

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Develop Historic Context for Yellowstone's Backcountry Trails

**Discipline:** Cultural Resources  
**Type of Project:** Research  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Wyoming  
**Effective Dates:** 8/30/2010 - 5/15/2015  
**Funding Amount:** \$100,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** The first phase of the project will be to conduct archival research using Yellowstone National Park sources and other repositories, to gather information on the development of the parks 1000 miles of backcountry trails and completion of a draft Historic Resource Study (also known as a Historic Context) as well as a draft National Register Multiple Property document as well as a framework/plan for future documentation work of the existing trails.

**The multi-year project**, of which this is the first phase, will consist of the following:

Phase 1 (Current CESU agreement) Research and development of the draft historic context for all the types of trails in the park and drafting a framework/plan for documentation of trails parkwide.(2 years)

Phase 2 Trail documentation parkwide - consisting of photographic and geospatial documentation including written documentation. (Est. \$130,000 - 2 years)

Phase 3 Preparation and submission of a multiple property determination of eligibility which would evaluate the National Register eligibility of the trails in Yellowstone. (Est. \$100,000 1-2 Years)

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** March 15, 2015

Archival Research, Outline, and Rough Draft of Historic Resource Study (Historic Context) for the Backcountry Trails in Yellowstone National Park

**Keywords:** Historic Resource Study, archival research, Backcountry Trails, Yellowstone National Park, University of Wyoming