

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Fort Laramie National Register Nomination
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Project Abstract:

Fort Laramie National Historic Site is located on the banks of the Laramie River near its confluence with the North Platte in southeastern Wyoming. Fort Laramie was a fur trading post from 1834 to 1848 and a military post from 1849 to 1890. Several historic trails and routes, including the Pony Express, passed through Fort Laramie; over 350,000 pioneer immigrants passed through the fort during the westward migration. Fort Laramie also was the scene of the signing of two important Indian peace treaties: the Treaty of 1851 and the Treaty of 1868. In 1938, Fort Laramie was established as a national monument by Presidential Proclamation. In 1960, Congress revised the boundaries and renamed the area Fort Laramie National Historic Site (representing the theme of westward expansion, with a sub-theme of military-Indian conflicts). The boundaries were further modified by Congress in 1978. In 1996, Fort Laramie National Historic Site was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The purpose of this project is to prepare a final draft of an updated National Register of Historic Places nomination for Fort Laramie National Historic Site. Since the preparation of the 1996 nomination, the National Park Service has researched new information about Fort Laramie's resources, including updated information on its historic buildings, structures, and cultural landscape. A draft nomination (as well as a draft cultural landscape report) that incorporates some of this information has been prepared. However, the draft nomination needs further revision and editing before submission to the Keeper of the National Register - this will be done by a student at University of Colorado, Denver.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Beginning date: March 1, 2005
Site Visit to Fort Laramie: No later than May 15, 2005
Meetings with NPS regional staff: No later than June 1, 2005
Draft of NR nomination, including draft maps: June 3, 2005
NPS Comments on draft nomination: June 17, 2005
Final draft of NR nomination, including final copies of maps: July 15, 2005.
Project end date: November 1, 2005

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