Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Implement Museum Plan Recommendations and Conduct Preventative Museum Preservation Tasks at Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance & Education
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Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
Effective Dates: 6/15/2010 – 2/28/2013
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Project Abstract: This project implements some of the basic recommendations of the Grant-Kohrs Ranch 2009 Museum Management Plan and the 2010 Collection Condition Survey. Examples of work to be completed under the guidance of the park curator and museum technician are:

- Research organizations with similar missions for potential partnerships
- Perform basic conservation treatment on metals and textiles
- Review existing plans and produce spreadsheets of recommendations for planning and tracking implementation
- Work with park archivist to organize electronic records

This project will provide for assistance with completing standard museum housekeeping tasks. At the conclusion of housekeeping, the 2009 Museum Preventative Maintenance Plan will reviewed for any necessary updates based on the process just completed.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: September 15, 2012

- Implement recommendations of the 2009 Museum Management Plan
- Implement recommendations of the 2010 Conservation Condition Survey
- Review and update 2009 Museum Preventative Maintenance Plan
- Complete museum housekeeping tasks

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