

Shoshone-Bannock tribal employees toured Middle Butte Cave during a tour of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) facilities and site August 17. The age of the pictograph shown below is not known due to INL's decision not to use destructive means to date the drawing. Another pictograph in the cave shows buffalo, which once roamed the southeast Idaho area. Public access to sites like the Middle Butte Cave is restricted, but INL allows access to Shoshone-Bannock tribal members through the Tribal DOE Program and for tribal ceremonial purposes with advance notice. The tribal staff tour was coordinated by the Tribal DOE Program, which works closely with the INL to protect the numerous archaeological sites within the 890-square mile INL area.





