

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

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Abstract The primary objective for this project is to conduct a professional Class III cultural resource inventory of the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site (GRKO), Deer Lodge, Montana, in order to identify and record archeological sites. GRKO lies within the Clark Fork River Operable Unit of the Milltown Reservoir Sediments National Priority List Site (a.k.a., Superfund) due to the deposition of mining-related wastes from fluvial deposition, historic irrigation, and aerial deposition of smelter smoke. The USEPA has issued a Proposed Plan for the Clark Fork River Operable Unit, calling for the removal of exposed mine tailings, in place treatment of other impacted areas, stabilization of eroding stream banks, and extensive revegetation. In addition to these remedial actions, the National Park Service will likely develop and implement a restoration plan specific to Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS. These remedial and restoration activities will result in soil disturbance at various locations throughout GRKO and, consequently, must be managed in such a way as to avoid or minimize their impacts to culturally sensitive areas (i.e., historic and pre-historic archeological sites). The proposed project will provide the National Park Service with a comprehensive survey of archeological sites and National Registry evaluation of sites within the riparian area, in anticipation of Superfund activities in the near future.
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