

Cultural Consultant Workshop

Wyoming BLM
High Desert District
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WHAT'S WORKING?

What's working well for Consultants?

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- Pinedale Field Office
 - Rock Springs Field Office
 - Kemmerer Field Office
 - Rawlins Field Office
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WHAT'S NOT WORKING?

- What's not working for Consultants

WHAT'S NOT WORKING FOR BLM?

- Resources within APE not being revisited or assessed
- Better research on historic roads/trails is needed
- Testing issues – more communication with BLM
 - Testing strategies need to be defined
- Collect diagnostics
- Collections must be processed (samples/artifacts)
- Testing frozen soils

PERMIT CONDITIONS

- ✓ Formal searches must be acquired from WYCRO, not just online searches
- ✓ File searches must refer to BLM records
- ✓ **Review** recent forms for previously recorded sites within or near the APE
- ✓ WYCRO file search numbers must be entered on DBAs in CRMTracker
- ✓ Field personnel must be familiar with permit conditions
- ✓ Permitted crew chiefs must accompany crew

PERMIT CONDITIONS

Principal Investigator Responsibilities:

- Know your permit conditions!
 - Assign projects appropriately to field personnel – task complexity should match experience
 - Schedule work realistically so reports are timely
 - Review all reports for quality before sending to BLM
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FIELDWORK & REPORTS

- Monitors and Open Trench Inspections:
 - ✓ Must be done by qualified excavators
 - ✓ Provide sufficient crew for earth moving equipment
- Monitoring Reports
- Discovery Reports
- Eligibility Determinations
- Provide comprehensive site histories
- Report greater detail for larger project monitors

ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Read National Register Bulletin 15
 - ✓ Understand National Register Criteria and seven Aspects of Integrity
 - ✓ Apply criteria and aspects of integrity to field investigations
 - ✓ Justify eligibility recommendations clearly, with reference to criteria and integrity
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ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Good Example

- The Crow Creek/Cole Ranch property historic district is significant under Criterion A as *illustrative* of the broad pattern of cattle ranch development and agriculture in southeastern Wyoming. The period of significance begins in 1879, by which time the ranch had been developed and a stone house was built on it, and extends until 1972, the time when the Cole family sold the ranch. The development and ownership of the ranch *reflects* the pattern of ranch development and operation in Laramie County and the buildings in the ranch headquarters complex convey the nature of a ranch property over a long period of time. The Crow Creek Ranch barn on the property, built in 1890, is eligible under Criterion C as an outstanding example of a stone and timber-framed bank barn in Wyoming in the area of Architecture.

ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Bad Example

- ▶ Not eligible
 - ▶ This property does not retain integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, or association.
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ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Good Example

- ▶ Eligible
 - ▶ The building has a direct association with the expansion and development of the Wyoming Army National Guard, which has made significant contributions to the broad pattern of Army National Guard and Wyoming history (Criterion A).
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PHOTOGRAPHIC STANDARDS

- ❖ Clarify requirements for **linear resources** so that report reviewers may see:
 - Relationship of the linear resource to the project
 - Condition of existing setting
 - Visual impact of project on the resource's setting
- **Photographic Content**
 - ✓ Include at least one photo from the linear resource toward the project – multiple photos are preferred
 - ✓ Include at least one photo from the project toward the resource – multiple photos are preferred
 - ✓ **Good quality photos** must be printed in reports and forms

PHOTOGRAPHIC STANDARDS

➤ Labeling:

- ✓ Indicate direction of view in the caption!
- ✓ In the caption, indicate location of the photographer (e.g., “from Oregon Trail toward project, located two miles away”)
- ✓ In the caption, indicate distances to landmarks (e.g., “hill in foreground is one mile away; horizon is approximately 20 miles away”)

➤ Marking:

- ✓ Indicate where the linear resource is located within the photo
- ✓ A graphic arrow is suggested as the marking tool in digital images

Not what we're looking for



Caption: Overview of Segments 11, 12, 13 and 14 and the northernmost tip of Segment 1

Not what we're looking for



Caption: The Trail (48CO183) ruts are particularly visible on the opposite side of Hwy 94 (looking north)

Good example of overview photo



Figure 3. Project area overview; view to the east. Proposed access road (red dashed lines) travels from existing primitive road (yellow dashed line) to proposed well 25-32 (red arrow). Moderate covering of spaced sagebrush and bunch grasses provided surface visibility of 50-60%. Photograph taken by Natalie Fewings on July 1, 2008.

Good photo, where is the resource?



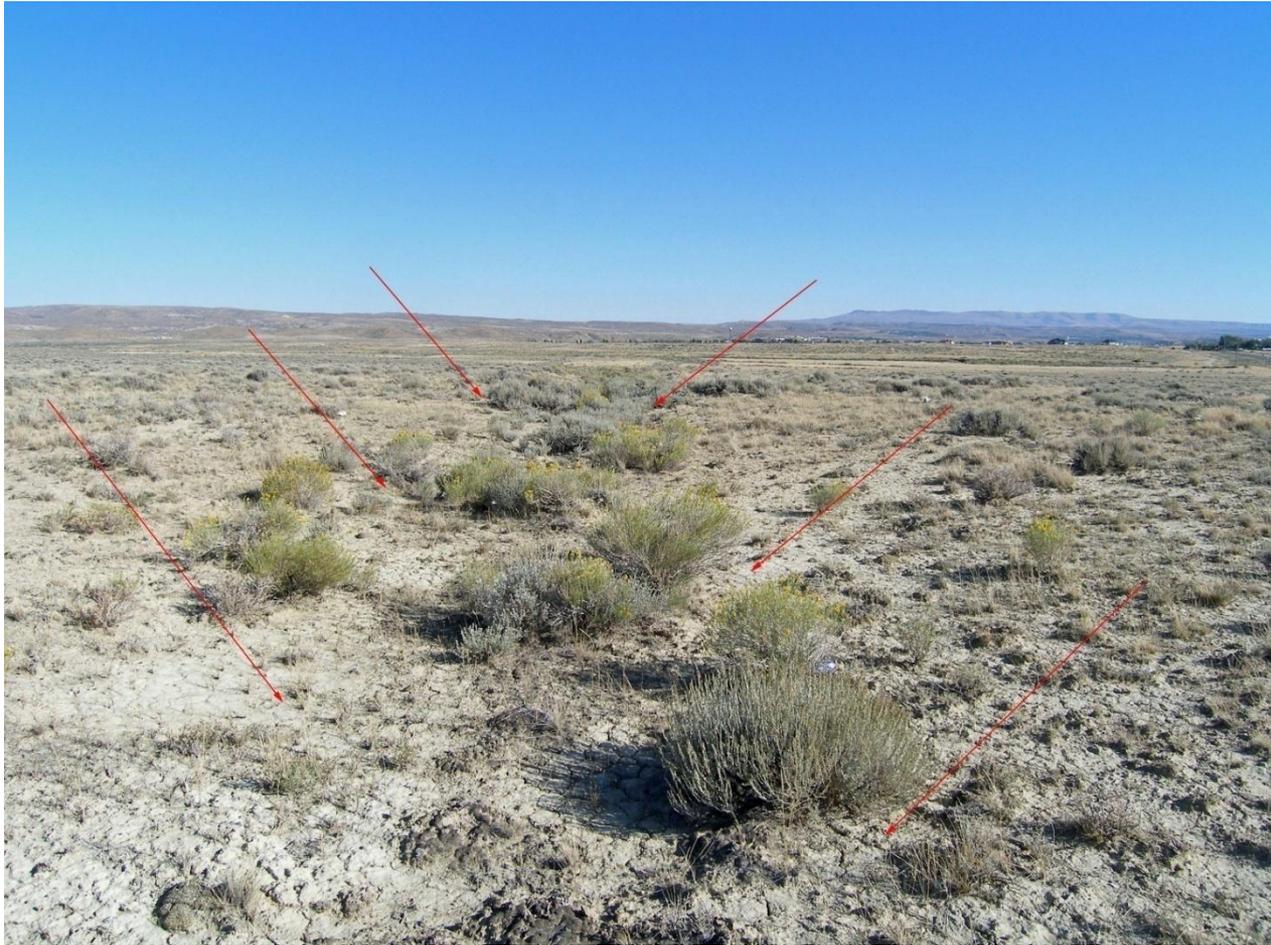
Clearly marking the resource



Where is the resource?



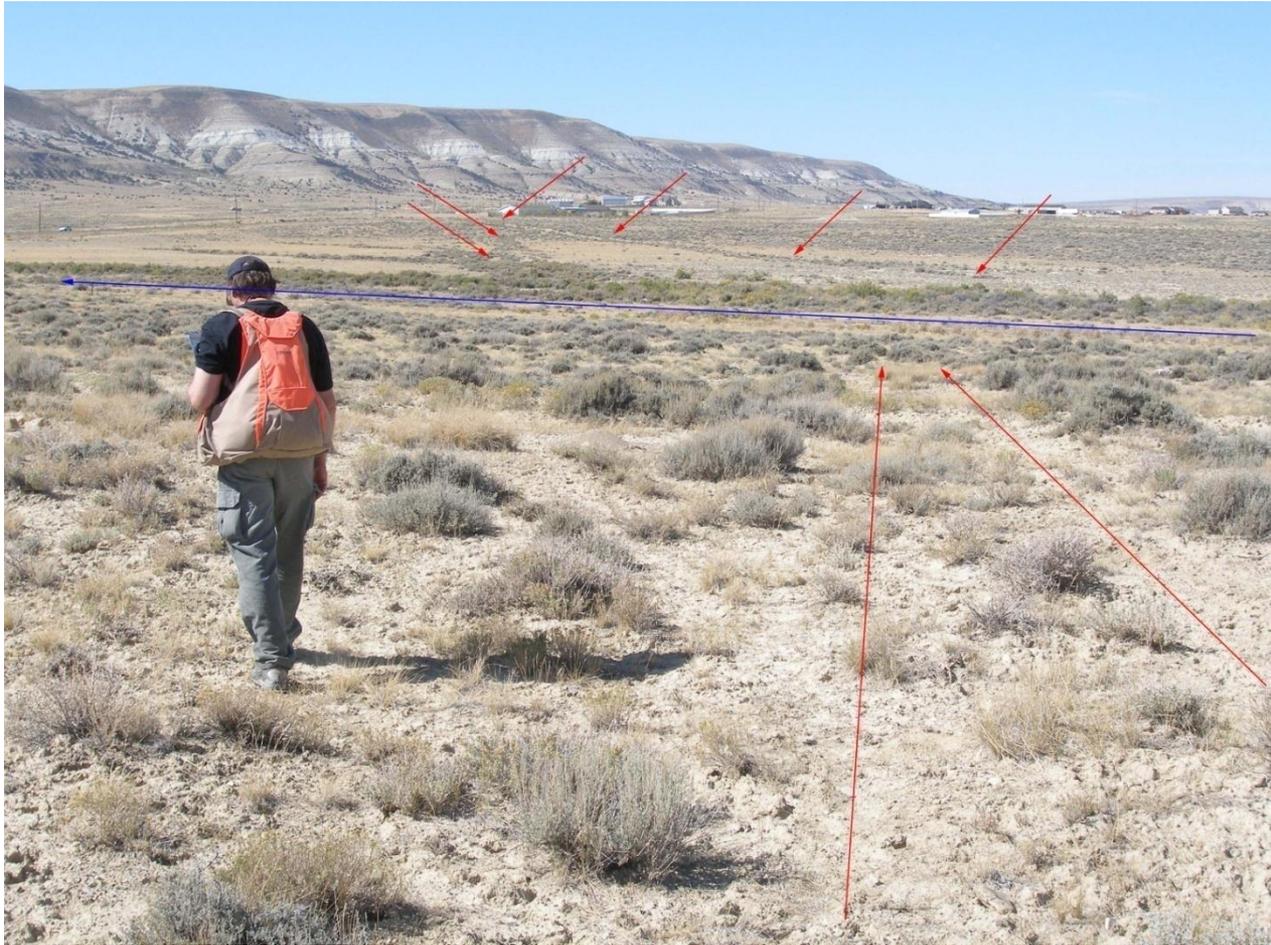
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Where is the resource?



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WYCRO/WYCRIS DATABASES

- ✓ Databases are search tools
- ✓ Data should not be interpreted as “true facts” or taken at face value
- ✓ Information is not always accurate or complete
- ✓ Notify WYCRO of errors
- ✓ **Be wary of old data!**
- ✓ Review scanned site forms to find out facts
- ✓ WYCRO file search numbers must be entered on the DBAs in CRMTracker