

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: National Register Nomination for the Bannock Trail through Yellowstone Park

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana
Effective Dates: 9/26/2006 - 9/10/2008
Funding Amount: \$10,000.00

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: The Bannock Trail is an American Indian trail that makes an east-west cut across the northern portion of Yellowstone National Park. The well-worn trail was continuously used by not only Bannock Indians, but conceivably by many other people such as the Shoshone, Nez Perce, and Crow tribes. There are no known dates of the trail usage, but because archeological evidence places humans in the region as early as 12,000 years ago, it is assumed the trail was in use for several thousand years. Through this project, Yellowstone National Park will work cooperatively with the Department of Anthropology at the University of Montana to research and review all ethnobotanical, archeological, historical, and oral history documents in the park collections pertaining to the Bannock Trail, assist the Ethnography Program staff with the ground-truthing of two or three putative intact Trail segments identified by former park historian Aubrey Haines, and write a National Register Nomination for the Trail. Much of the work will be completed through a student internship during summer 2007.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

- 1) detailed scope of work to be completed by February 1, 2007
- 2) recruitment of student intern by March 30, 2007
- 3) Completion of the final report and draft National Register nomination, March 2008

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