

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Glacier National Park Ethnohistory

Type of Project: Research
Discipline: Cultural Resources
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana
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Funding Amount: \$ 45,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

The objective for this project is the preparation of text and graphic materials that will synthesize the wide array of existing material, reports, and literature and summarize the history of the Native American presence and their continuing relationships and associations with the area now designated as Glacier National Park. It is anticipated that the focus will be on the Blackfeet, Salish, Pend O'reille, and Kootenai tribes.

The targeted audiences for the text are park visitors, students, and the general public. The second phase of the project (not part of this scope of work) will result in a printed publication to be sold in Glacier National Park's visitor centers and other non-park book sellers and retail outlets.

The preparation of this document requires research and collection of information and materials, organization of materials, synthesis and interpretation of information, narrative writing, and the ability to organize text, photographs, maps, sketches, and other illustrations into a readable narrative, submitted as a Word document. Consultation with Glacier's affiliated tribes will be on-going during the project.

Scope of Work

The University of Montana agrees to:

1. Meet with NPS contact; collect and review existing information held by Glacier National Park on the history of Native American presence and their current relationships and association with the area now designated Glacier National Park, including, but not limited to, archeological and ethnographic reports, historic photographs, maps, administrative correspondence, and previous historic research. Undertake additional secondary research in resources available at tribal offices, libraries, and other public repositories.
2. Meet with the Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Historic Preservation Office staff for guidance in preparing document and to establish a tribal elder review process.
3. Be responsible for collecting appropriate graphic materials for inclusion in the document (maps, photographs, illustrations, charts, etc.) and having them reproduced for inclusion in the final document. The cooperator will be responsible for obtaining copyright permission on any copyright material - text, maps, and images.
4. Conduct and record oral interviews with tribal elders and/or representatives telling their own histories of the Glacier National Park area. Obtain signed

- release forms for use and publication rights of interviews.
5. Present preliminary findings and proposed organizational structure of book and DVD to tribal contacts and NPS.
 6. Present all findings and analysis clearly and in a format agreed upon between the University and the NPS. All documentation shall be written in a style that is both professionally credible and accessible to the layperson interested in the ethnohistory of the park.
 7. Provide draft of narrative and DVD for review by tribal representatives and NPS.
 8. Provide the NPS with all original research notes, documents, recorded and/or filmed interviews and photographs collected, regardless of whether the items are used in the study, and organize these materials into useable research files according to the chapters of the final text - or in a format agreed upon with park staff - for retention in the park's archives. These materials will become the property of the NPS. The cooperator may retain copies of the original research notes.
 9. Submit the final report, including footnotes and appendices - to be formatted and printed by the NPS and final DVD. More detailed guidance will be provided as the project proceeds.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Due Date for Final Report and/or Products: December 13, 2009

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