The Haynie site has two Chaco period great houses and several smaller houses, but had not been formally documented by permitted archaeologists. In the 1980s and 1990s private property owners excavated the site without modern methods. The site changed ownership to preservation minded owners in September 2015.

Does sufficient archaeological integrity remain at this heavily impacted site? If so, what research questions can be answered?

These questions launched Crow Canyon Archaeological Center's research at the Haynie site. Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (CCAC) applied and were awarded a State Historical Fund grant in 2016 to assess if the site retained any intact archaeological deposits.

Research confirmed that the site retained intact archaeological deposits with the potential to teach us more about ancestral Puebloans. CCAC staff used this information to designate the site as the first listed property on the Montezuma County Historic Register, as well as, listing on the National Register of Historic Places. CCAC applied and was awarded a grant in the fall of 2017 to do public archaeology at the site through their new Northern Chaco Outliers Project.

In 2018, the Archaeological Conservancy applied for a grant to purchase the site. If awarded, this nationally significant place will be preserved in perpetuity for both research and public tours.
OUTCOMES

- Discovery of intact archaeological deposits with the potential to inform our understanding of ancestral Puebloans, despite looting.
- First Montezuma County historic listing.
- National Register of Historic Places listing.
- Public archaeology research project with learning opportunities for students of all ages.

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