

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Taos Pueblo

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- United States of America

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

492rev


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1992

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Taos Pueblo	36.439 / -105.542	19.01	0	19.01	1992
Total (ha)		19.01	0	19.01	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Pueblo de Taos	02/01/2006	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Jonathan Putnam
US National Park Service Office of International Affairs
World Heritage Program Officer

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- John A. Mirabal
Taos Pueblo
Governor

Comment

Mr. Ernesto C. Luhan was appointed Governor of Taos Pueblo in January 2013; this information needs to be updated. Name of map should be changed to "Taos Pueblo."

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Taos Pueblo - A Thousand Years of Tradition](#)
3. [World Heritage in the United States](#)

Comment

Please add: <http://www.taospueblo.com/>

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

Comment

Taos Pueblo was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1960.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Significance

Situated in the valley of a small tributary of the Rio Grande, this Pueblo Indian settlement, consisting of adobe dwellings and ceremonial buildings, exemplifies the enduring culture of a group of the present-day Pueblo Indians. It is one of a group of settlements established in the late 13th and early 14th centuries in the valleys of the Rio Grande and its tributaries that have survived to the present day and constitutes a significant stage in the history of urban, community and cultural life and development in this region. Pueblo de Taos is similar to the settlements in the Four Corners area of the Anasazi, or ancient Pueblo people at such places as Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde, and continues to be a thriving community with a living culture.

Criterion (iv) Pueblo de Taos is a remarkable example of a traditional type of architectural ensemble from the prehispanic period of the Americas unique to this region and one which, because of the living culture of its community, has successfully retained most of its traditional forms up to the present day.

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Taos Pueblo is a remarkable example of a traditional architectural ensemble of large multi-tiered adobe dwellings from the prehispanic period of the Americas that is unique to this region and not derived from Mesoamerican precedents. Taos Pueblo is the largest of these that still exists – its North House rises to a height of five stories -- and has been continuously inhabited.

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact					Origin	
3.1	Buildings and Development							
3.1.1	Housing		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.1.2	Commercial development		⊖	⚠	⚠		🔄	
3.1.3	Industrial areas		⊖	⚠	⚠		🔄	
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities		⊖		⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure							
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure		⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure		⊖	⚠	⚠		🔄	
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure		⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.3	Services Infrastructures							
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.3.4	Localised utilities		⊖	⚠			🔄	
3.4	Pollution							
3.4.2	Ground water pollution		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.4.3	Surface water pollution		⊖	⚠			🔄	
3.4.4	Air pollution		⊖	⚠			🔄	
3.4.5	Solid waste		⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.4.6	Input of excess energy		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.5	Biological resource use/modification							
3.5.3	Land conversion	+	⊖		⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals	+	⊖		⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.5.5	Crop production	+	⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.5.7	Subsistence wild plant collection	+		⚠		🔄		
3.5.9	Subsistence hunting	+		⚠		🔄		
3.6	Physical resource extraction							
3.6.3	Oil and gas		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.6.4	Water (extraction)		⊖		⚠		🔄	
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
3.7.1	Wind		⊖		⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.7.2	Relative humidity		⊖	⚠		🔄	🔄	
3.7.5	Dust		⊖	⚠			🔄	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	+		⚠		🔄		
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	+		⚠		🔄	🔄	
3.8.3	Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting	+		⚠		🔄		
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system		⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community		⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation		⊖	⚠	⚠		🔄	
3.9	Other human activities							
3.9.1	Illegal activities		⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage		⊖	⚠	⚠	🔄	🔄	

	Name	Impact	Origin			
3.9.3	Military training					
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms					
3.10.2	Flooding					
3.10.3	Drought					
3.10.4	Desertification					
3.10.6	Temperature change					
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts					
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition					
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)					
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species					
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant species					
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.3	Management activities					
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.2	Commercial development	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.1.3	Industrial areas	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	no capacity and / or resources	increasing
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.4	Localised utilities	localised	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	localised	on-going	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.4.4	Air pollution	localised	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.4.5	Solid waste	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.5	Crop production	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.2	Relative humidity	extensive	on-going	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7.5	Dust	extensive	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.9.3	Military training	extensive	frequent	minor	no capacity and / or resources	increasing

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	no capacity and / or resources	increasing
3.10.3	Drought	widespread	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.10.4	Desertification	widespread	on-going	significant	no capacity and / or resources	increasing
3.10.6	Temperature change	widespread	intermittent or sporadic	minor	no capacity and / or resources	increasing
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts	widespread	on-going	significant	no capacity and / or resources	increasing
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant species	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.3	Management activities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	increasing

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

Taos Pueblo was designated a National Historic Landmark district in 1960 (National Register Number 66000496). Taos Pueblo was listed on the World Monument Fund's 2010 Watch List citing the increasing numbers of tourists visit the Pueblo every year, curious about its history and customs, and endangering the site's living heritage.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

Inadequacies in the boundaries make it difficult to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The property had no buffer zone at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

Taos Pueblo is a self-governing sovereign community that has resided at its present location and in its surrounding aboriginal area of occupation since time immemorial. The Village of Taos Pueblo is the spiritual and physical core of the people. Individual components of the Pueblo structures may be owned by or assigned to families or individuals but in its entirety, is owned by the community as a whole. The Pueblo's governing and cultural structure determines and makes decisions that affect the village, the facilities, the activities, and way of life in order to preserve the spiritual and physical integrity of the

place as a whole. As such, management is under the Pueblo's governing body that includes the Tribal Council. Specifically, the Governor's Office is responsible for the day-to-day management and protection of the property. The cultural importance of the village and structures and their use for such purposes obligates the people and its governing body to ensure proper management.

Although the property is under the direct management of the Pueblo governing body, its protection is supported by its status as a National Historic Landmark and as a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places with protective measures outlined by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Any federal undertakings that may affect or impact the property must be carefully considered, and the federal agencies must consult with the Pueblo, before initiating any such action.

Taos Pueblo is also supported in the protection of its property through its inscription on the World Heritage List at the 16th session of the World Heritage Committee when the Committee took note of the agreement between the U.S. Government and Taos Pueblo Tribal Council on interpretation of the United States' trust responsibility for the protection of the Taos Pueblo as a World Heritage site. This responsibility includes appropriate legal, moral, and financial support necessary to assure respect for, and the protection of those cultural traditions, natural resources, and practices which the Pueblo's leadership considers sacred and necessary for the continuity of the community.

The Committee also took note, in this regard, of the additional agreement between the U.S. and Taos Pueblo on the latter's status as a self-governed community, and that any action undertaken by the United States in carrying out its trust responsibility for the protection and preservation of the Pueblo be conducted in a manner that involves the full knowledge, participation, and prior approval of the Pueblo's duly elected leadership.

The legal status of Taos Pueblo property falls under the ownership of the Pueblo itself. The Pueblo holds the status of limited-sovereign nation within the boundaries of the United States. As such, the larger Pueblo lands are composed of Spanish land grants (recognized by the U.S. government), trust lands (held by the United States government in trust for the tribe), and fee-simple lands owned and controlled directly by the Pueblo. The World Heritage Site of Taos Pueblo is part of the original Spanish Land Grant (within the Pueblo's aboriginal lands) which is held in trust by the U.S. government for the benefit of the Pueblo.

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The property had **no buffer zone at the time of inscription** on the World Heritage List

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the

Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone is **inadequate** to ensure the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There are **major deficiencies** in capacity/resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

Traditional, cultural protective measures are applied by the Pueblo on an annual basis.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Management and administration of the property is vested at the highest government and cultural authority at Taos Pueblo, a self-governing Indian community that is responsible for its people, lands, and its natural and cultural resources. Governmental administration is composed of the Governor's Office and its ten appointed officials, the War Chief's Office and its 12 appointed officials, and the Tribal Council of over fifty cultural leaders and former tribal officials. The Governor and War Chief's Office staffs are appointed for one-year terms and Tribal Council membership is for life. The Taos Pueblo proper is under the jurisdiction of the Pueblo Governor's Office, and all decisions pertaining to the World Heritage Site as part of Pueblo fall under the Governor's office and the Tribal Council. The protection of tribal lands around the Site, and other Pueblo lands is the responsibility of the Taos Pueblo War Chief's Office, who traditionally has the responsibility for the physical protection of Taos Pueblo, its lands, resources and people. Individual and family property owners maintain the historic structures on a yearly basis, as is customary. The tribal government has overall responsibility to maintain historic and customary standards, but individuals are responsible for the maintenance of individual homes. Through Housing and Urban Development grants and other sources of funds, the tribal government assists in repair and rehabilitation work. Tribal funds are also used to assist individual home owners in the repair and/or replacement of structural elements while maintaining the cultural and historic character of the property. Traditionally, the general upkeep of the structures would be scheduled by the Pueblo governor through organizing of communal work to maintain structures. This traditional system evolved into the hiring of tribal member work crews to work on structures. Because of the cultural significance of the structures it is also traditional that only tribal members can do the rehabilitation work.

Taos Pueblo has maintained unwritten traditions since time immemorial, and the management of its property, which now has a World Heritage Site designation, falls under those unwritten traditions and practices that have protected Taos Pueblo for centuries. There are plans to develop a written management plan for Taos Pueblo as a World Heritage Site and this plan will be developed with technical assistance from the National Park Service.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

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4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system/plan is only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Poor
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Poor

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities directly **participate** in all relevant decisions relating to management, i.e. co-management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Indigenous peoples directly participate in **all relevant** decisions relating to management, i.e. co-management

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area

surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

The Pueblo is pursuing funding to complete a World Heritage Site Management Plan.

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

Following finalization of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Taos Municipal Airport, the Pueblo is pursuing legislation for the purpose of reducing and/or eliminating impacts due to aircraft overflights. The water adjudication was settled in December 2010 following years of negotiations that will result in secure surface and groundwater resources for the Pueblo.

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	30%
Governmental (National / Federal)	0%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	40%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	30%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Comment

Taos Pueblo has not received funding from the World Heritage Fund.

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

Existing sources of funding are **not secure**

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **some** equipment and facilities but overall these are **inadequate**

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

The Pueblo does not have adequate resources to care for the infrastructure.

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	60%
Part-time	40%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	60%
Seasonal	40%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

Human resources are **inadequate** for management needs

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Fair
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Low
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Low
Conservation	High
Administration	High

Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

The tribal government oversees the management of the World Heritage Site as part of its regular duties. The Pueblo had done a series of restoration projects and for each, there has been training for Pueblo members to augment traditional knowledge about building and maintenance practices. While no World Heritage Site Management Plan has been developed yet, the Pueblo has a training program in place.

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient**

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **small amount** of research, but it is not planned

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In one location, but **not easily visible** to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
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Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Average
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has **partially influenced** education, information and awareness building activities

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Not provided but needed
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Not needed
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Not provided but needed
Other	Not needed

4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

There is a need at Taos Pueblo for a museum, visitor center, and possibly transportation facilities to provide a more managed experience and educational experience for visitors, and to protect the World Heritage Site. As a community with a living culture, scheduled and unplanned closures for various activities affects visitation schedules.

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Decreasing
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Static
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Static

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries
Other

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Under a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) the tourism program was developed and the scope of work and other information is on file in the Central Management System office. As part of the implementation of that grant the tourism office has put up signage for visitors, arranges and provides guided tours, develops brochures and website information, directs and monitors parking, provides visitor control, and registers visitors and collects visitor fees.

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected and makes a **substantial contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

Internet hits are also used to track visitation numbers. As a community with a living culture, scheduled and unplanned closures for various activities affects visitation schedules.

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
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Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Poor
NGOs	Average
Industry	Poor
Local indigenous peoples	Excellent

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.3	Services Infrastructures						
3.3.4	Localised utilities	The Pueblo has a cultural viewshed ordinance. The existing cell tower negatively impacts the skyline and as a result, traditional cultural practices.	Consultation with landowner and cell tower has not yielded results.	The cell tower is visible from the WH site.	The issue has been on-going for several years.	The Pueblo is the lead, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is involved due to the agency action in licensing the tower.	None.
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	High levels of visitation result in parking and traffic control issues. Visitor technology use is very intrusive, such as cell phones and cameras. Financial impact from need to manage visitors and provide informational materials and staff.	The Pueblo is doing its best to address the impacts through guided tours, law enforcement, and general oversight.	Impacts are monitored by Pueblo employees and members living within the WHS.	This is an on-going issue.	The Pueblo is the lead.	None.
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.3	Drought	The drought is causing limited water supply and has a negative impact on domestic and agricultural needs and poses fire danger which could result in a negative impact to the ecology, and to visitation. The stream is part of the World Heritage Site.	None.	The issue is being passively monitored by the Pueblo.	On-going.	The Pueblo is the lead.	None.
3.10.4	Desertification	Dust resulting from desertification is having a negative impact on the people of Taos Pueblo and has the potential to negatively impact visitor experiences.	None.	Passive monitoring by the Pueblo.	None.	The Pueblo is the lead.	None.
3.10.6	Temperature change	Temperature changes are resulting in early snow melt and observations are that temperatures are becoming extremes - both hot and cold. The temperature change is impacting the Pueblo structures and visitor experiences such as heat exhaustion.	None.	Passive monitoring by the Pueblo.	None.	The Pueblo is the lead.	None.
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts	Overall, climate change is having a negative impact on the living community at Taos Pueblo, the Pueblo structures, and visitor experiences. For example, extreme temperatures and the availability of water negatively affect crops.	None.	Passive monitoring by the Pueblo.	None.	The Pueblo is the lead.	None.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	Taos Pueblo will work with the NPS to determine a process to establish a buffer zone and possibly expand the boundaries of the World Heritage Site to include the Blue Lake Wilderness Area - the buffer zone would be a first step toward designation.	On-going. The Pueblo hopes for the designation of a buffer zone in the near future.	The Pueblo and the National Park Service.	None.
4.1.2	Inadequacies in the boundaries	Taos Pueblo will work with the NPS to determine a process to establish a buffer zone and possibly expand the boundaries of the World Heritage Site to include the Blue Lake Wilderness Area - the buffer zone would be a first step toward designation.	The Pueblo hopes this issue will be addressed in the near future.	The Pueblo and the NPS.	None.
4.2 Protective Measures					
4.2.4	Inadequate legal framework	In addition to the buffer zone and Blue Lake Wilderness as described, Taos Pueblo intends to pursue legislation to limit air traffic over the Pueblo in follow-up to the MOA signed with the FAA related to the expansion of the Taos Municipal Airport	The Pueblo is currently working to address this issue.	The Pueblo is the lead.	None.
4.2.5	Major deficiencies in capacity / resources to enforce legislation	Taos Pueblo needs resources to establish a buffer zone and to protect the airspace.	Unknown.	The Pueblo is the lead.	None.

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **compromised** by factors described in this report

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	No impact
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Negative
International cooperation	Negative
Political support for conservation	No impact
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	Negative

Other (please specify)		15 -
		array
1		3
2		2
3		3
4		3
5		3
6		3
7		2
8		1
9		1
10		2
11		2
12		3
13		2
14		1
		array
1	Rating on a 4 point scale	
2	Not applicable	
3	Negative	
4	No impact	
5	Positive	
6	Very positive	

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

The World Heritage Status has negatively impacted funding, international cooperation, and security through increased pressures on Taos Pueblo resulting from increased visitation and impacts to the Pueblo. The designation has not come with capacity to address those impacts and the Pueblo has not yet received assistance in these areas.

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Indigenous peoples
External experts

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

Consider including a narrative section within which the site can describe in detail the current context including positive and negative impacts, etc. from the perspective of the local community without specific prompts - particularly to address traditional cultural practices. Need more questions that address living community perspectives and more sections for comments/additional information.

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Fair
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Fair

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	None
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	None

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise