Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Teton Valley Ranch Area

Discipline: Cultural Resources Type of Project: Technical Assistance Funding Agency: National Park Service Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming Effective Dates: 7/1/2010 - 9/30/2011 Funding Amount: \$23,740

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Project Abstract: This survey will cover approximately 350 acres in the Teton Valley Ranch area and will result in the production of a Class III Cultural Inventory Report. The Teton Valley Ranch area was selected for survey because of ongoing efforts on the part the vegetation division in Grand Teton National Park to restore the natural landscape of the hayfields. In order to complete their project, the hayfields must be burned. This survey is an important step in preserving and documenting any cultural resources prior to the proposed burns.

The project involves 4.5 days of field survey work in July 2010 by three archeologists, including a survey manager and two crew members. The crew will provide necessary materials for the survey, and will record and document any prehistoric or historic resources discovered. The crew will also conduct a file search on any previously surveyed acres surrounded by or surrounding the survey area. Once the field period is completed, the survey manager and a crew member will be responsible for completing a finished Class III Cultural Resource Inventory report to be submitted to the Park no later than September 30, 2010.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: May 30, 2011

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