

Project Completion Report

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)

Project Title: Process and Catalog Park Central Files Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding, Idaho

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Partner University: Washington State University (WSU)

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Project Summary,

In 2011, under the direction of NEPE Archivist and Records Manager, Robert Applegate, Tabitha Erdey, WSU PhD candidate and project manager accessioned an accretion, Accession #0668, to the previous Nez Perce National Historical Park Resource Management Records Collection, NEPE Catalog #33871. The processing, arrangement, and description of the NEPE Resource Management Records Collection, Accession #0668, added seventeen linear feet of permanent records including 16 linear feet from the NEPE central files and one linear foot of the park's Canoe Camp site expansion project files. The collection's chronological range includes years 1962 to 2010.

The processing, arrangement and description of the NEPE Resource Management Records Collection, Accession #0668, culminated in a finding aid for use by NEPE park staff and the public. As an addition to the collection's four earlier accretions, this collection was assigned the hierarchical heading, "Series XIII, NEPE Central Files" within the finding aid. The series is divided into nine subseries headings including: Administration, Development and Maintenance, Fiscal, History and Archaeology, Interpretation and Information, Lands and Recreation, Natural and Social Science, Laws and Legal Matters, and Fire Management. As per the project agreement Tabitha Erdey entered all collection data into the NEPE ICMS Archives and Collection Management Modules. The processed collection is stored in the NEPE Research Center Archives Vault. The finding aid is located on the park's network server as well as in hardcopy form at the NEPE Research Center.

Number of students participating in this project: Tabitha Erdey, a WSU PhD candidate performed a majority of the work for this project. No degree was conferred based solely on the work performed here.

Lessons Learned from this project: Nez Perce National Historical Park has been very pleased with the results of the work conducted under this cooperative project. The PI and Project Manager involved in this project have been excellent to work with and all tasks were completed on-time, exactly as directed, and within budget.

Other RM-CESU agencies or research partners who participated in this project: none