

NEVADA OBSIDIAN SOURCES

CLOVERDALE CANYON A/B

ALTERNATE NAMES: –.

LOCATION - COUNTY: Nye.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The two geochemical varieties of Cloverdale Canyon obsidian (A and B) are known only from characterized artifacts collected at four locations in Cloverdale Canyon, between the Shoshone and Toiyabe Ranges, north-central Nevada. An associated site form for TY-4958 suggests the existence of a nearby obsidian quarry due to the presence of a large number of primary obsidian flakes.

The archaeological significance of the source is unknown although it is likely to be minor.

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REFERENCES

Benson, Arlene

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