

State: WY

Forest: Buffalo FO

Project Name: Hole-in-the-Wall Survey and Recording II

Project Dates: June 16–21, 2013 (including weekends)

Time Commitment: Must commit to entire session

Description: Join BLM staff this June as we embark on a second year of our surveying and site recording project in the majestic Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming! The Hole-in-the-Wall area, located in the Southern Bighorn Mountains on lands managed by the Buffalo Field Office, is rich in both prehistoric and historic archaeological resources. The area to be surveyed is adjacent to Buffalo Creek on the Johnson and Natrona County line, and has received very little cultural resource inventory in the past. This summer, participants will continue the survey to locate and accurately record sites by producing maps, digital photographs, feature drawings, and artifact inventories. We will also do shovel tests to ascertain the presence and potential density of subsurface cultural materials. Volunteers will get to view and experience a broad range of Wyoming's archaeological resources during the project, including prehistoric rock shelters, open lithic scatters, and stone circle sites. Data from this PIT project will be used to help determine site eligibility for placement on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and establish a management plan for the important resources of this area. We hope you'll join us again this summer in the beautiful Bighorn Mountains as we hike through the history of Wyoming!

Number of openings: 4

Special skills: Must be physically capable of hiking moderate distances over often difficult terrain each day, and in a variety of weather conditions; previous GIS data collection (especially the use of Trimble XT and XM units), mapping and drawing, lithic material and tool identification, photography, and/or archaeological survey and excavation experience helpful, but not required

Minimum age: 15 years old, under 18 with a responsible adult

Facilities: Tent camping at no charge on BLM surface at the project area; portable toilets, no potable water; meals provided; camp area is only accessible by high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicles, participants will carry own gear between camp and field each day; volunteers responsible for personal camping equipment, day packs, and extra water

Nearest town: Kaycee, 50 miles

Applications due: April 15, 2013