

**Project Summary**  
**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

<b>Project Title:</b> Federal Highway Archeological Inventory and Site Evaluation, Yellowstone National Park: Canyon Area
<b>Type of Project</b> Technical Assistance
<b>Funding Agency:</b> National Park Service, Yellowstone NP
<b>Effective Dates:</b> August 1, 2002 - July 28, 2003
<b>Funding Amount:</b> \$9,999
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<b>Project Abstract:</b> Project work is in the Canyon Area adjacent to the Yellowstone River and at the northeastern corner of Swan Lake Flats. The Canyon Area work has two parts: Brink of the Falls and Inspiration Point. These are historic roads. Inspiration Point is a long secondary road off of the Canyon Rim Drive approximately 1.6 km long. Inspiration Point provides views of the Lower Falls on the Yellowstone River. The Inspiration Point segment is on the Canyon Village 7.5' USGS quad. The Brink of the Falls segment is another secondary road, is on the Crystal Falls 7.5' USGS quad, and is a short distance above the Upper Falls of the Yellowstone River. The project may extend just over to the Canyon Village quadrangle on the east. The road segment is about 0.6 km long. The unnamed gravel pit at the northeastern corner of Swan Lake Flats is about 0.25 km east of the Mammoth to Norris Junction highway and is just off (north of) the Bunson Peak road. This unnamed gravel pit and the Swan Lake Flats Pit are marked on the Mammoth Hot Springs, 7.5' USGS quad. The Swan Lake Pit is at the southwestern end of Swan Lake Flats and is opposite the backside of Sheepeater Cliff. The pit has been used for a wide range of disposal and staging activities including disposal of rock, artifacts, and soil from Obsidian Cliff, logs from the 1988 fires in the park, wood chips, and equipment staging.  This project is necessary to provide information to conduct archeological compliance on proposed highway improvements around the park. This project is to be accomplished through the cooperative agreement with the University of Wyoming.
<b>Outcomes with completion dates:</b> INVENTORY REPORT: All work can be submitted in a single report. SITE FORMS: Site forms will be submitted separately from the reports. All sites will have the park's site status evaluation form completed.
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