



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yoshio Kodama and their son at the entry gate at Heart Mountain Relocation Center, 1944. Photo: Hikaru Iwasaki, War Relocation Authority, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley

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Current Projects & Partners 2014

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Recent Successes

NPS Helps Identify Historic Locations of Sentry Station, Entry Gate, and Flagpole at Heart Mountain Relocation Center NHL

Archeologist Charles Haecker and architect Tom Keohan of the Intermountain Region's Heritage Partnerships Program worked with the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation to determine the historic locations of the sentry station, gate swing posts, and flagpole at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming. They also made recommendations for their restoration. The relocation center, where Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II, is a National Historic Landmark.

To determine locations, Haecker and Keohan completed an archeological survey, took on-site measurements, and analyzed historical documentation, including a 1942 site plan and photographs that showed the sentry station, posts, and flagpole in relationship to other structures and landscape features. The July 7, 1942, site plan, titled "Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Military Police Group Layout," pinpointed the main entrance road

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ABOUT US

The Heritage Partnerships Program (HPP) of the NPS Intermountain Region includes several programs that provide technical and financial assistance to partner organizations to encourage the preservation of our Nation's most significant places. These programs, which are funded through the National Recreation and Preservation (NR&P) Program, work collaboratively with partners to extend the core mission of the NPS beyond the boundaries of our national parks and into communities across the region. Heritage Partnerships Programs include: National Historic Landmarks, Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) documentation programs, the National Heritage Areas Program, Historic Surplus Property Program, and the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

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9. **Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild West Shows Theme Study and National Historic Landmark Nomination** – Colorado State University
10. **African American Soldiers in the U.S. Army in the American West, 1866-1891 Study** – Organization of American Historians
11. **Lake Guernsey State Park National Historic Landmark Safety Improvements** – Bureau of Reclamation, Guernsey State Park, Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
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Lake Hotel, Yellowstone National Park. Photo: NPS



A steel post that once supported the entry gate at Heart Mountain Relocation Center still stands. Photo: NPS

and gate, as well as the sentry station, flagpole, and railroad tracks.

The historic sentry station was a small, 4-foot-square wood-frame building with a single door and hipped roof. It was situated on the north side of Heart Mountain's then-gravel, main entrance road (now County Road 19). On either side of the 24-foot-wide road were steel posts with wire strap hinges that supported the main entrance gate, which had two halves made of wire mesh and steel cable cross bracing. The gate stood about 5 feet west of the sentry station. According to historic drawings and photographs, the two halves of the gate swung west from the center of the road in a clamshell fashion. Historically, a perimeter fence made of wood post and wire was attached to the swing posts on both sides of the road. The main entrance flagpole stood in front of the administrative headquarters building, about 200 feet east of the main gate.

At the site, Haecker and Keohan noted that one of the steel posts supporting the gate – the south post – still exists. They also found wood and wire remnants of

the perimeter fence and a wheel from a 1940s-era baby or doll carriage. Measurements determined that the alignment of the historic entrance road shifted when the current county road was constructed, a fact that complicates any plans to reconstruct the sentry station in its historic location. The road grade also has increased several feet in elevation and a large drainage ditch now exists on the north side of the road. In its recommendations to the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, the NPS team suggested a reconstruction site as close to the historic location of the sentry station as possible. The team also recommended reconstructing the historic entrance gate in a held-open position across County Road 19, as well as a small section of the perimeter fence, and reconstructing the flagpole as close as possible to its historic location.

“Together with the reconstructed sentry station, these reconstructed features would provide a strong visitor experience as one enters the former confinement site area,” their report stated.

Densho Partners with Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation to Design Digital Repository

With a 2011 NPS Japanese American Confinement Sites grant of \$262,980, Densho – an online archive – designed and created the Densho Digital Repository while partnering with four Japanese American heritage and preservation organizations. The project provided the technology for partner organizations to digitally preserve and share materials in their collections, thus increasing Densho's outreach. Densho's mission is to preserve the testimonies of Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during World War II.

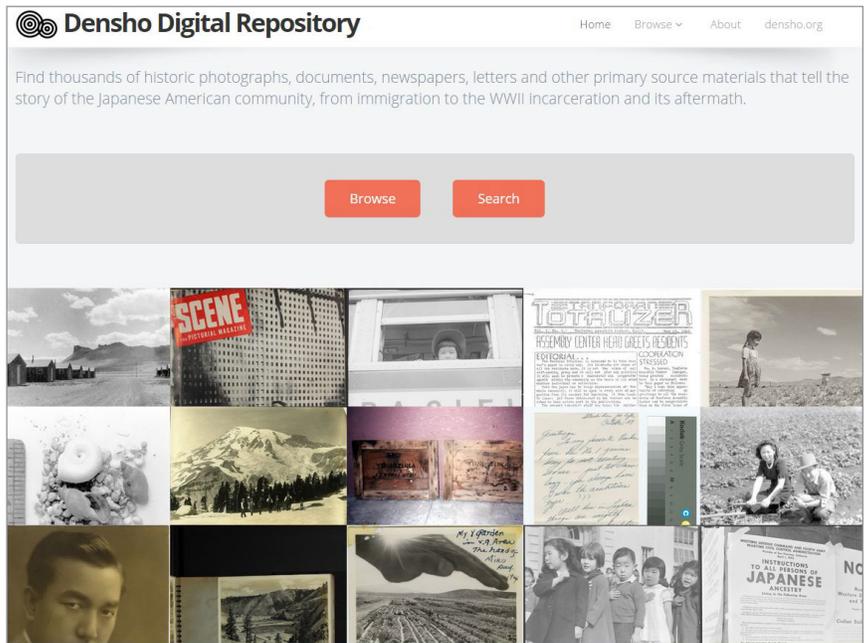
Partners in the project, Digital Archive System for Community Organizations, included the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation in Powell. Other partners were the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (Honolulu), the Oregon Nikkei Endowment (Portland, Oregon), and the Japanese American Museum of San Jose (San Jose, California). Densho staff set up a computer workstation at each partner site and provided on-site training in the collection and processing of materials. Staff also developed a Digitization and Preservation Manual and a suite of software components to support the archival repository.

During the two-year project period, more than 50,000 historic materials relating to the Japanese American experience before, during, and after World War II were processed and added to the digital repository. The materials included photographs, correspondence, diaries, artwork, and other documents and ephemera.

Heritage Partnerships Program activities posted on NPS National Historic Landmark Website

The National Historic Landmarks Program website now includes a link to the annual program reports compiled by staff of the Intermountain Region's Heritage Partnerships Program (<http://www.nps.gov/nhl/contact/imro.htm>). IMR staff administer the National Historic Landmarks program in the eight-state Intermountain Region (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming). These eight states encompass approximately 250 Landmarks, all of which reflect the diverse history of the West. Among them are the Hoover Dam, United States Air Force Academy, Georgia O'Keeffe Home and Studio, the mining towns of Leadville and Butte-Anaconda, the Folsom Site, Mountain Meadows Massacre Site, Cherokee National Capitol, Apollo Mission Control Center, and the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.

The Heritage Partnerships Program helps citizens, agencies, organizations, and communities identify, document, interpret, protect, and preserve National Historic Landmarks within the 8-state Intermountain Region. This includes assistance in the preparation of Landmark nominations, historical documentation, historical and archeological surveys, treatment plans for stabilization and repair, and planning and education.



The Denso Digital Repository, an online resource, provides access to thousands of documents that help tell the story of Japanese Americans. The repository was funded by a 2011 Japanese American Confinement Sites grant. Photo Courtesy: Denso



The National Historic Landmark Program website includes a link to the annual reports that highlight accomplishments of the Heritage Partnerships Program staff in the eight-state Intermountain Region, which includes Wyoming. Photo: NPS

Ongoing Projects

1. Lake Hotel National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: Yellowstone National Park

HPP Contact: Christine Whitacre

Location: Yellowstone National Park

Project Goal: Create a successful National Historic Landmark nomination that will demonstrate the high level of physical integrity and national significance of this property, resulting in designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

HPP Role: Provide advice and guidance to authors of the nomination.



The Lake Hotel on Yellowstone Lake in Yellowstone National Park. Photo: NPS (2008), Lake Hotel National Historic Landmark nomination.

2. Hell Gap Paleoindian Site National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: The Wyoming Archaeological Foundation, University of Wyoming

HPP Contact: Charles Haecker

Location: Goshen County

Project Goal: Create a successful National Historic Landmark nomination that will demonstrate the high level of physical integrity and national significance of this property, resulting in designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

HPP Role: Provide advice and guidance to authors of the nomination.



Hell Gap Paleoindian Site. Photo: University of Wyoming

3. Ames Monument National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office

HPP Contact: Shirl Kasper

Location: Albany County

Project Goal: Create a successful National Historic Landmark nomination that will demonstrate the high level of physical integrity and national significance of this property, resulting in designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

HPP Role: Provide advice and guidance to authors of the nomination.



The Ames Monument was designed by Henry Hobson Richardson and dedicated to brothers Oakes and Oliver Ames, Jr., financiers of the Union Pacific Railroad. Photo: Historic American Buildings Survey—HABS (1974).

4. Bureau of Reclamation Historic Dams, Irrigation Projects and Powerplants: Managing Water in the West, an expanded NPS Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itinerary

Project Partner: Bureau of Reclamation

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson

Location: Western United States, including Wyoming (Shoshone Powerplant, Park County)

Project Goal: To the existing itinerary, add the history of Reclamation's hydroelectric power program and site descriptions of ten Reclamation hydroelectric powerplants that are listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

HPP Role: Prepare the history and site descriptions.

5. Digital Documentation of Bureau of Reclamation's Historic Shoshone Powerplant

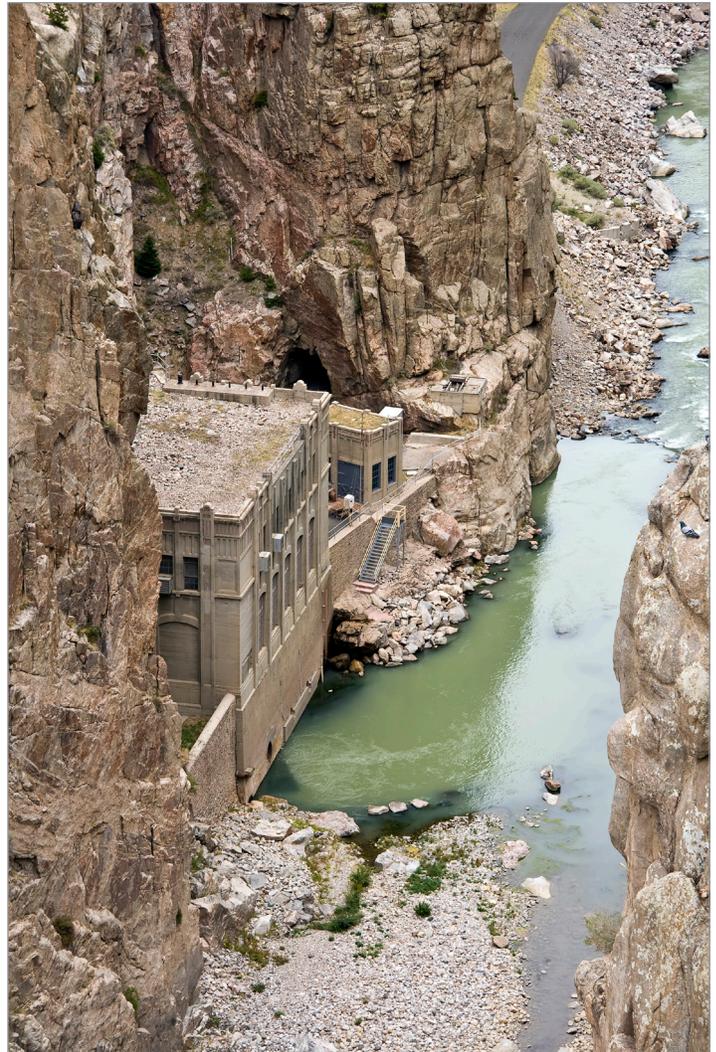
Project Partner: Bureau of Reclamation and CyArk

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson

Location: Park County

Project Goal: Digitally document the Shoshone hydroelectric powerplant using laser scanning, GPS, and high-definition photography, resulting in interactive 3D reconstruction, virtual tours of the site, and a four-minute historical video.

HPP Role: Provide project coordination, expertise, guidance, and advice regarding historic significance.



The Shoshone Powerplant at the foot of Buffalo Bill Dam. Photo: Acroterion, Wikimedia Commons

6. Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation Website Project

Project Partner: Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation

HPP Contact: Kara Miyagishima, Alex Hernandez

Location: Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County

Project Goal: Re-design website to include a virtual tour, access to archives and artifacts, and an online interactive curriculum.

HPP Role: Award NPS funding through a Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, monitor project, and provide assistance.



A screen shot of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center website. Photo: Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation.

7. Heart Mountain Root Cellar Planning and Preservation Project

Project Partner: Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation

HPP Contact: Kara Miyagishima, Alex Hernandez

Location: Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County

Project Goal: Plan for the acquisition, conservation, preservation, interim stabilization, and future use of a root cellar that was used by internees of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center to store produce grown at the camp.

HPP Role: Award NPS funding through a Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, monitor project, and provide assistance.



The underground root cellar at Heart Mountain is more than 130 feet long. Photo: Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation.

8. Heart Mountain Relocation Center Archives Project

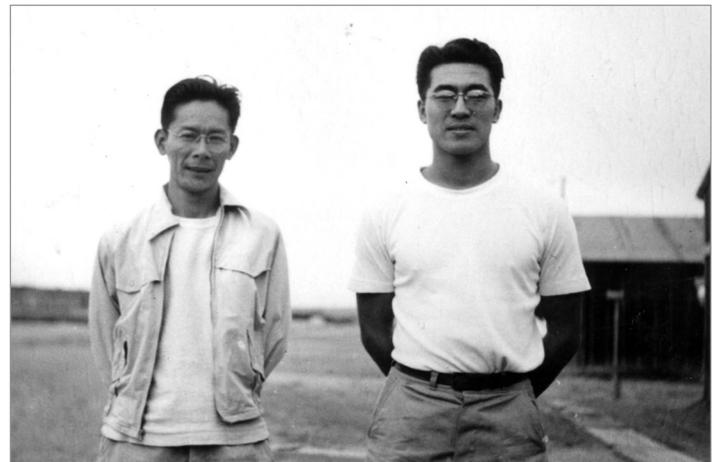
Project Partner: Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation.

HPP Contact: Kara Miyagishima, Alex Hernandez

Location: Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County

Project Goal: Establish an archives center and hire a professional archivist to arrange collections, produce a guide, and make collections available for research and outreach.

HPP Role: Award NPS funding through a Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, monitor project, and provide assistance.



Frank Emi (right), leader of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, stands with a supporter in a photo taken at the height of the Japanese American draft resistance movement during World War II. Emi's papers have been donated to the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. Photo: Densho (denshopd-p122-00003), Frank Abe and Frank Emi.

9. Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild West Shows Theme Study and National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: Colorado State University

HPP Contact: Shirl Kasper

Location: Cody, Sheridan

Project Goal: Conclude a study to determine the national significance of sites associated with Buffalo Bill Cody and the Wild West Shows, including the T E Ranch, Irma Hotel, Sheridan Inn, and Pahaska Teepee in Wyoming and Scout's Rest Ranch in Nebraska.

HPP Role: Provide advice and guidance to authors of the nomination, and provide research assistance.



Buffalo Bill's Scout's Rest Ranch house in North Platte, Nebraska. Photo: Hannah Braun, Public Lands History Center



African American soldiers of the 25th Infantry, some wearing buffalo robes. Ft. Keogh, Montana, circa 1890. Photo by Christian Barthelme: Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, LC-DIG-ppmsca-11406

10. African American Soldiers in the U.S. Army in the American West, 1866-1891, Multiple Property Documentation

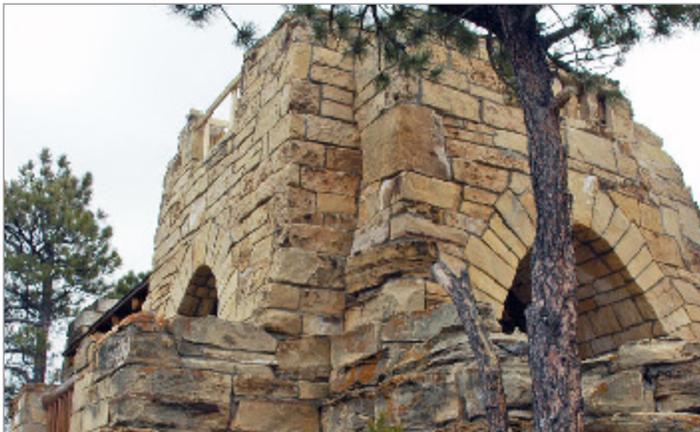
Project Partner: Organization of American Historians

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson, Charles Haecker, Shirl Kasper

Location: Western United States, including Wyoming

Project Goal: Complete a National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form that will document the history and significance of the men known popularly as the Buffalo Soldiers, and identify properties associated with that history, including sites in Wyoming.

HPP Role: Provide funding for the project, as well as overall project coordination, expertise, guidance and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.



11. Lake Guernsey State Park National Historic Landmark Safety Improvements

Project Partner: Bureau of Reclamation, Guernsey State Park, Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office

HPP Contact: Tom Keohan

Location: Platte County

Project Goal: Make improvements to recreational tent campsites at Sandy Beach Campground, Guernsey State Park. Improvements include construction of an access road, parking area and parking pads, tent pads, new tables, grills, section fences at each campsite and one group fire ring, as well as construction of a group circle campsite with picnic shelter, tables and grills, fence and grill pads, access road, parking spurs, and new toilet.

HPP Role: Participate in consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties.



The "castle" overlook structure (top), picnic shelter (bottom), footbridge (right), all built by the Civilian Conservation Corps at Guernsey State Park National Historic Landmark. Photos: Wyoming State Parks

12. Wyoming State Capitol Renovation

Project Partner: Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office

HPP Contact: Tom Keohan, Shirl Kasper

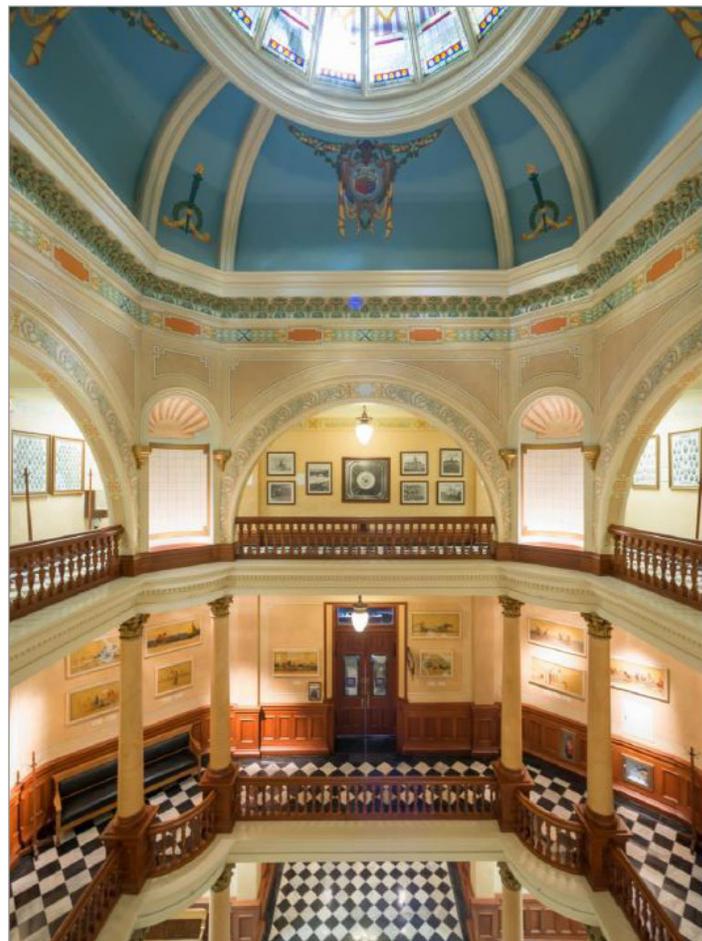
Location: Cheyenne

Project Goal: Renovate the State Capitol to address space issues, improve safety and meet code compliance.

HPP Role: : At the request of the SHPO's office, provide a courtesy review of renovation plans.



Exterior renovation work on Wyoming State Capitol building.
Photo: State of Wyoming



Wyoming State Capitol building in Cheyenne. Photo: State of Wyoming

13. Heart Mountain Accessibility Project

Project Partner: Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation

HPP Contact: Kara Miyagishima, Alex Hernandez

Location: Powell

Project Goal: Increase accessibility to the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center exhibits by including Spanish, German and Japanese language versions of the museum's introductory film and iPod-based audio tours and upgrade the outdoor Walking Trail with braille interpretation stations.

HPP Role: Award NPS funding through a Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, monitor project, and provide assistance.



Heart Mountain interpretive Center. Photo: Kevin J. Miyazaki

14. The Heart Mountain Barracks Project

Project Partner: Visual Communications (Los Angeles)

HPP Contact: Kara Miyagishima, Alex Hernandez

Location: Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County

Project Goal: Update Sharon Yamato's book, *Moving Walls: Preserving the Barracks of America's Concentration Camps*, and produce a video documentary focused on present-day efforts to identify and preserve barracks formerly located at Heart Mountain.

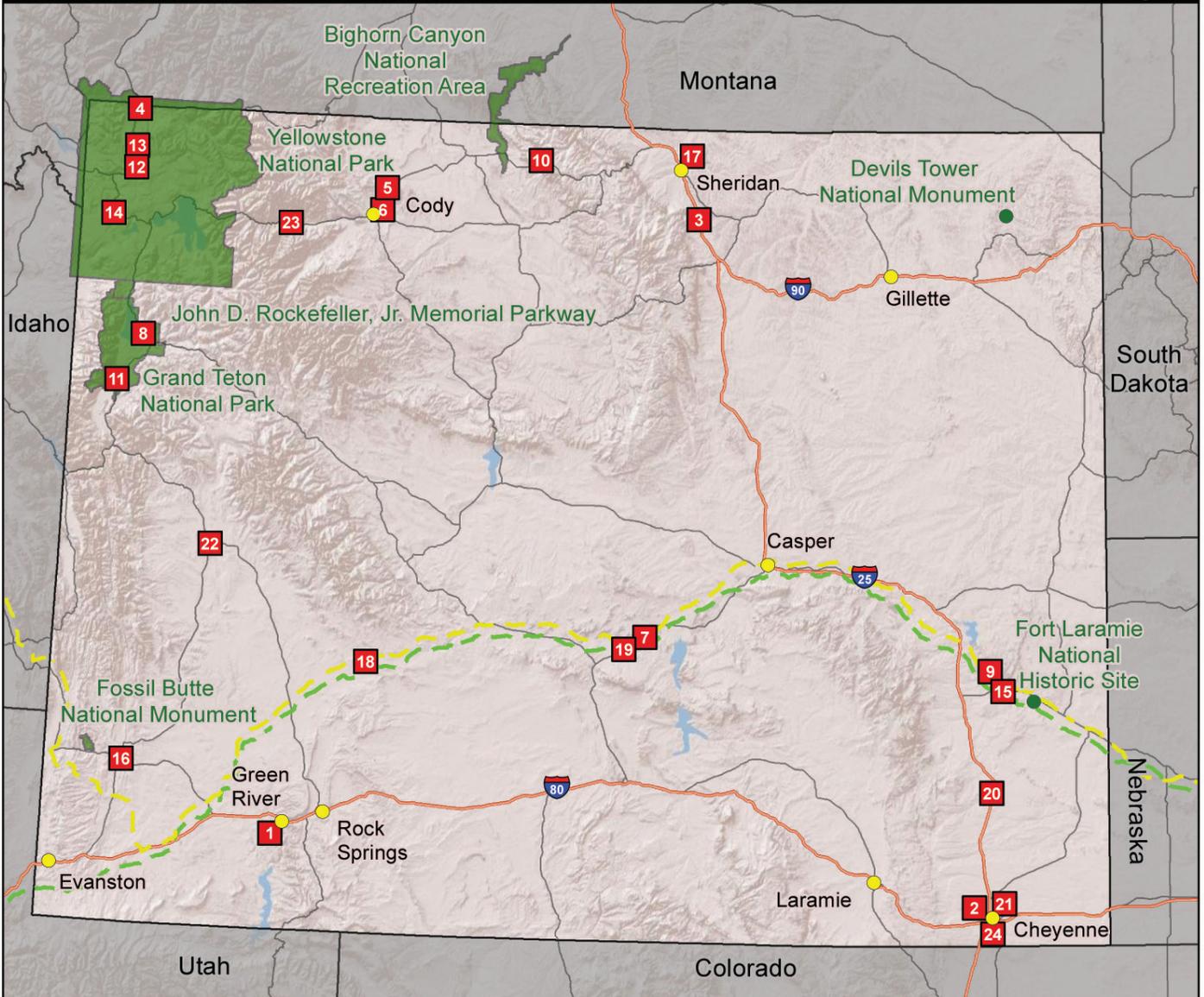
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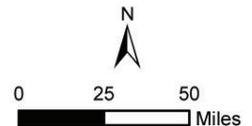
Rows of tar paper barracks at Heart Mountain Relocation Center, 1943. Photo: Densho (denshospd-p157-00001), the Wada and Homma Family Collection

National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Intermountain Region Wyoming

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Landmarks

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| 1 Expedition Island | 13 Obsidian Cliff |
| 2 Fort D. A. Russell | 14 Old Faithful Inn |
| 3 Fort Phil Kearny and Associated Sites | 15 Oregon Trail Ruts |
| 4 Fort Yellowstone | 16 J.C. Penney Historic District |
| 5 Heart Mountain Relocation Center | 17 Sheridan Inn |
| 6 Horner Site | 18 South Pass |
| 7 Independence Rock | 19 Tom Sun Ranch |
| 8 Jackson Lake Lodge | 20 Swan Land and Cattle Company Headquarters |
| 9 Lake Guernsey State Park | 21 Union Pacific Railroad Depot |
| 10 Medicine Wheel/Medicine Mountain | 22 Upper Green River Rendezvous Site |
| 11 Murie Ranch Historic District | 23 Wapiti Ranger Station |
| 12 Norris, Madison, and Fishing Bridge Museums | 24 Wyoming State Capitol |