

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** National Historic Landmark Nomination for Wild West Shows

**Discipline:** Cultural  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Colorado State University  
**Effective Dates:** 9/1/2013 - 1/31/2015  
**Funding Amount:** \$30,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** The purpose of this project is to assess the significance and integrity of both the Scout's Rest and Pawnee Bill ranches in terms of NHL criteria and integrity. This assessment will include a comparison of other properties associated with the Wild West shows as well as the lives of Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill. With regard to Cody, the comparison will include a brief description and analysis of at least four other comparable properties located in Wyoming: the Sheridan Inn (Sheridan), which is designated as an NHL, Irma Hotel (Cody), T E Ranch (near Cody), and the Pahaska Tepee (50 miles west of Cody). Based upon the results of this comparison and analysis, a NHL nomination for either Scout's Rest Ranch or the Pawnee Bill Ranch will be prepared. The nomination, including photographs and maps, will be prepared in accordance with the NHL and National Register (NR) of Historic Places guidelines; these include Bulletin 16A, *How to Complete the National Register Form*, and the NR Bulletin, *How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations*. The nomination will include:

- 1) A discussion of comparable properties associated with Buffalo Bill Cody and/or Wild West Shows, including the Sheridan Inn, Irma Hotel, T E Ranch, and Pahaska Tepee in Wyoming, and the 101 Ranch National Historic Landmark in Oklahoma.
- 2) Sketch map(s) to show the nominated areas with contributing and noncontributing resources identified, following the instructions contained in Bulletin 16A, *How to Complete the National Register Form*, and the NR Bulletin, *How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations*.
- 3) USGS quadrangle map(s), which will be annotated with the boundary, bounding polygon, and UTM coordinates, following the instructions contained in Bulletin 16A, *How to Complete the National Register Form*, and the NR Bulletin, *How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations*.
- 4) Black-and-white photographic prints to accompany the nomination. The views should follow the photographic guidelines for coverage of historic districts, and also labeling, as described in Bulletin 16A, *How to Complete the National Register Form*, the NR Bulletin, *How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations*, and the current National Register Photographic Guidelines.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

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