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PURDUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY: SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The Purdue Archaeological Survey continued its program of site survey in west-central Indiana, covering over two thousand acres during the past year. The complete survey of two square mile sections in White and Jasper Counties comprised a large part of this work. Section 3 of Princeton Township in White County yielded eight very large sites. More detailed survey will be necessary to divide these sites into smaller, culturally meaningful units. A multicomponent site with evidence of intact Township in Jasper County, the second square-mile section surveyed, was covered in pasture and woods, and yielded only three sites. These three sites were made up of very large surface scatters, and further study is needed to create more well-defined units. The occupations in these two sections were generally Archaic or Mississippian in age, and only one Woodland component was found. The sites tended to occupy small sandy rises above what were low swampy areas before the region was drained. Upcoming excavation and survey should help determine if this is a general pattern of occupation in the upland regions of west-central Indiana.