



Wyoming

Project 10: multiple sites

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The new picnic shelter at Oregon Trail Ruts State Park in Platte County, Wyoming. Photo courtesy: Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails

RECENT SUCCESSES

NPS Assists with Construction of a Picnic Shelter at Oregon Trail Ruts National Historic Landmark

With NPS funding through a 2010 Challenge Cost Share grant, the Town of Guernsey Economic & Tourism Development Corporation and Wyoming State Parks & Cultural Resources constructed a picnic shelter at Oregon Trail Ruts State Park. The Oregon Trail Ruts, just south of Guernsey, are a National Historic Landmark. The ruts, worn from 2 to 6 feet into an eroded sandstone ridge on the south side of the North Platte River, give clear physical evidence of the route followed by thousands of pioneers who migrated westward across the Plains in the mid-nineteenth century. The trail's first recorded use was in 1812 and it continued in use until completion of the Union Pacific Railroad in 1869.

The Oregon Trail Ruts are a popular historic site for schools and bus tours following the route of the Oregon Trail, as well as a destination for residents from the nearby town of Guernsey, who enjoy the loop road and walking trail, which connects the town to the historic site. Although the small state park attracts more than 25,000 visitors a year, it lacked picnic tables for visitors, many of whom arrived as part of a bus tour – with lunch scheduled at the park. Thus, visitors ate

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lunch while sitting on the grass or in the parking lot. Not only does the new picnic shelter offer convenience for visitors, but it also protects the landmark by encouraging visitors to stay in areas provided rather than dispersing throughout the site and possibly disturbing vegetation and cultural resources.

The log and stone shelter, constructed near the parking lot at the entrance to the site, provides shaded picnic tables for 16 to 32 visitors at four, 8-foot-long picnic tables. Grills also are provided, and an American with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalk connects to the existing accessible trail. Construction was completed by a team from the Central Construction Office, Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails, which manages the historic site as a satellite with staff from nearby Guernsey State Park.

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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Heart Mountain Pilgrimage attendees gather around the restored boiler house chimney for its dedication. Photo by Bacon Sakatan, courtesy: Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation

Boiler House Chimney Restored at Heart Mountain National Historic Landmark

On July 20, 2013, former internees at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center helped dedicate the relocation center's restored boiler house chimney, which had been in danger of toppling over. The work was accomplished through a Japanese American Confinement Sites grant of \$215,911 awarded to Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office.

The red brick chimney, rising 75 feet above the broad Wyoming plains, has long marked the location of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, where more than 10,000 Japanese Americans were interned during World War II. Built in 1942 as part of the heating system for the Heart Mountain hospital, the chimney appeared in internees' artwork and announced the location of the internment camp to the nearby towns of Cody and Powell. Over the years, wind, rain, snow, and freeze/thaw had dampened the chimney's mortar, causing it to bow approximately 16 inches off plumb.

In its grant application, the State Historic Preservation Office outlined a three-phase plan to not only stabilize the smokestack, but to document and interpret the Heart Mountain icon, which contributed to Heart Mountain's designation as a National Historic Landmark in 2006. To begin, the State Historic Preservation Office formed a Chimney Work Group that involved specialists from the Bureau of Reclamation, NPS, and the Heart Mountain

Wyoming Foundation. The project team documented the chimney's existing conditions and developed a plan for its stabilization. The team also created a brochure and installed an interpretive sign to inform visitors to the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center about the preservation efforts. During Phase II, the architecture and engineering firms of Tobin and Associates, P.C. and Wiss, Janney, and Elstner, Inc. mapped cracks in the chimney, analyzed the brick and mortar, tested for wall moisture, and inspected the chimney's foundation. They concluded that moisture in the mortar caused the lean, rather than strong eastern winds as initially presumed. During Phase III of the project, Enola Contracting Services, Inc. restored and stabilized the smokestack by inserting a structural lining and replacing the deteriorated mortar with new mortar that maintained its original look. Other improvements included new flashing to divert moisture away from the brick at the wall steps, helical pins to reinforce the brick, and an enhanced lightning protection system.

Milward Simpson, Director of Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources, was on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, held during the 2013 Heart Mountain Pilgrimage. "This structure," Simpson declared, "will stand for years to come and educate future generations of the story of Japanese American internment in this country and specifically in Wyoming."

CURRENT PROJECTS



Hell Gap Paleoindian Site. Photo courtesy: University of Wyoming

1. Hell Gap Paleoindian Site National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partners: The Wyoming Archaeological Foundation, University of Wyoming

Contact: Charles Haecker

Location: Goshen County, Wyoming

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 courtesy: National Park Service (2008), Lake Hotel National Historic Landmark nomination

2. Lake Hotel National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: Yellowstone National Park

HPP Contact: Shirl Kasper

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.

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, and provide research, archeological and design assistance.



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 courtesy: Library of Congress

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

Project Partner: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson

Location: Western United States, including Wyoming (Shoshone Power Plant, Park County, and Fremont Power Plant, Natrona County)

Project Goal: To the existing itinerary, add the history of Reclamation’s hydroelectric power program and site descriptions of ten Reclamation hydroelectric power plants 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 Power Plant

Project Partner: U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and CyArk

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson

Location: Park County

Project Goal: Digitally document the Shoshone hydroelectric power plant 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.

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.

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 entrance to Fremont Canyon from Alcova Reservoir. Photo courtesy: Bryant Burkhardt



The Shoshone Power Plant, lower right, sits at the foot of Buffalo Bill Dam. Photo courtesy: Bureau of Reclamation



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



Buffalo Bill's T E Ranch, near Cody. Photo courtesy: National Park Service



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

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.

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 Tepee.

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

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

Project Partner: Organization of American Historians

HPP Contact: Shirl Kasper

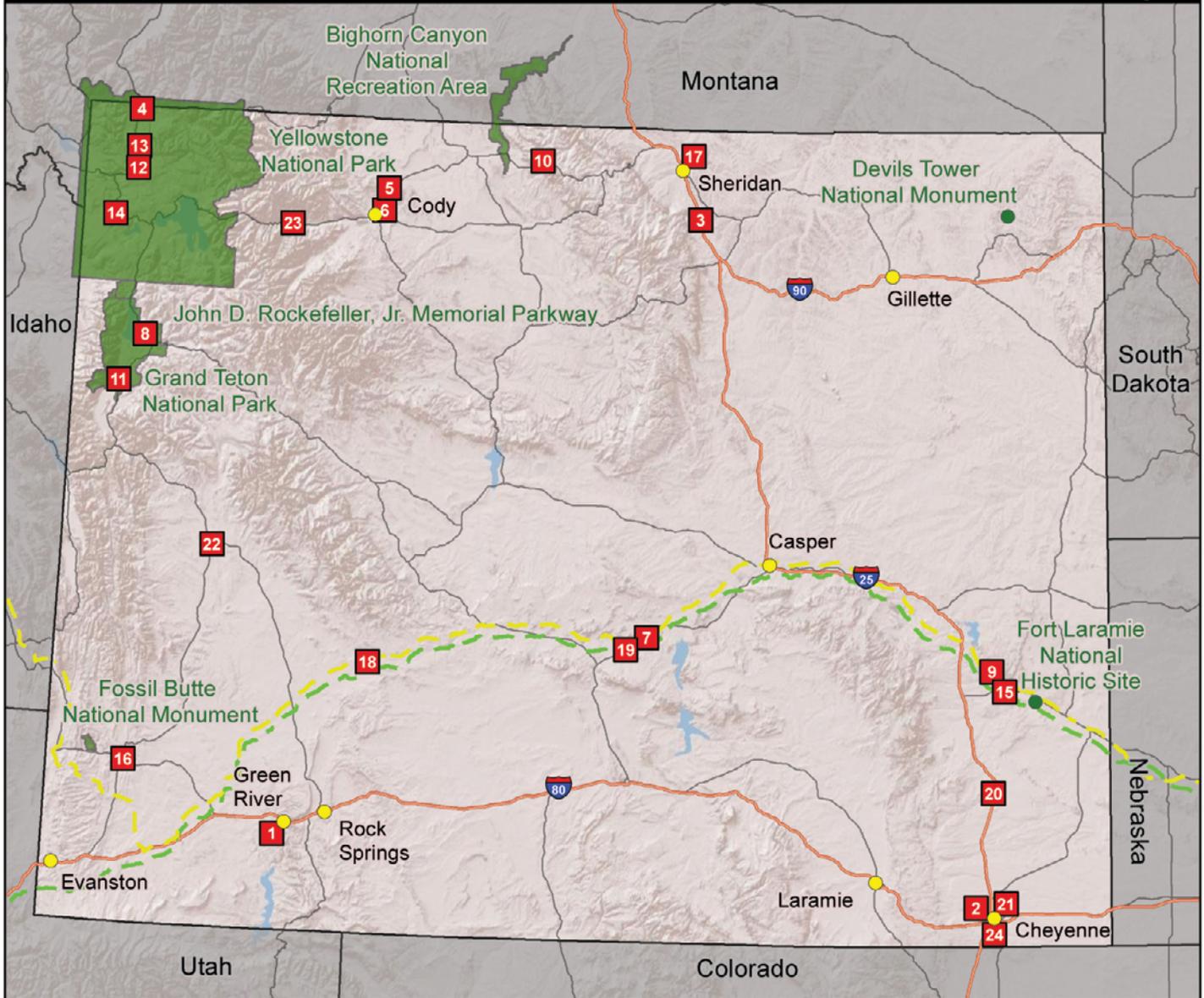
Location: Western United States, including Wyoming

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 Landmark guidelines.

National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Intermountain Region Wyoming

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



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| 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 |

