

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Glacier National Park NAGPRA Cultural Affiliation Study
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/cultural resources
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Blackfeet tribe
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<p>Project Abstract: Glacier National Park (GLAC) has 52 items cataloged as ethnographic objects in the GLAC collection. Of these, 49 are on loan to the Museum of the Plains in Browning, MT, where they have been for approximately 60 years. Most of these items were originally purchased or otherwise obtained from private collector(s) for exhibit in a museum that was planned for GLAC. However, since that museum was never built, the items were subsequently loaned to the Museum of the Plains after it was built in the early 1940s.</p> <p>Some of these items need to be considered for return to the tribes under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The further this effort the University of Montana will:</p> <p>1) Prepare a NAGPRA cultural affiliation study report that identifies the tribes that have affiliations with GLAC, identifies any items in the GLAC collection that have cultural affiliation, and identifies any items in the GLAC collection that may be subject to NAGPRA. This report will include photographs, descriptions, and catalog information of all the culturally affiliated items in the GLAC collection; and (2) UM will facilitate a meeting(s) with GLAC and the tribes that have a cultural affiliation to those items. The University of Montana will make recommendations to GLAC as to the most appropriate way to facilitate that process, based on tribal input.</p>
<p>Outcomes with completion dates: Final Product: Glacier National Park NAGPRA Cultural Affiliation Study Final Products include: 1) Draft NAGPRA Cultural Affiliation Study 2) Tribal Consultation Meetings 3) Final NAGPRA Cultural Affiliation Study (including photo-documentation) End Date of Project - December 31, 2004</p>
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