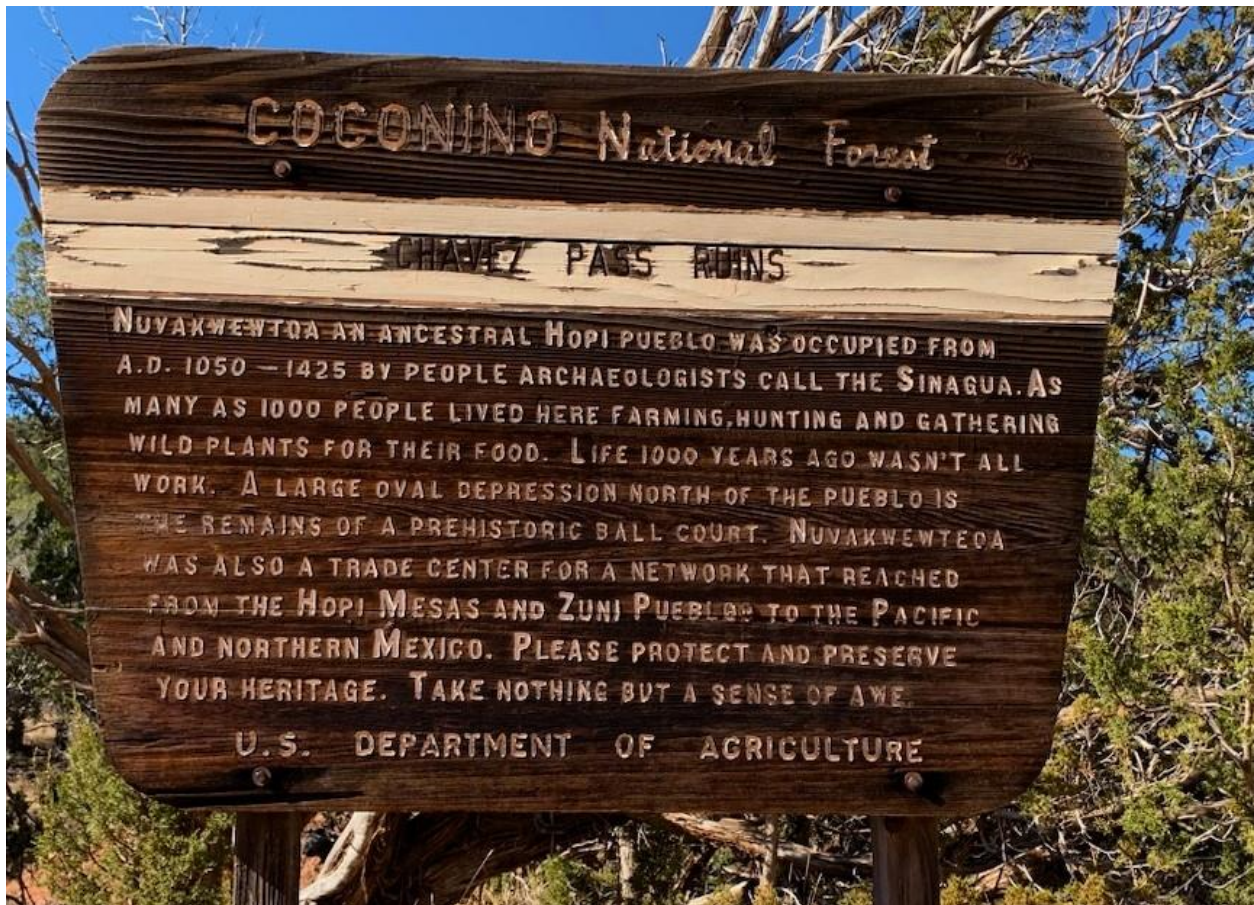


November 11: Field Trip to Chavez Pass Ruin – Eight Field Trippers explored this unique site south of Meteor Crater. It is one of the most significant Sinagua pueblo complexes in the entire Southwest, an array of three major sites at Chavez Pass. This complex of pueblo ruins, which includes a ballcourt and remains of multi-storied stone dwellings consisting of 1,000+ rooms, is undeveloped and rather remote. A wonderful variety of ceramic sherds still observable on the surface confirms its importance as a major regional trading center, as well as its exceptionally long period of occupation. The pueblo sits on a trade route bottleneck pass between different resource zones.



National Forest Welcome Sign for Chavez Pass Site (Photo by Lew Lowry)



A Chavez Pass Petroglyph Color Enhanced for Visibility (Photo Diane Seago)



Ground Stone at Chavez Pass (Photo Lew Lowry)



The View from Above Chavez Pass (Photo Lew Lowry)