

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Overview of American Indian Ethnobotanical Resources at Fort Laramie National Historic Site

Discipline: Interdisciplinary

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

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Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming

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Project Abstract:

This project will compile and analyze existing information on the ethnobotanical resources for Fort Laramie NHS. This overview will be limited to a review and summary of American Indian plant use(s) and will focus on information gathered from existing documentation (published or unpublished). The ethnobotanical overview called for in this scope of work will provide resource managers at Fort Laramie NHS with a list of ethnobotanical plants (and plant uses) that can be correlated with plants presently found within or near the NHS boundary. Data from this overview will allow the design of management strategies to protect these resources from unnecessary impacts. These data will also be used to help park personnel devise management strategies that will allow for, to the extent possible, American Indian access to resources used for traditional purposes. Emphasis in this study is on specific cultural group(s) with both long-term and presently active associations with the Fort Laramie NHS resources.

Products of this work will include (1) written report listing American Indian ethnobotanical resources found in existing literature on plants relevant to the area of traditional use which includes Fort Laramie NHS, (2) list of plants within or near the boundaries of Fort Laramie NHS that are cross-listed with the plants in the first item, and (3) bibliography of all literature (published or unpublished) used to construct the final report.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Draft and Final Report on the American Indian Ethnobotanical Resources at Fort Laramie National Historic Site - due December 2007

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