

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

**Project Title:** Conduct Documentation and Evaluation of the Significance of and Resources Related to the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail (HITR) within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; to include Oral History Interviews

**Discipline:** Cultural

**Type of Project:** Research

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Colorado Denver

**Student Involvement:** Yes

**Effective Dates:** 09/25/2015 - 12/31/2019

**Funding Amount:** \$163,219

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:**

The HITR is an intact, engineered wagon road made by an 1879 expedition of Mormon pioneers who today through annual pilgrimages continue its use as an instrument of cultural renewal. The HITR may be eligible as a Traditional Cultural Property. GLCA needs to understand the historical and contemporary significance of the HITR. The PI, in consultation with the Mormon Church, will determine the appropriate community descendants to interview. A summary report will be written with significance statements, resource documentation and evaluations, and suggestions for HITR management. This project fulfills a Public Purpose in that it increases understanding and participation of partners and communities in historic preservation programs to increase stewardship of the nation's cultural heritage.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Final report - December 31, 2019

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