

Project Completion Report Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)

Project Title: Reconnaissance for Ice Patch Archeology

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Project Summary:

Three areas of perennial snow and ice within the northern portion of Yellowstone National Park were surveyed in late-August 2008 for archeological and paleobiological materials. Conditions were less than optimal following unusually heavy late spring snowfalls that completely obscured all areas of permanent ice, including the normally exposed forefield areas downslope of these locations. As a consequence, survey was concentrated in the run-off channels of these features. The characteristics of two ice patches suggest they have the potential to contain archeological materials and should be revisited under more favorable conditions. Report classified as “not available” due to the cultural resource restrictions.

**Report title: Reconnaissance for Ice Patch Archaeology, Yellowstone National Park:
Results of the 2008 Field Season. Report on file on file with Yellowstone National Park.**

Number of students participating in this project: One graduate student.