



TFFPS (Texas Folsom Fluted Point Survey): Call for Data

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Abstract

The principal researcher of the TFFPS and colleagues at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) request your assistance to collect and update artifact information to be included in the inaugural edition of Texas Folsom Fluted Point Survey.

Brief Outline

To date there has been no official Folsom point survey, or an extensive overview of Folsom point occurrences for Texas. There was, however, an attempt to set up a similar Folsom database to that of Clovis in the early 1990s by Floyd Largent, but nothing has been published since. Before that, there were a few earlier accounts by Tom Hester for example, but these were much more localized and on a smaller scale. In the Largent survey there are 329 Folsom points documented from 86 localities in 57 of the 254 Texas counties. As of December 2023, after the completion of phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project, the current point tally nears 400points from 80 counties.

The TFFPS will eventually come under the control and curation at TARL. Phase 1. Of the survey was to carry out a comprehensive literature review and to reach out to colleagues, professional and avocational archaeologists, collectors, and the general public who may have information on Folsom fluted points from Texas and the counties bordering Texas. The first phase of the project is completed, and it is hoped that this 'call for data' will complement our searches with further reports. Phases 3 and 4 will form a study of Folsom point occurrences regionally, and the concentrations of the points within those regions make for an interesting comparative analysis with the Clovis survey. It is anticipated that digital database, Phase 5, of Texas Folsom points will greatly complement the Texas Clovis point digital database and would be a valuable resource for Texas Paleoindian archaeology.

This Call for data will also provide details of how to report any Folsom point discoveries and where to send the reports, follow the link to the survey at...

<https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/tarl/research-projects-and-programs/texas-clovis-fluted-point-survey.html>

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