

**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit
Project Summary**

Task Agreement #: L20AC00165

Project Title: WY Research, monitoring and surveys for BLM-RFO Sensitive and listed Plants Milkvetch

Discipline: Natural

Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Research

Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming

Student Participation:

Effective Dates: 07/17/2020 - 09/30/2023

Funding Amount: \$15,000.00

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

Project objectives: Threatened and Endangered and sensitive Species Program works to conserve and recover federally listed animal and plant species and their habitat on public lands. The sensitive species part of the program works to keep sensitive plant and animal species from becoming listed. This overarching project will advance the conservation and recovery of Wyoming's rare plant species. BLM actively participates in partnerships to inventory and monitor the health and resilience of rare plants designated as listed or identified. WYNDD will research, inventory and monitor work, which also includes potential habitat surveys and status updates as well as other conservation priorities regularly conducted in partnership with industry, academia, and others for plant populations found on BLM public lands in the State. WYNDD ensures synthesis of all data and information gathered and compiled on plants identified as both BLM Sensitive and listed within state. This information assists BLM in meeting shared conservation stewardship goals. This information also assists to enhance and streamline permitting and development-based land-use objectives.