

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Bad Pass Trail Ethnographic Research/Fieldwork & Revised National Register Nomination

**Discipline:** Cultural Resources

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Northwest College, Little Big Horn College, Dull Knife College

**Effective Dates:** 7/1/2014 - 12/31/2019

**Funding Amount:** \$60,965

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** Through this cooperative project between the National Park Service and St. Cloud University and Northwest College, ethnographic research and fieldwork will be conducted with tribes affiliated with Bad Pass Trail. The information gathered during the ethnographic research phase (oral histories, tribal stories, mapping of ethnographic landscape features, etc.) will be used to revise the 1975 National Register nomination for the trail and will provide the foundation for the CLI (not part of this scope). All ethnographic research/fieldwork and the National Register nomination will be completed to NPS standards.

The scope of the project will address the prehistory, history, existing condition, significance, integrity, and analysis of landscape features along the trail corridor. Research will focus on gathering ethnographic information relating to tribal perspectives and tribal history associated with the trail, which will need to be gathered through interviews with members of the affiliated tribes (Crow and Eastern Shoshone). The purpose of gathering ethnographic information is to incorporate tribal perspectives within a revised National Register nomination, along with potentially expanding the National Register boundaries, and/or expanding the period of significance, and/or including additional contributing/non-contributing features.

Overall project goals include:

- Document important ethnographic information about the trail through interviews with affiliated tribes
- Document general landscape changes to the Bad Pass Trail as it evolved from prehistoric times through the present day
- Describe the general appearance of the trail from prehistory through the present day through narrative and graphics
- Analyze existing landscape features of the trail in terms of integrity and significance, taking tribal perspectives on integrity and significance into consideration
- Identify contributing features that contribute to National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility and the historic integrity of the trail; identify non-contributing features that do not contribute to NRHP eligibility
- Foster relationships between the park, partners, and affiliated tribes
- Complete a revised National Register nomination for the trail

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Final Report - Dec. 31, 2016

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