

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: BLM WY Nez Perce Trail Research

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Research/Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming
Student Involvement: unknown
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Funding Amount: \$36,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: Based upon prior and ongoing primary source research, Nez Perce tribal consultation, and recent (since 2008) Nez Perce National Historic Trail archaeology survey work, the primary objectives of this study with the State of Wyoming are:

- 1.) To establish with the highest degree of accuracy possible if physical evidence exists to support a determination of the actual route of retreat and possible skirmish sites involving non-treaty Nez Perce people in 1887 while being pursued across Wyoming Territory by the United States
- 2.) To map, photograph, and document all artifacts located during surface surveys and in test pits using current archaeological methodology consistent with work performed since 2008 along the corridor of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, to maximize the value of such artifacts to current and future researchers.
- 3.) To catalog and preserve all artifacts recovered during field work.
- 4.) To prepare field notes to document progress of the survey; and to prepare a final report with conclusions and recommendations for public interpretation of the field work, and to recommend further research based upon the findings of the work performed under this proposal.

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