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2010 Centennial Farm and Ranch Program

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More than three hundred family members celebrated these 100-year-old farms and ranches.

Twenty-six ranch families were honored at the fifth annual Centennial Farm and Ranch ceremony in Douglas on August 21, 2010. Senator Enzi, Senator Barrasso, Representative Lummis, and Governor Freudenthal were on hand to congratulate the honorees and present them with the Centennial Ranch certificates and metal signs. Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance and Torrington Livestock Markets sponsored the barbecue which followed the ceremony. To date, the program has honored

123 families.

The 2010 Centennial Ranch families are: the Ogden & Rosanne Driskill Family, Campstool Ranch, 1910, Crook County; the Platt Family, IK Platt Ranch, 1885, Carbon County; the Gerald & Marcia Federer Family, Federer Ranch, 1910, Laramie County; the D.C. & Dorothy Berry Family, Jay & Janice Berry, Don & Patty Berry, Berry Ranch, 1910, Laramie County; the John & Kay DeGering Family, DeGering Ranch, 1906, Niobrara County; the Chabot Family, Chabot Ranch, 1898, Johnson County; the

Fred & Mickey McGuire Family, Cooney Hills Ranch, 1874, Platte County; the Scott & Tami Ryan Family, Ryan Ranch, 1910, Crook County; the Milton & Ken Small Families, Springfield Ranch, 1902, Platte County; the Livingston Family, Livingston Ranch, 1910, Crook County; the Dave Watt Family, Dave Watt Ranch, 1883, Johnson County; the Ken & Cheri Graves Family, Red Fork

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Governor Dave Freudenthal speaking at the ceremony.

2010 Centennial Farm and Ranch Program continued ...

Ranch, 1908, Johnson County; the Rocky & Nancy Foy Family, Foy Ranch, 1910, Platte County; the Schroeder Family, McDonald Ranch, 1881, Laramie County; the John & Patricia Bruch Family, Bruch Ranch, Inc., 1910, Niobrara County; the Norman Pape Family, Pape Ranches, Inc., 1905, Sublette County; the Joe Bright Family, Bright Ranch, 1895, Converse County; the John & William Grant Families, Sno-Shoe Ranch, Inc., 1886, Converse County; the Floyd, Sr. & Georgella Holmes Family, Floyd, Sr. & Georgella Holmes Ranch, 1910, Laramie County; the Berniece (Rhodes) Holmes Family, the Menuey Place, 1910, Slater, Platte County; the Drake Family, Holmes Herefords Drake Ranch, 1910, Laramie County; the Norman "Buck" Holmes Family, R Bar H Ranch, 1910, Laramie County; the Pam Chrisman Family, Rocking Chair Ranch, La Barge, Lincoln County; the Raymond & Jeanne Shepherd Family, Shepherd Land & Livestock Co., 1910, Oshoto, Crook County; the Mary Capps, Ruth Moore, & Marjorie Huber Families, Fawcett Ranch, 1883, Newcastle, Weston County.

Current condition of Building 1 at Fort Washakie, Wind River Reservation - May, 2010



In late May, 2010, the Bureau of Indian Affairs hosted public meeting at Ft. Washakie Wyoming to discuss the future of Building 1, a pre-statehood building (1879) on the Wind River Reservation. Building 1 burned approximately five years ago during an unanticipated and uncontrolled fire.

Members of both tribes were present and the discussion focused on how to save and reuse the building. This spring, the Northern Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Darlene Conrad, applied to the SHPO for a Historic Architecture Assistance Fund grant which was awarded and completed by Leslie Gilmore of CTA Architects. Ms. Gilmore presented various options to abate and restore the structure at the meeting. She provided preliminary cost estimates and

three reconstruction plans as well as information on the potential restoration of the structure. The building's original stone walls are still in good structural condition

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and can be retained. Some of the potential building uses could be a cultural center, offices, museum, or public meeting space.

The Eastern Shoshone Heritage Society, the Northern Arapaho THPO and the BIA are working together to find a solution to the current condition of the building as it currently is a public safety hazard. The partners are working to apply for grants and other sources of support to restore this important building. If you are interested in helping to save Building 1, please contact Mary Hopkins at mhopki@state.wy.us or Jo'Etta Buckhouse at Jo'Etta.Buckhouse@bia.gov.

Salt Creek Oilfield Byway Interpretive Plan

The Monuments and Markers, Mine, Trail, and Byway program is currently working on its second interpretive plan. The Old Salt Creek Highway Preservation Committee submitted an application for a Historic Mine Trail/Byway designation in April of 2010. The Committee was developed for the purpose of preserving the history of the Salt Creek Oilfield Road and the history of the oilfields that it serviced.

The old Salt Creek Highway served as the primary supply route from Casper to the Salt Creek and Teapot Dome oilfields. The various

communities which arose as a result of these energy developments – LaVoye, New LaVoye, Snyder, Teapot, Midwest, Edgerton and others – were served by the old Salt Creek Highway.

The Old Salt Creek Highway Preservation Committee has members associated with the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center, WYDOT, Salt Creek Museum, Bureau of Land Management Casper Field Office, and the Natrona County Historical Society. Additional support is anticipated by the committee from Casper College, the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, and Ft. Caspar Museum.

Laura Nowlin and Ashley Rooney of the SHPO office met with the Old Salt Creek Highway Preservation Committee in May. Toxey/McMillan Design Associates from San Antonio, Texas was contracted to develop and write an interpretive plan for the project. A meeting will be held in early October to facilitate conversation between the SHPO office, contractor, and Old Salt Creek Highway Preservation Committee to determine elements to be included in the plan.

For more information on the Mine, Trail and Byway program, please contact Ashley Rooney at 307-777-7566 or aroone@state.wy.us.

Lander Trail New Fork Property Purchased!

The Sublette County Historical Society and the Green River Land Trust have recently completed the purchase of approximately eighty (80) acres of property which contain intact Lander Trail remains. This purchase was negotiated to mitigate the adverse effects of proposed development along the trail. Three companies, Shell Exploration and Production Company, Ultra Resources, Inc., and Rocky Mountain Power, all worked cooperatively to purchase this historically significant acreage and to ensure its preservation for the future. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Oregon California Trails Association, the Alliance for Historic Wyoming, the Sublette County Historic Preservation Board, and the Lander Trail Foundation



along with the proponents all participated in the negotiation of the formal amendment of the original programmatic agreement. The Sublette County Historical Society holds title to the property and plans

on developing it for public education purposes. This mitigation is the first of its kind in Wyoming and we sincerely thank the companies for their support of the preservation of this resource.

Everything Old is New Again

Site stewardship programs can be a very effective way to prevent and deter damage to historic resources. Often times however, the sites that would be good candidates for site stewards have themselves been vandalized in the past. Such was the case for the Pioneer Cemetery in Douglas, Wyoming. The Pioneer Cemetery was established in 1886 and was in use until 1902 when a new cemetery was developed. Although much good work had been done researching the past history of the cemetery, incomplete records left some holes in the record. In June of 2010, with funds from a CLG grant, Members of the Douglas

Historic Preservation Commission, Archaeo-Physics, LLC., Current Archaeological Research, and the State Historic Preservation Office took part in re-mapping the cemetery and applying modern technology to try to shed light on some of the mysteries that have been lost to time.

The Douglas Historic Preservation Commission, based on existing documentation and prior research at the site, believes approximately 100 people were

buried at the site which served as the towns primary cemetery from 1886 to 1902. Over time, some

Numerous graves were re-mapped using present day technology and many new ground disturbances where graves might have been located were identified.

of the gravestones were broken, some weathered to the point that no discernable name could be identified, and others had completely disappeared leaving no conclusive evidence of a past burial except for a shallow depression in the ground. The use

of electrical resistance equipment and a magnetometer allows for

Submission of Site Number Requests and Automated Entry to WYCRO Databases

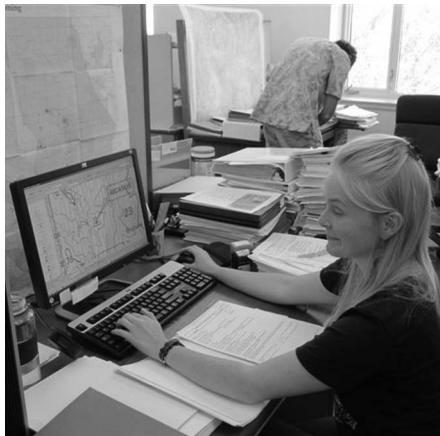
The Wyoming Cultural Records Office (WYCRO) is ready to “beta test” automated requests for permanent Smithsonian numbers (site numbers) in a digital format. WYCRO is responsible for assigning site numbers to newly recoded cultural resources as well as maintaining records of all cultural resources and cultural resource management projects in the state. Previous procedures for submitting information to WYCRO involved considerable duplication of data entry by WYCRO, Cultural Resource Management Specialists, and other regulatory agencies. Typically, submissions to WYCRO were based on some form of computer entry. As WYCRO did

not provide standardized digital formats, submissions had to be manually reentered into WYCRO databases. Maps submitted to WYCRO, often initially generated in GIS programs, were digitized into WYCRO’s GIS database from paper copies. Finally, those conducting Cultural Resource Management projects had to reenter project and site data into an online database (CRMTracker).

WYCRO is now providing templates in the form of an Excel spreadsheet and GIS shapefiles . The Excel spreadsheet contains project information, site information, and information for isolated finds/isolated resources. The GIS shapefiles contain

locational information for mapping cultural resources. WYCRO can now process submitted files using computer applications developed for this purpose. Cadastral locations (legals) are automatically calculated for cultural resources and site numbers are assigned to new cultural resources. Appropriate information is added with automated queries into WYCRO’s databases (including the GIS database) as well as uploaded to the online CRMTracker database. Finally, information generated by WYCRO is returned to the submitter in an Excel spreadsheet. This procedure greatly reduces duplicate data entry and benefits both WYCRO and CRM

subsurface disturbances to be identified. These disturbances, or anomalies in the ground, may indicate where past activity may have occurred, in this case where burials were located. Numerous graves were re-mapped using present day technology and many new ground disturbances where graves might have been located were identified. When finalized, the maps will no doubt shed new light on the Pioneer Cemetery and add to our existing knowledge base, allowing for a better understanding of this cemetery and the town of Douglas.



University of Wyoming graduate student and SHPO Intern, Katie Strand is updating the WYCRO Geographic Information System.

Specialists. If you are interested in testing this application, please contact Ross Hilman at 307-766-5335 or at rhilman@uwyo.edu.

Game Creek Site

Paul Sanders, Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist



The photograph shows (from left to right) a corner-notched point from the Late Archaic level, an unusual stemmed point from the Early Archaic level, and the late Paleoindian James Allen point base.

Excavations at the Game Creek site south of Jackson will continue until September 15, under the direction of Senior Archaeologist, Michael Page.

By that time 50-70 square meters of excavation will have been completed with many of the units exceeding two meters in depth. The upper levels of the site were originally thought to have been heavily disturbed by rodent burrows, but some portions of the site have found a number of intact buried cultural levels. These include occupations during the Late Archaic period (ca. 1800-3000 years ago), Middle Archaic period (3000-5000 years ago), and Early Archaic period (ca. 5000-8000 years ago). These levels contain hearth features, burned rock, projectile points, other chipped stone tools and flakes generated from their manufacture. The hearth

features will provide charcoal that can be radiocarbon dated to better refine when the site was occupied. The hearth fill will also be analyzed for charred plant remains to gain a better understanding of what plants were gathered and eaten at the site.

In the lower late Paleoindian period (ca. 8000-10,000 years ago) levels, hearth features, animal bone, and chipped stone tools and flakes have also been recovered. In particular, the base of an apparent James Allen point was recovered from levels that date to about 9000 years ago. If the dates from nearby hearth features bear out the age of this point, then it would be about 1000 years earlier than the points found at the James Allen site south of Laramie. Refinement of the prehistoric chronological sequence and associated artifacts was one of the goals of the excavation and the Game Creek site is promising to do just that.

Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month 2010

On August 25th Governor Dave Freudenthal proclaimed September Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month (WAAM) during a brief ceremony in his office. Governor Freudenthal was joined during the proclamation signing by members of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the Wyoming Dept. of Transportation.

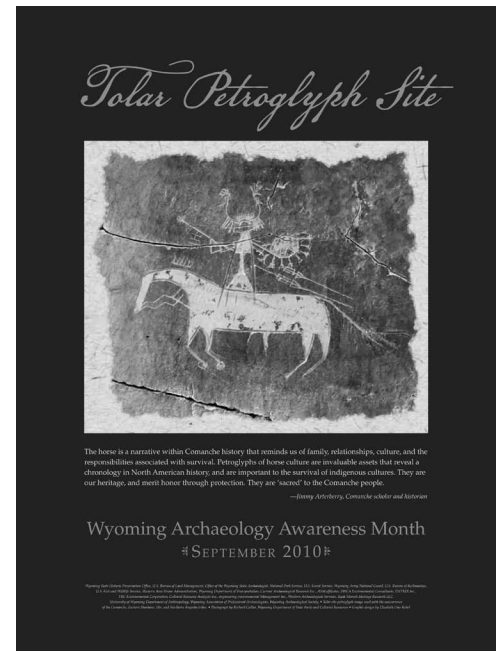
Governor Freudenthal was presented with a framed copy of this year's poster which features the Tolar Petroglyph Site in southwestern Wyoming. The site contains the well preserved image of a Comanche warrior on horseback, elaborately carved into sandstone bedrock and strikingly contrasted with the dark natural varnish of the cliff face. The panel design is likely over two centuries old. The site is valued by several Indian nations as a sacred and honored place. The glyph used on this year's Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month poster was chosen with the concurrence of the Comanche, Eastern Shoshone, Ute, and Northern Arapaho tribes, a cross-cultural collaboration that benefits all of Wyoming.

The WAAM celebration will include the 12th Annual George C. Frison Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology sponsored lecture by Ted Goebel, from the Center for the Study of the First Americans at Texas A&M University. The lecture will be held at the University of Wyoming on September 23, at 2 p.m. in Room 310 of the Classroom Building.



The 2010 WAAM poster is available free of charge, and may be picked up at the State Historic Preservation Office, Barrett Building, 2301 Central Avenue in Cheyenne, or in Laramie in the Anthropology Building located at 12th and Lewis, Room 312. The posters are also available via mail with a \$10 charge to cover mailing costs. Limit one poster per person. Send your request along with a check or money order payable to "Wyoming Archaeology Month" and your name and mailing address to: Judy Wolf, State Historic Preservation Office, Wyoming Archaeology Month, Dept. 3431, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071.

The 2010 WAAM t-shirts and caps are available at the State Museum Store in Cheyenne, or via <http://wyoshpo.state.wy.us/aamonth/pdf/orderform.pdf>. Short-sleeved shirts are available at a cost of \$16.



Shirts in sizes 2XL are available for an additional \$1.50. Long-sleeved shirts are available for \$23. Add \$1.50 for size 2XL. Caps are available for \$15 and chef's aprons for \$20. Proceeds benefit WAAM activities.

The Monuments and Markers Database

The Monuments and Markers Database is in its final stages of completion. A lot of work has been done over the past couple of months to finalize the database and make it available to the public. We are currently working on fixing the small problems that always occur when working on a program of this scope. The database should be finished and available to the public in September.

The database was designed with three types of users in mind. The first group is the general public. These users have access to general information about all of the State Monuments and Markers. The second group is that of volunteer stewards, maintenance personnel, and agency administrators. These users have the ability to enter in Maintenance and Inspection information and to upload photos. The final user group is the administrators. These users have the ability to edit information about each monument or marker as well as add new records. A subset of this user group is the Monuments and Markers Advisory Committee (MMAC). These users have access to information about sites that have not yet been approved or added to the database.

The Monuments and Markers Database will be accessible from the State Historic Preservation Office's website under the Monuments and Markers tab. To search and view general information about the sites there is no need to login. However, if you are participating in the Stewardship program, a maintenance crew member, or a member of the

MMAC a username and password will be assigned to you along with the monument/marker/sign you are a responsible for. You will be able to login to the database and update information and photos on your assigned sites.

The general public, both residents and tourists, will be able to search the database to find information and learn more about the State's history. They can also coordinate their trips through the

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state and plan to see monuments, markers and signs along the route. The database will be used to track information about the monuments, markers and signs throughout the state. For example, if a Steward finds a sign damaged or vandalized,

they can login and make a note under the specific sign. That information will pass to the Program Coordinator who can then take action and get the sign fixed. It will be a great tool for everyone who works with the monuments, markers and signs throughout the state and to the public who are curious about all the sites along the many different highways in Wyoming.

A Database Handbook is being developed for use by the office staff, Stewards, Maintenance crew, and Agency employees. When the Handbook is finished, it will be distributed to all involved. If you are interested in becoming a Monuments and Markers Steward, please contact Laura Nowlin, (307) 777-6719 for more information.



Members of the Casper Historic Preservation Commission record a commercial building across Second Street.

“Hit the Streets” with SHPO

Kara Hahn, National Register Coordinator, and Betsy Bradley, Architectural Historian, worked with several members of the Casper Historic Preservation Commission one Saturday morning in August to develop a plan to survey the downtown area of Casper. Kara provided information about how to develop a survey and Betsy introduced the group to the commercial architecture of Main Street. The group finished the session by recording a commercial building on inventory forms.

SHPO staff is excited to provide similar training to your CLG. SHPO staff can tailor a workshop to your CLG's interests and the historic resources in your community.

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Historic Overlook Sign Dedication Ceremony



Ribbon cutting at the Oregon Trail Overlook near Guernsey. From left to right, Laura Nowlin, Jeannette Chambers, Elvira Call, Barbara Costopolous, Milward Simpson, and Katherine Kelly.

On Tuesday, August 10th the State Historic Preservation Office and State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails staff partnered to celebrate the Historic Trails Overlook Sign Dedication Ceremony and Historic Sites, Parks and Byways program. The ceremony took place at the Guernsey Rest Area on Highway 26. Approximately ten signs were replaced at the rest area by three new consolidated signs. These signs celebrate aspects of regional history and national trail history in the vicinity.

Members of the Platte County Historical Society, Janette Chambers, Elvira Call, Barb Costopoulos and Katherine Kelly, were instrumental in developing historically accurate

and appropriate text for the new signs. The older signs from the rest area were relocated to Davis Park in the town of Guernsey where a walking path has been developed to view the old signs.

As the day commenced at the Guernsey Rest area, it ended in Davis Park where staff from the State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails staff reviewed the Oregon Trail Historic Byway and Junior Rangers programs, and provided updates on several State Parks programs.

For more information on SHPO programs please contact Mary Hopkins at 307-777-6311. For State Parks information, please contact Domenic Bravo at 307-777-6324.