

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** Kevin Rim Excavation Study in Montana

**Type of Project:** Research

**Project Discipline:** Cultural

**Funding Agency:** Bureau of Land Management

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Montana

**Effective Dates:** 6/8/2010 - 10/30/2013

**Funding Amount:** \$20,000 [FY2012: \$10,000; FY2010: \$10,000]

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**Project Abstract:** Kevin Rim is a prominent geological feature on the northwest Plains landscape. A butte jutting out of the lowland Plains, it can be seen for several miles. Indigenous cultures have visited the rim for centuries it appears to live and hunt. Archaeological remains on the rim are prominent as well with large stone ring sites, cairns, hearths and drive lines. These sites represent a tangible link to that past lifeway.

**Purpose:** To gain a better understanding of the subsistence patterns and group relations of the indigenous groups who utilized the rim. The site is categorized for Scientific Use in the Land Use Plan, with a prescription for excavation and/or scientific study. The scientific study proposed here will increase the data for potential National Register Nominations.

**Outcomes with completion dates:** October 30, 2013

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