

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Bighorn Canyon NRA Archeology Field School

Discipline: Cultural Resources
Type of Project: Education/Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming, Northwest College
Effective Dates: 6/1/2009 - 4/30/2010
Funding Amount: \$12,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: On May 19, 2005, the NPS Associate Director for Cultural Resources issued a memorandum regarding the Corrective Action Plan for ASMIS Site Condition Data. The Associate Director's memorandum explained that auditors for the DOI Inspector General found deficiencies in the Archeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS), which records information about known and documented park archeological sites. In addition, the memorandum mandated that NPS parks develop Corrective Action Plans to correct deficient ASMIS information. In general, the deficient ASMIS information is for those archeological sites that were initially documented before 1990, and which do not reflect the current ASMIS information standards.

The Field School will focus on a prehistoric component (24CB812) of the NRHP listed Caroline Lockhart Ranch (24CB1085). The presence of a prehistoric component of the Caroline Lockhart was noted in 1969, and was given a Smithsonian Site Number. However, the prehistoric component of the site was never properly documented. There is also evidence of an undocumented prehistoric Bison Drive Line and Jump south of, but within the boundaries of the NRHP listed Historic Ranch site that will be included in the proposed field work to be completed during the 2009 project.

Through this task agreement, Bighorn Canyon NRA and Northwest College in cooperation with The University of Wyoming will work cooperatively to update ASMIS information for Bighorn Canyon NRA, through the organization of an archeological field school for summer 2009.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Field school will take place during summer 2009. Final report is due by December 31, 2009.

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