

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Student Intern Opportunities at Bighorn Canyon NRA

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Education/Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming, Northwest College
Effective Dates: 5/1/2012 - 5/31/2017
Funding Amount: \$43,280

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Project Abstract: Bighorn Canyon NRA will join with Northwest College and the University of Wyoming to offer paid student and diversity internships in cultural resource management. The three interns will perform various activities supporting the cultural resource program including but not limited to

1. Assist on archeological site monitoring on construction projects, working closely with contractors, tribal monitors, and park archeological staff to ensure protection of the parks archeological resources and contractor compliance with mitigation measures.
2. Assist with archeological field survey including identification and documentation of prehistoric and historic archeological sites and data entry into archeological databases and GIS layers.
3. Assist with historical restoration efforts on the four historic ranches within Bighorn Canyon NRA.
4. Assist with the museum and archives program including processing archival material, identification and labeling of objects, placing items in storage, cataloging and accessioning objects, maintain paper and electronic curatorial records.

The intern(s) will gain valuable professional experience in the NPS and an introduction to cultural resource management and NPS missions and activities. The intern(s) will also gain essential experience in all cultural resource activities, supporting career goals. Interns will be able to apply their training into other work opportunities with other federal agencies, contract firms, and tribal historic preservation programs.

The opportunity will assist Bighorn Canyon in:

1. Completing the inventory of undocumented cultural resources in the park.
2. Creating the park's archives and museum collections.
3. Protecting known archeological sites in the park.
4. Conserving and protecting historic structures in the park.

The University of Wyoming will partner with Northwest College in a sub-agreement to provide students for the program.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: March 31, 2017

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