

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Comb Wash Heritage Initiative
Type of Project: Research
Project Discipline: Cultural
Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado, Utah State Division of History (cost-share)
Effective Dates: 5/1/05 -- 9/30/10
Funding Amount: \$69,500 (FY05); \$252,000 (FY06); \$20,000 (FY07)
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Project Abstract: <p>The Comb Ridge Heritage Initiative involves a large-scale archaeological survey of the area around Comb Ridge in southeastern Utah. The survey was spearheaded as part of the Department of the Interior's plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1906 Antiquities Act. The land that will be surveyed belongs to the Bureau of Land Management and is heavily used by the public for recreation. It is an area with a wealth of important archaeological sites, many of which are eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. These sites include small prehistoric homesteads, large villages, cliff-dwellings, rock art, and more. Because the area has never been systematically surveyed, the BLM does not know the nature of the cultural resources here, and as a result cannot adequately protect them. The BLM intends to develop a campground in one part of the Comb Wash area and this will bring even more visitors. The survey, when it is completed, will provide the BLM with information about the numbers and types of archaeological sites in the Comb Ridge area and will allow them to protect these sites while allowing recreation in the area.</p>
Outcomes with completion dates (reports, publications, workshops, videos, etc.): none yet
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