

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Cultural Landscape Report, Parts One and Two, to 100% completion

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State University
Effective Dates: 12/15/2009 - 1/31/2015
Funding Amount: \$65,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: The purpose of the Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is to provide monument management with short- and long-term treatment recommendations for the monument's landscape. The CLR will consist of Part One: Landscape History, Existing Conditions, Analysis and Evaluation, and Part Two: Treatment Recommendations. Part One will be based on the LIBI Cultural Landscape Inventory. The current project is for 100% completion of the CLR, Part One and Part Two.

The Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) will be a working document that outlines needed treatment recommendations for the various facets of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (LIBI)'s cultural and natural landscape. CLR implementation (a future project) will provide actual treatment of the landscape including reintroduction of Native Grass in Sec. A, Custer National Cemetery. The CLR document will provide options and recommendations for treatment of the cultural landscapes and will be an important resource for management in working toward implementation and/or revision of the General Management Plan, Statement for Interpretation, Interpretive Plan, Historic Resource Study, GIS project, Historic Base Map.

The CLR will include short- and long-term historic landscape treatment recommendations that NPS will use for future planning and deferred maintenance treatment of cultural landscape features. Treatments will apply to various landscape resources, including historic structures, headstones, monuments, cemetery street, trails, rifle pits, vegetation management treatment (in accordance with our enabling legislation), and overall landscape features within the two historic districts. The CLR will address potential impacts of specific future LIBI projects that may have an adverse effect on the cultural landscape including future General Management Plan implementation, potential location of a new visitor center, and infrastructure changes. The CLR will evaluate LIBI Mission 66 resources using NPS standards to determine if they are eligible as a Mission 66 District. The CLR will have a direct tie with visitor safety/experience/benefit.

Because this is a cooperative project, training for students in CLR principles, standards, processes and criteria will be included. CLR training will be a joint effort between the NPS and Utah State University.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Due Date for Final Report and/or Other Products: December 1, 2012.

Note: The due date for the final 100% CLR may need to be flexible given the need for tribal consultation in both years of the project.

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