

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Class III Inventory and Site Documentation of the Indian Creek Drainage.

**Discipline:** Cultural Resources

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

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

**Effective Dates:** 9/1/2007-12/31/2009

**Funding Amount:** \$18,003 [\$1403 added in FY08]

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**Project Abstract:** The archeology survey area in Yellowstone NP is located west of the Indian Creek campground on the eastern side of the Gallatin Mountains, about 13 miles south of Mammoth Hot Springs. The survey area begins where the eastern edge of the mountains opens into Gardiner's Hole, and climbs in elevation into the Gallatin alpine area near Rosa Lake. As time permits, the inventory will be extended to the south when the alpine is reached. The Indian Creek drainage is relatively narrow and the inventory will concentrate on the north side of the drainage. As it is not known how many sites will be identified, this agreement is for 10 days field research and preparation of a project report and site forms. Archeological inventory to identify archeological sites will be conducted to the standards set by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Identification of Historic Properties and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officers 2003 Guidelines and Standards for Class III Reports. The historic context for archeological inventory of the northern half of the park has been developed by Dr. B.O.K. Reeves and will be made available to the cooperator by the YNP Branch of Cultural Resources prior to field work. Appropriate Wyoming Cultural Properties Forms will be filled out for each site and a Wyoming Isolated Find form filled out for isolated finds. Diagnostic artifacts will be collected. These cultural materials will be cataloged and accessioned to the YNP Museum, after being analyzed at the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist laboratory. During summer 2008, the survey will **look for segments of the Bannock Trail. Additional funds are provided for a Native American to participate in the inventory so as to provide Native American oral history, identifications, and interpretations of sites and trail segments if they are identified**

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Draft Report due March 10, 2009; Final Report due May 15, 2009, with site forms and site status evaluations forms for each site.

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