



Utah

Mountain Meadows Massacre Site - Utah

Recent Successes

Mountain Meadows Massacre Site Designated a National Historic Landmark

On June 23, 2011, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar designated the Mountain Meadows Massacre Site a National Historic Landmark. The site is nationally significant as the location of the 1857 massacre of 120 emigrants, most of them from Arkansas, at the hands of Mormon militiamen in southern Utah. Within an era of great violence and intolerance, the Mountain Meadows Massacre site represents the violent apex of conflict between members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), commonly called Mormons, and non-Mormons. On September 11, the anniversary of the massacre, about 200 people gathered at the site for the dedication of the NHL. Zion National Park Superintendent Jock Whitworth, representing Secretary Salazar, presented NHL plaques to the owners of the site: the LDS Church and the U.S. Forest Service. Whitworth read a letter from Secretary Salazar in which he stated that he hopes the landmark will help to reconcile descendants of the victims and members of the LDS Church, allowing them to learn from each other through harmony and friendship.

Current Projects and Partners 2012

- 1. Topaz Museum and Education Center in Delta**
- Topaz Museum Board
- 2. Digital Documentation and Virtual Tour of Topaz** - CyArk
- 3. NPS Consultation on Sigurd-Red Butte No. 2 345kV Transmission Line** - Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, NPS National Historic Trails Office
- 4. NPS Consultation on TransWest Express Transmission Line** - Bureau of Land Management
- 5. African American Soldiers in the West, 1866-1891 Study** - Organization of American Historians

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Mountain Meadows (cont.)

The nomination came at the request of both the LDS Church and the three Mountain Meadows Massacre descendant organizations: Mountain Meadows Association, Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants, and Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation. The three descendant groups and the

LDS Church have worked for years to reach this stage in their relationship; in the past few years their combined goal has been to obtain National Historic Landmark designation. NPS Heritage Partnerships staff worked with the proponents and their consultant Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc. to ensure that the nomination successfully demonstrated the national significance of this important site.

Current Projects

1. Topaz Museum and Education Center in Delta

Project Partner: Topaz Museum Board

NPS Contact: Kara Miyagishima,
Alexandra Hernandez

Location: Delta

Project Goal:

Build a new visitor center in Delta that will interpret the Topaz Japanese American Confinement Site, which is approximately 30 miles outside of town.

HPP Role:

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

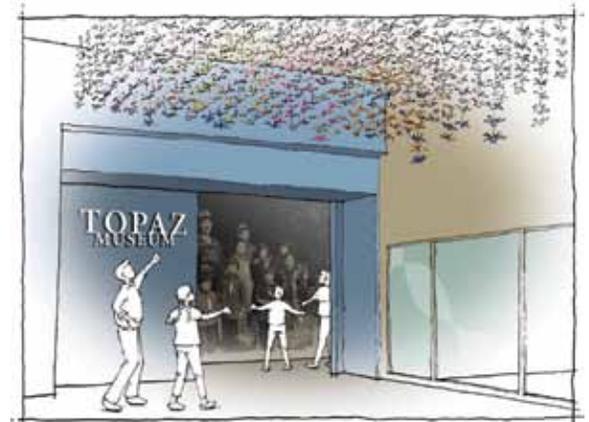


Exhibit design concept for Topaz Museum and Education Center

2. Digital Documentation and Virtual Tour of Topaz

Project Partner: CyArk

HPP Contact:

Kara Miyagishima, Alexandra Hernandez

Location: Delta

Project Goal:

Digitally document the Topaz Relocation Center using laser scanning, GPS, and high-definition photography, resulting in interactive 3D reconstructions and virtual tours of the site.



3D rendering of historic Topaz site – Image courtesy of CyArk

HPP Role:

Award NPS funding through a Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, monitor project, and provide assistance. (continued on page 3)

ABOUT US

The Heritage Partnerships Program of the National Park Service (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. Through these activities, which are funded through National Recreation and Preservation (NR&P) Programs, the NPS works collaboratively with partners to extend the core mission of the National Park Service beyond the boundaries of our national parks. These programs include: National Historic Landmarks, Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) documentation programs, and the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

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Current Projects (cont.)

3. Sigurd-Red Butte No. 2 345kV Transmission Line

Project Partner: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, NPS National Historic Trails Office

NPS Contact: Lysa Wegman-French

Location: Washington County and other locations in southwestern Utah

Project Goal: Avoid and/or minimize adverse impacts to the Mountain Meadows Massacre Site National Historic Landmark and Old Spanish National Historic Trail from a proposed transmission line in the area.

HPP Role:

Act as NPS lead in consulting with BLM and USFS regarding the potential impacts to the Mountain Meadows Massacre Site National Historic Landmark and the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.

4. TransWest Express Transmission Line

Project Partner: Bureau of Land Management

NPS Contact: Lysa Wegman-French

Location: southwestern Utah

Project Goal:

Avoid and/or minimize adverse impacts to Topaz and Mountain Meadows Massacre National Historic Landmarks from a proposed transmission line in the area.

HPP Role:

Act as NPS lead in consulting with BLM regarding the potential impacts to the Mountain Meadows Massacre Site and the Topaz National Historic Landmarks.

5. African American Soldiers in the West, 1866-1891 Study

Project Partner: Organization of American Historians

HPP Contact:

Lysa Wegman-French

Location: Western United States, including Utah

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 Utah.

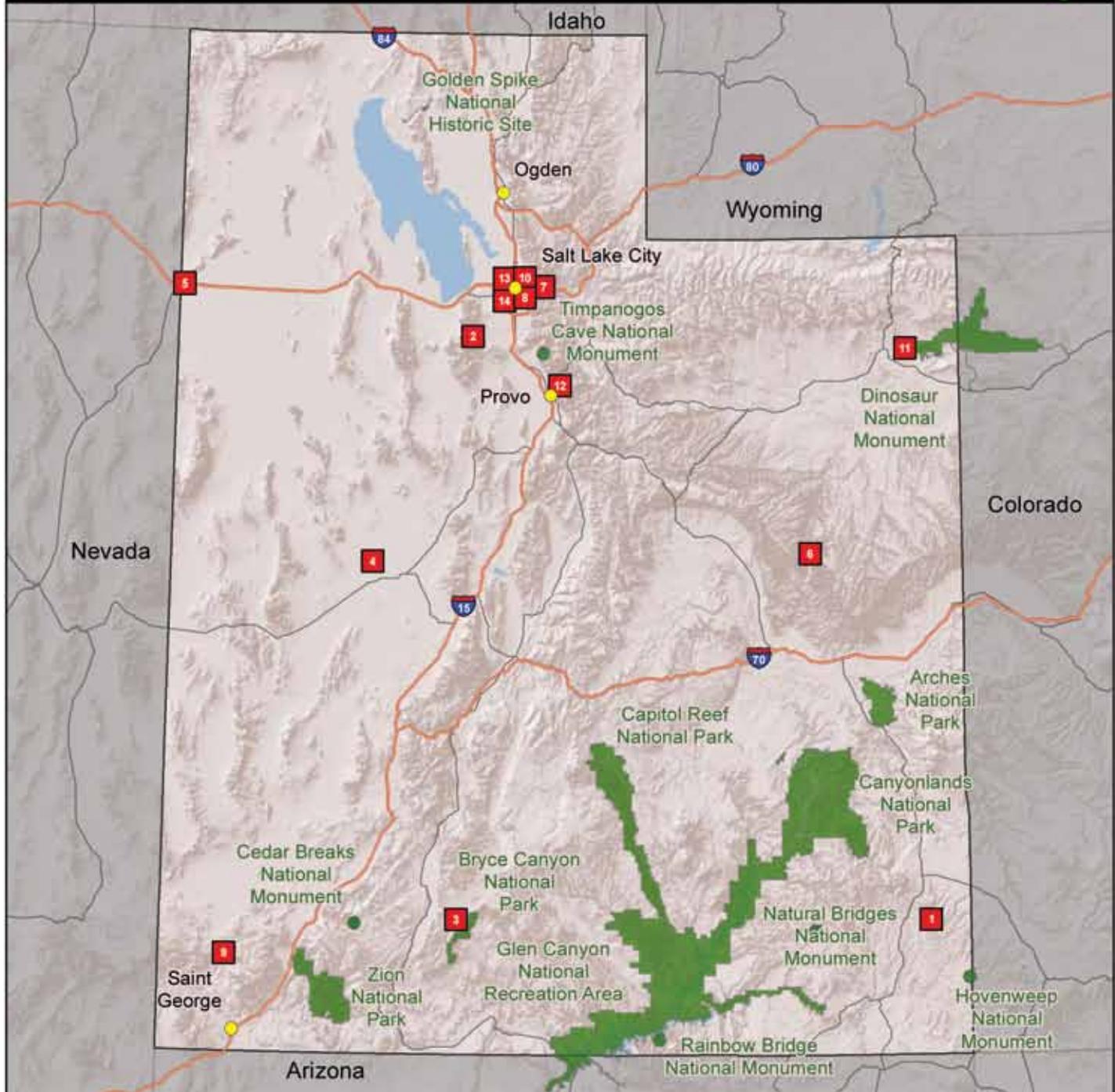


10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers

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

National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Intermountain Region Utah

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Legend

- National Historic Landmarks
- National Parks
- Cities
- Interstates
- Major Highways



Landmarks

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| 1 Alkali Ridge | 6 Desolation Canyon | 11 Quarry Visitor Center |
| 2 Bingham Canyon Open Pit Copper Mine | 7 Emigration Canyon | 12 Reed O. Smoot House |
| 3 Bryce Canyon Lodge and Deluxe Cabins | 8 Fort Douglas | 13 Temple Square |
| 4 Central Utah Relocation Center (Topaz) | 9 Mountain Meadows Massacre Site | 14 Brigham Young Complex |
| 5 Danger Cave | | |