Progress Report
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)

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Project Summary, including descriptions of project deliverables, work accomplished and/or major results. If the information is restricted (e.g. location of endangered species or cultural resources), indicate the title and location of the final report. Also add web sites where project-related information may be found.

The "Draft" Data Management Plan for the Little Bighorn National Battlefield Park was prepared by Gregory Colati for Sharon A. Small, Curator, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (LIBI). The purpose of this report is to develop a plan for managing digital assets of the Cultural Resources unit at the Park that will insure not only long-term preservation but also enhanced access and use by Park staff and visitors in a way that also maintains NPS' control over use of the material as much as possible.

The process of developing the plan consisted of writing the plan of work, conducting preliminary investigation both with LIBI staff and staff at Western Archeological Conservation Center (WACC) in Tucson to determine the goals, needs, and the existing conditions, including technology, policy and human resources. Next, a site visit was conducted in early June, 2011 that included in-depth conversations with LIBI staff and first-hand observation of conditions and infrastructure. Currently, the Data Management Plan is waiting feedback from LIBI and WACC staff. Once feedback is received the plan will be finalized.

Number of students participating in this project: undergraduates, graduate students, degrees conferred.
No students participating.