

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit
Project Summary

Project Title: Archeology Program Assistance for Business and Commercial Services Division projects

Discipline: Cultural

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

Student Participation: No

Effective Dates: May 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021

Funding Amount: \$42,210

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Project Abstract:

Project Goals – This project will provide youth participants (18-35 years) a seasonal opportunity to assist with artifact analysis and data management of inventory efforts, site condition assessments, and evaluation of archaeological sites for their eligibility for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), within high priority Business and Commercial Services Division projects at Yellowstone National Park.

Project Objectives – Project will streamline regulatory compliance for deferred maintenance and rehabilitation projects, and assist the park with meeting its obligations under the Archeological Resources Protection Act and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Youth participants (18-35 years) will provide technical support for completing data management requirements for archaeological sites for Business and Commercial Services Division projects. Working closely with the YELL Park Archeologist, participants will perform various tasks, including updating the archival site file and report records, the Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS), and the park's Geographic Information System (GIS).