

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Bad Pass Trail Ethnographic Research/Fieldwork & Revised National Register Nomination**

**Discipline:** Cultural  
**Type of Project:** Research  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Wyoming, Northwest College  
**Effective Dates:** 5/15/2012 - 12/31/2016  
**Funding Amount:** \$36,765

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** The objective of this project is to complete ethnographic research/fieldwork and a revised National Register nomination for the Bad Pass Trail at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, which will satisfy the park's NHPA Section 110 responsibilities. The revised National Register nomination will also contribute to the completion of a Cultural Landscape Inventory (CLI) in the future (not included in this scope of work). This project will inform the NPS of the features significant to the trail and affiliated tribes and provide the NPS with data and information that will help understand the prehistory, history, evolution, existing conditions, and tribal views of the trail. This project is needed to provide the park with critical cultural landscape resources information, build relationships with affiliated tribes, and revise the out-of-date National Register nomination for the trail. The project will also provide material with which to enhance employee and visitor understanding of the importance of Bad Pass Trail. The target audience for the project will be NPS resource managers, park staff, and tribal members of the Crow and Eastern Shoshone nations.

The second objective of this project is to provide student(s) within the Department of Anthropology at University of Wyoming and St. Cloud State University with real-world experience in ethnographic research/fieldwork, working with tribal members, and writing National Register nominations, while working with NPS staff to complete the project.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Ethnography Report: March 15, 2014  
Final National Register Nomination: Fall 2016

**Keywords:** ethnographic research/fieldwork, National Register nomination, Bad Pass Trail, Bighorn Canyon NRA, University of Wyoming, St. Cloud State University