

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Montana Site Stewardship Archeology Project

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

Project Discipline: Cultural

Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Other Partners/Cooperators: Montana State University

Effective Dates: 5/28/2008 - 6/1/2013

Funding Amount: \$121,000 (FY12: \$20,000; FY11: \$20,000; FY10: \$35,000; FY08 \$46,000)

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Project Abstract: Montana State University will assist the BLM in protecting public resources through the regular monitoring and documentation of historic, prehistoric, and paleontological resources on public lands. Public volunteers will coordinate with federal contacts and law enforcement, documenting the site conditions and report acts of vandalism and looting.

MSU and BLM will develop the training manual and module, identifying the monitoring standards required, select volunteers, and match them with the archaeological sites, and assist in the reporting requirements of the Montana SJPO and Archaeological Records.

Outcomes with completion dates: 6/1/2013

Keywords: BLM, Montana State University, site stewardship, volunteers, monitoring, historic, prehistoric, and paleontological resources