

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Cultural Landscape Inventory, Murie Ranch National Historic Landmark

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State University
Effective Dates: 9/27/2007 - 12/31/2009
Funding Amount: \$20,000

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Project Abstract: The National Park Service and Utah State University, working in cooperation with The Murie Center, will prepare a Cultural Landscape Inventory (CLI) for the Murie Ranch, which is located within Grand Teton National Park. The CLI will be completed to National Park Service Cultural Landscapes Program and relevant National Register of Historic Places standards. The existing National Register and National Historic Landmark nominations will be used as the starting point. As described in the National Historic Landmark nomination for the property, the Murie Ranch historic district is nationally significant for its association with Olaus Murie, his brother Adolph Murie, and his wife Margaret (Mardy) Murie, specifically in terms of the Muries' contributions to biological science, natural resource management, and conservation. During the 1920s and 1930s, the Murie brothers achieved national prominence as influential scientists within the federal government as a result of their rigorous biological research.

The CLI will re-evaluate the period of significance from a landscape perspective, and the CLI will include but not be limited to:

- Annotated chronology of landscape history
- Statement of Significance and Period of Significance for the landscape
- National Register information
- Analysis and evaluation of contributing and noncontributing landscape elements
- Site map, with major contributing elements identified
- Schematic graphics showing spatial organization, circulation systems, and vegetation patterns
- Landscape integrity evaluation

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

- The first project deliverable will be a detailed scope of work and project schedule, which will be developed jointly by the NPS and Utah State University no later than November 1, 2008.
- 50% and 80% drafts: 5 bound hardcopies
- 100% advance draft: 5 bound hardcopies
- 100% final:10 bound hardcopies and digital file (text and all graphics) on CD. Text in MS WORD, graphics in jpg or tif format.
- Electronic copy of final report and graphics to RM-CESU

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Date Annual Report Received:

Date Final Report Received:

Publications, etc. on file: