

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** History and Evaluation of Significance of Boggsville, CO

**Discipline:** Cultural Resources  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Colorado at Boulder  
**Effective Dates:** 6/1/2012 - 12/31/2012  
**Funding Amount:** \$5,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:**

Through this project, the National Park Service, Intermountain Region, will work cooperatively with the University of Colorado Boulder, on the preparation of a history and evaluation of national significance of Boggsville, Colorado. Boggsville is in Bent County; the nearest town is Las Animas, which is approximately two miles to the north. Boggsville, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places at a state level of significance, is owned and administered as an historic site by the Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County, a non-profit organization. The site that is listed on the National Register includes 39 acres and two historic adobe buildings - the Boggs House and the Prowers House - both of which have been restored. Boggsville also has been the site of extensive archeological investigations, much of which has been conducted under the guidance of Dr. Richard Carrillo of the Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County. The site is open for visitation during the spring and summer months. In addition to self-guided tours, Boggsville hosts several "living history" and special events during the year.

This project was initiated at the request of U.S. Representative Cory Gardner (CO) who asked that the National Park Service conduct a reconnaissance study of Boggsville, including an assessment as to whether or not Boggsville possesses national significance and, thereby, warrants further study as a National Historic Landmark or as a potential unit of the National Park Service. The history and statement of significance developed through this project will be used in the preparation of that reconnaissance study.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Draft report due on or before July 1, 2012, Final due September 28, 2012

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