

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: FY14 Museum Management Program Intern

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
Effective Dates: 6/16/2014 - 6/30/2016
Funding Amount: \$6,580

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: The Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site is the unit of the National Park Service created to specifically preserve and tell the story of frontier cattle ranching and its evolution into modern times. It is a working ranch with cattle, horses, irrigation systems and hayfields as well as a natural resource management program. Collections original to the ranch and the families that lived here are exhibited and stored on site. A museum program helps ensure their long term preservation and access.

The Intern will complete annual museum preventative maintenance tasks, annual inventory of controlled museum property and other museum program duties as time allows. The Intern will receive orientation to the history and purpose of the National Park Service and the Grant-Kohrs Ranch to understand how their work contributes to the organizational missions. Museum standards and procedures will be taught by museum staff and used to correct several identified deficiencies that will help preserve and make accessible the collections of a National Historic Landmark.

Student intern will be asked to accomplish the following tasks as part of a team, and as time allows:

- Work as part of a team to complete annual museum housekeeping in collection areas
- Complete the annual controlled property inventory
- Assist with museum environmental monitoring (temperature, humidity, light, pests)
- Improve storage of artifacts including cavity packing, insertion of barriers, mark artifact with park acronym and catalog number. for artifacts in storage
- Other work identified by museum staff that matches the specific interest of the student

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

June 2014: Intern report for work at Grant-Kohrs Ranch

August 2014: Intern will complete work at Grant-Kohrs Ranch

August 2014: Intern will provide written report on accomplishments

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