Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Moose Exhibit Site 48YE201: Artifact Analysis, Geoarcheological Report, Macrobotanical Analysis, Geochemical Research, and Final Data Recovery Report Production

Discipline: Cultural Resources

Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming

Effective Dates: 5/1/2011 - 9/30/2015

Funding Amount: \$220,191 [FY12: \$80,191; FY11: \$140,000]

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Project Abstract: The first phase of the data recovery excavations at prehistoric site 48YE201 involved the excavation of the area of potential effect of the road reconstruction and other areas of the site containing high concentrations of cultural material, intact stratigraphic levels, or datable buried cultural levels. The second phase will be the coalition of information into a final data recovery excavation report for site 48YE201.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

The archeological data recovery excavations will be conducted in the summer/fall of 2011 or the summer/fall of 2012, should fire, wildlife or other circumstances prevent the 2011 excavations. The artifacts collected in the field should begin to be processed, identified, and analyzed at the cooperators laboratory during the winter of 2011-2012. The draft report will be provided for YNP archeological staff for review and edit by May 31, 2014.

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