

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Prepare An Archeological Overview and Assessment Report for Curecanti National Recreation Area.

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State University
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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: This project will produce a baseline document for the cultural resource program of Curecanti National Recreation Area (CURE). To produce the Archeological Overview and Assessment USU and NPS staff will collect, organize and review documentation of past work in CURE. The final report will present the history of work completed in CURE, and will identify research needs and present recommendations for the design of future research. The project will provide training for USU graduate students; provide guidance for future cultural resource management in the park; and the focused guidance will help prioritize the expenditure of public funds toward the most worthy resources management needs.

The Archeological Overview and Assessment Report serves as a base document for NPS cultural resource programs. The partners will consolidate previous reports and documentation and prepare a review of previous work. The report reviews and assesses the known and potential cultural resources within the park. The report consists of two parts; the first reviews and summarizes the existing archeological data, the second evaluates the data. The report assesses past work and recommends needs for and design of future studies.

The completion of the report will lead to a transfer of knowledge to the general public via improved interpretive programs and to the scientific community by consolidating information about the park's cultural resources into one reference volume.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

The project will result in a single final report, subject to expected second year funding. Auxiliary reports will consist of four Technical Progress Reports, two Investigator's Annual Reports and a completion report/abstract for posting on the CESU website.

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