

## Project Summary

### Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

**Project Title:** Complete Multiple Property Document and Determinations of Eligibility for Mission 66 Resources in Yellowstone National Park

**Discipline:** Cultural  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Montana  
**Effective Dates:** 7/30/2014 - 12/31/2017  
**Funding Amount:** \$12,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** Mission 66 structures in Yellowstone National Park are approaching, or have achieved 50 years of age. Therefore, they need to be evaluated for National Register eligibility before rehabilitation or replacements are conducted. Yellowstone National Park needs a draft *Multiple Property Document* (MPD) submission that identifies the Mission 66 structures or districts in YNP that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and, through development of NR registration requirements, identify the structures that are not eligible for the NR. The Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WYSHPO) requires determination of eligibility (DOE) submissions on individual *Wyoming Cultural Properties Site Forms*.

As part of this Multiple Property Document, a previously drafted historic resource study of the Mission 66 developments and structures in Yellowstone will provide the context within which the park's Mission 66 era structures can be evaluated under the standards of the National Register of Historic Places. The draft evolutionary history has been written under a previous cooperative agreement and incorporating it into the Multiple Property Document requires some re-formatting to comply with the National Register Criterion, Secretary of the Interior Standards, and NPS and Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office standards for developing historic contexts.

The previously drafted historic context also lacks the DOE direction identified in *2003 NPS Service-wide direction for Mission 66 resources* (outlined above), which should be used for evaluating the potential eligibility of Mission 66 era resources in developing both the MPD and for determination of eligibility (DOE) in the individual WYSHPO Wyoming Cultural Properties Site Forms.

The Cultural Resource Management (CRM) program in the Anthropology Department of the University of Montana offers undergraduate, Masters, and Doctoral tracks. The program continues to achieve the best possible instruction at all levels including the diverse disciplines that constitute "cultural resources." This project provides an opportunity to bring expertise in the CRM process of historic context development for buildings and exposure to architectural history particular to the modernization period for structures in the West for students at all levels. Many seemingly modern structures are on the threshold of becoming "historic." This project will provide students with classroom and special project experience in appropriate documentation and management practices for these emerging cultural resources.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Multiple Property Document- December 31, 2015  
DOE and Cultural Property Inventory Forms - July 30, 2016  
Project End Date, incl. final documents that incorporate YNP comments - December 31, 2017

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