

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Video recording elders from the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes and other tribal elders regarding their traditional uses of Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and National Elk Refuge

Discipline: Interdisciplinary

Type of Project: Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

Yellowstone National Park (YELL), Grand Teton National Park (GRTE), and the National Elk Refuge (NER) have been working with several tribes to try to understand the historical uses of natural resources in their jurisdictions. With that information they can make informed decisions about collection requests and use it for culturally informed management of resources, as well as visitor education with tribal permission. The University of Montana cooperator will work with YELL, GRTE and NER and the tribes on recording this tribal information. As part of the project, Sally Thompson will travel to Fort Belknap Reservation where the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine elders reside. Dr. Thompson will travel to YELL to record the other elders. She will video record them and provide DATS (digital audio recordings) and DVDS (copy of recordings transferred on the DVDS) of the recordings.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Due by October 31, 2007

Digital audio recordings of at least four elders relaying their traditional histories and uses of the hydrothermal features and medicinal plants of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE).

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