Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Intermountain Region ASMIS Condition Assessment Assistance
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Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana
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Project Abstract:
On May 19, 2005, the NPS Associate Director for Cultural Resources issued a memorandum regarding the Corrective Action Plan for ASMIS Site Condition Data. The Associate Director’s memorandum explained that auditors for the DOI Inspector General found deficiencies in the Archeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS), which records information about known and documented park archeological sites. In addition, the memorandum mandated that NPS parks develop Corrective Action Plans to correct deficient ASMIS information. In general, the deficient ASMIS information is for those archeological sites that were initially documented before 1990, and which do not reflect the current ASMIS information standards.

In response to that mandate, the NPS IMRO is now initiating an effort to begin updating ASMIS information of parks, including those within the Rocky Mountain Cluster (BEOL, BICA, BLCA, CURE, DETO, FLFO, FOLA, GLAC, GRKO, GRSA, GRTE, LIBI, ROMO, SAND, and YELL). Dr. Ann Johnson, the archeologist at Yellowstone National Park, serves as the NPS Rocky Mountain Cluster Archeological Coordinator for this effort.

Through this task order, the NPS Intermountain Region and The University of Montana will work cooperatively to update ASMIS information within the Rocky Mountain Cluster, specifically ASMIS information for smaller cluster parks.

As part of this effort, the University of Montana will assist the NPS in preparing new condition assessment for archeological sites. This work will involve travel to the parks, the preparation of updated condition assessments on prehistoric sites within cluster parks, and the preparation of new site forms for those archeological sites.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:
Updated ASMIS Condition Assessments. As noted below, a detailed scope of work for this project - including specific tasks, due dates and a final budget - will be negotiated between the NPS and The University of Montana no later than February 1, 2006.

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