the name and location of the curatorial facilities housing the specimens.
17. Recorder(s): Write the name of the person(s) recording the locality.
18. Date(s): Provide the date(s) this form was completed.

