

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: California Army National Guard Environmental Program Support (Cultural Resources and Environmental Planning Internship)

Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education

Project Discipline: Interdisciplinary

Funding Agency: Department of Defense - Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense

Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University

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Project Abstract: California Army National Guard (CA ARNG) is legally responsible for managing and protecting cultural resources (archaeological resources and historic structures) in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies. The majority of cultural resources exist at the CA ARNG's Camp Roberts and Camp San Luis Obispo Military Training Sites, with other resources located in lesser concentrations at CA ARNG properties across the state. Managing and protecting cultural resources requires the expertise of specialized personnel (archaeologists) to ensure protection and conservation of cultural resources and to meet regulatory and legal requirements. Currently the CA ARNG's cultural resources staff resources are inadequate to meet these requirements.

The CA ARNG also operates an environmental planning student internship program. This program provides university students with direct experience learning environmental processes and work flow in a governmental setting. Students are exposed to a wide array of environmental laws and regulations through their work on environmental documents, correspondence, and their interactions with environmental personnel. In turn, their efforts ensure that the CA ARNG meets its regulatory requirements. The student internship program is currently understaffed.

The work specified in the Scope of Work requires the support of two archaeologists and two student interns to ensure that the CA ARNG's actions comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

This support focuses on the following objectives:

Cultural Resources Management:

- A. Streamline cultural resources management by identifying cultural resources requirements and incorporating them into the CA ARNG Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP). Update, manage, and implement the ICRMP accordingly.
- B. Improve and streamline consultations with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) through the completion of Programmatic Agreements (PAs), Archaeological Treatment Plans and other related documents in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and other cultural resources laws and regulations.
- C. Research federally-recognized Native American tribal affiliations with CA ARNG properties and prepare documentation (letters, Memorandums of Agreement (MOA), Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and other related documents) as required to ensure proper Government to Government relationships with federally-recognized tribes.
- D. Study and implement means of protecting cultural resources on CA ARNG training sites in a manner that allows maximum use of military lands for military readiness training.

Environmental Planning Student Internship:

- A. Provide university students learning opportunities in the field of environmental planning through preparation and review of environmental documents, correspondence, and other related documents.
- B. Research environmental topics using literature and the web-based sources and incorporate findings into environmental documents, correspondence, policy, and databases.

This work will strive to involve the expertise of personnel who have been, or are currently, involved in Cultural Resources Management and Environmental Planning Student Intern Programs.

Outcomes with completion dates: June 30, 2016

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