

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** National Register Testing of a Precontact (McKean Culture) Archeological Site in the Area of Potential Effect of Road Improvements at Virginia Cascade Drive.

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

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

**Effective Dates:** 9/15/2004 - 9/30/2009

**Funding Amount:** \$22,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:**

Surface and subsurface archeological investigations will be conducted to locate and recover precontact archeological remains known, through initial inventory of the area, to be present. Recovery and analysis of the artifacts, features, and geologic indicators of previous human use of the area will be analyzed and the significance of the site will be assessed in reference to the requirements for nomination of the site to the National Register of Historic places. All pertinent information from the investigations will be compiled into a report and the Wyoming Cultural Sites form describing the site and its contents will be updated with the new information.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

The final products will include a detailed report of the archeological investigations, the artifacts and features recovered, and the analysis and identification of those features and the site matrix from which they were recovered. (Due September 30, 2009)

An updated Wyoming Cultural Properties form will be provided for the designated site subsequent to the recovery and analysis of the archeological remains recovered from the investigations.

The collected artifacts of archeological significance will be cataloged into the YNP museum collections using the ANCS+ program and returned to YNP upon completion of analysis and identification, to be curated in the YNP museum.

**Keywords:** archeological resources, National Register of Historic places, Yellowstone National Park, University of Wyoming

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