

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Montana-Yellowstone Archeological Project, Boundary Lands, Part Two

Discipline: Cultural

Type of Project: Research

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

Effective Dates: April 1, 2008 - August 30, 2009

Funding Amount: \$42,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: University of Montana, Department of Anthropology will work with Yellowstone NP to conduct an archeological survey of the entire 1,509-acre project area, as well as the additional 40-acre Area D if time permits. The team will define site limits, draw site planviews and maps, and prepare site forms, as well as provide condition assessments as required by YELL personnel. Test excavations will also be conducted at two sites to be determined in consultation with YELL archeologists Ann Johnson and Elaine Hale. Project work will be completed by the UM field team under the direction of MacDonald and four graduate student assistants. The remainder of the field crew will consist of 12-15 students enrolled in the University of Montana archeological field school. In addition to fieldwork, the cooperator also will undertake historic artifact analysis, lithic analysis, report preparation, and artifact curation. These activities will be conducted at the University of Montana, Department Of Anthropology in Missoula, Montana in Fall 2008 and Spring 2009. A full archeological survey report will be provided upon completion of the fieldwork and analysis in Spring 2009.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: A final report will consist of complete results of survey and inventory and will include background research, culture history, archeological results, archeological recommendations, as well as data tables, maps, and photographs.

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