



Peublo Peoples on the Pajarito Plateau: Archaeology and Efficiency (Paperback)

By David E Stuart

University of New Mexico Press, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 224 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This lively overview of the archaeology of northern New Mexico s Pajarito Plateau argues that Bandelier National Monument and the Pajarito Plateau became the Southwest s most densely populated and important upland ecological preserve when the great regional society centered on Chaco Canyon collapsed in the twelfth century. Some of Chaco s survivors moved southeast to the then thinly populated Pajarito Plateau, where they were able to survive by fundamentally refashioning their society. David E. Stuart, an anthropologist/archaeologist known for his stimulating overviews of prehistoric settlement and subsistence data, argues here that this re-creation of ancestral Puebloan society required a fundamental rebalancing of the Chacoan model. Where Chaco was based on growth, grandeur, and stratification, the socioeconomic structure of Bandelier was characterized by efficiency, moderation, and practicality. Although Stuart s focus is on the archaeology of Bandelier and the surrounding area, his attention to events that predate those sites by several centuries and at substantial distances from the modern monument is instructive. Beginning with Paleo-Indian hunter-gatherers and ending with the large villages and great craftsmen of the...



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