

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

**Project Title: Museum Collection Preservation and Public Access**

**Discipline:** Cultural  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance/Education  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Colorado State University  
**Effective Dates:** 6/16/2015 - 12/15/2017  
**Funding Amount:** \$22,000

**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. The intern will have an opportunity to learn and experience first-hand preservation and conservation ethics leading to their own commitment towards stewardship of cultural resources.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

September 2015: Begin intern recruitment and off-site orientation  
June 2016: Intern report for work at Grant-Kohrs Ranch  
August 2016: Intern complete work at Grant-Kohrs Ranch  
August 2016: Intern provide written report on accomplishments

**Keywords:** museum management, student intern, Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Colorado State University