

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit  
Project Summary

**Project Title:** NRHP Testing of Archaeological Sites in Support of FHWA road realignment and reconstruction in the Hayden Valley

**Discipline:** Cultural

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance and Education

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Montana

**Student Participation:** Yes

**Effective Dates:** May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2023

**Funding Amount:** \$179,200

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:**

**Project Goals –** The Recipient will perform archaeological site testing of twenty-four (24) archaeological sites totaling 112.38 acres (45.48 hectares) in the Hayden Valley (Canyon to Lake) portion of the Grand Loop Road. The archaeological testing will determine whether the sites are eligible for inclusion on the National Register and allow the National Park Service to knowledgeably consult on the sites with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and interested tribal partners and thus meet its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

**Project Objectives –** The sites are to be fully delineated, assessed for eligibility for inclusion on the NRHP, artifacts are to be processed and catalogued to 36CFR79 curation standards, and a final report meeting Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer standards is to be produced. These deliverables will be used during consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office in order to meet cultural resource preservation requirements as outlined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U. S. C. § 470).