

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Report on significance of bison and elk to the American Indian tribes associated with Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge

Discipline: Interdisciplinary

Type of Project: Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: The planners of Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and the National Elk Refuge (NER) are in need of information about the traditional significance of bison and elk to the associated tribes of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). That information will be used to augment the *Draft Bison and Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement*. Further, that information was requested by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes as a necessary component to the EIS. Deward Walker is already preparing the ethnographic overview and assessment for GRTE and NER and will include the material he prepares into the final document for the ethnographic overview and assessment. The PI will conduct the necessary research to provide statements about the traditional significance of bison and elk to the associated tribes of the GYE. He will then write the report containing that information. He will circulate that report for review and then finalize the report incorporating any comments.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Due by August 15, 2006

- A report on the traditional significance of bison and elk to the 26 associated tribes of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

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