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To: District Managers
From: Deputy State Director, Resources Policy and Management
Subject: Historic Trails Context Data Request

The Wyoming State Office (930) is currently coordinating a review with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WYSHPO) of the draft historic trails context. As part of the assessment, the WYSHPO has indicated that certain information must be verified and updated before the context can be completed.

Attached are two documents for your consideration. The first is a list of trails sites and land ownership. The Wyoming Cultural Records Office has marked changes in blue text, based on their records. Please review this list of sites and land ownership, indicating either "Yes, this is accurate" or "No, it needs the following modifications" and then provide those changes in another color (red is suggested).

The second document is a table indicating mileage for segments of the National Historic Trails. Please use your current Field Office GIS data to confirm and update these numbers.

This data is due to the State Office by January 31, 2012. Please contact Ranel Capron at 307-775-6108 (rcapron@blm.gov) or Kathy Miller at 307-775-6017 (klmiller@blm.gov) if you have questions or concerns about this request.

2 Attachments

- 1 – Trails sites from WYCRO (4 pp)
- 2 – Miles of Trail by Segment (1 p)

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Trails Sites

Please confirm list and ownership. Items in blue are in question. Please make updates in red.

Known and probable emigrant camp locations

1. Fort Laramie (NPS)
2. Register Cliff (State)
3. Deer Creek (Private)
4. Bessemer Bend (Private)
5. Willow Spring (Private)
6. Independence Rock (State/BLM/Private)
7. Split Rock Area (Private, BLM)
8. Burnt Ranch (Private)
9. Twin Mounds (BLM/State)
10. South Pass Summit (BLM)
11. Pacific Springs (Private/BLM)
12. Dry Sandy Crossing (Private)
13. Little Sandy Crossing (BLM/Private)
14. Big Sandy Crossing (BOR/BLM/Private)
15. Sand Springs (Private/BLM split estate)
16. Simpson's Hollow (BLM)
17. Sublette Crossing (Private/State/BLM)
18. Lombard Crossing (USFWS)
19. Gasson Bridge (BLM)
20. Mormon Crossings (USFWS)
21. Names Hill (State/BLM/Private)
22. Various other Green River crossings (mostly Private or USFWS)
23. Holden Hill (BLM)
24. Emigrant Springs on Slate Creek (BLM/Private)
25. Pine Grove (BLM)
26. Emigrant Springs on Dempsey Ridge (BLM/Private)
27. Fort Bridger (State)
28. Parting of the Ways (BLM)

Stagecoach and Pony Express stations

1. Cold Springs (Private)
2. Verdling's Ranch (Private)
3. Fort Laramie (NPS)
4. Nine Mile House (Private)
5. Cottonwood (Private)
6. Horseshoe (Private)
7. Elkhorn (Private)
8. LaBonte (Private)
9. Bed Tick (Private)
10. LaPrele (Private)

11. Box Elder (Private)
12. Deer Creek (State)
13. Little Muddy (Private)
14. Bridger (Private/USFWS)
15. North Platte (City of Casper)
16. Red Butte Station (BLM/Site was not located)
17. Willow Springs (Private)
18. Horse Creek (Private/State)
19. Sweetwater Station (BLM)
20. Devil's Gate (Private, BLM)
21. Plante's Station (Private)
22. Split Rock (BLM)
23. Three Crossings (Private)
24. Ice Springs (BLM)
25. Warm Springs (BLM)
26. Rocky Ridge/St. Mary's (BLM/Private)
27. Rock Creek (Private)
28. South Pass/Upper Sweetwater/Burnt Ranch (Private)
29. Pacific Springs (Private/BLM)
30. Dry Sandy (Private)
31. Little Sandy (BLM/Private)
32. Big Sandy (Private)
33. Big Timber (BLM/BOR; location questionable)
34. Green River (USFWS)
35. Michael Martin's Station (BLM; Exact location unknown)
36. Hams Fork (Private)
37. Church Butte Station (State/Private)
38. Millersville (BLM)
39. Fort Bridger (State)
40. Muddy (BLM, Private)
41. Quaking Aspen (Private)
42. Bear River (Private)

Known inscriptions

1. Register Cliff (State/DOD)
2. Avenue of Rocks (State)
3. Independence Rock (State/Private)
4. Rattlesnake Pass (near Devil's Gate) (BLM/State)
5. Split Rock area (BLM/Private)
6. Names Hill (BOR/BLM/State)
7. Holden Hollow (State/BLM)
8. Fontenelle Creek Crossing (BLM)
9. Emigrant Springs on Slate Creek, including Johnston Scout Rocks (BLM)
10. Name Rock (Private)

Recorded graves

1. Henry Hill Grave (best guess-Private)
2. Charles B. Bishop Grave (Private)
3. William Clary Grave (Private)
4. Mary Elizabeth Homsley Grave (Private)
5. Elva Ingram Grave (Private)
6. Mily/Millie Irwin Grave (Private)
7. Joel Hembree and Ralston Baker Grave Sites (Hembree-Private; Baker-State)
8. Mary J. Hurley [Kelly] Grave (Private)
9. Alvah Unthank Grave (Private-access prohibited)
10. Martin Ringo and J.P. Parker Graves (Private)
11. Ada Magill Grave (Converse County road right-of-way-State)
12. Quintina Snodderly Grave (BLM)
13. Frederick Richard Fulkerson Grave (State)
14. Bennett Tribbett Grave (Private)
15. Charles Hatch Grave (Private)
16. Daniel Lantz Grave (BLM)
17. Lucinda B. Wright Grave (BLM)(15 miles east of LaBarge)
18. Nancy Jane Hill Grave (BLM)
19. Elizabeth Paul Grave (BLM or National Forest)
20. Alfred Corum Grave (BLM)
21. Charlotte Dansie Grave (BLM)
22. David Bond Grave (USFS)
23. William Durham and I.M. Mead Graves (USFS)
24. Graves near Buckskin Crossing (Private)
25. Rattlesnake Pass graves (near Devil's Gate) (BLM)

Natural Landmarks

1. Laramie Peak (USFS mostly)
2. Emigrant Gap (BLM)
3. Red Buttes (BLM, State/Private)
4. Avenue of Rocks (BLM)
5. Prospect Hill (BLM/State/Private)
6. Independence Rock (State/Private/BLM) (also an inscription site)
7. Devil's Gate (BLM/Private/State)
8. Split Rock (BLM)
9. Continental Peak (BLM)
10. Oregon Buttes (BLM)
11. Rocky Ridge (BLM)
12. South Pass (BLM)
13. Twin Mounds (BLM)
14. Plume Rock (BLM)
15. Pilot Butte (BLM/Private)
16. Mormon Knolls (BOR/BLM)

17. Rocky Gap (Private/BLM)
18. The Rock Slide (BLM/State)
19. Church Butte (Private/State)
20. The Needles (BLM)

Known major river crossings

1. Fort Laramie Military Bridge (North Platte River at Fort Laramie; NPS)
2. Richard's/Reshaw's/Richaud's Bridge (North Platte River at Reshaw Bridge City Park, Evansville; Natrona County)
3. Mormon Ferry, probable second site (North Platte River, North Casper Park; City of Casper)
4. Mormon Ferry, probable first site (North Platte River, Memorial Park; Mills)
5. Old Platte Bridge/Guinard's Bridge (North Platte River at Fort Casper; Natrona County)
6. Bessemer Bend (North Platte River west of Casper; BLM/ Private)
7. First Crossing (Sweetwater River between Independence Rock and Devil's Gate; Private)
8. Three Crossings (Sweetwater River, west of Split Rock; Private)
9. Sixth Crossing (also Seventh and Eighth Crossings, Sweetwater River, Fremont County; Private)
10. Burnt Ranch/Ninth (last) Crossing (Sweetwater River, near junction of Lander Road; Private)
11. Buckskin Crossing (Big Sandy River, Lander Road; Private)
12. New Fork Crossing (New Fork River, Lander Road; BLM/Private)
13. Green River Crossing (Green River, Lander Road, Private/BLM)
14. Sublette's Crossing/Names Hill (Green River, Sublette Cutoff; Private/BOR/BLM)
15. Lombard Ferry/Mormon Ferry Crossing (Green River; USFWS/BOR/BLM)
16. Robinson Ferry Crossing (Green River; location not verified)
17. Palmer Ferry (Green River, south of Lombard and Robinson ferries) (BOR/USFWS/BLM)
18. Case Ferry (Green River, Baker-Davis Road; BOR/BLM)
19. Kinney/Dodge Ferry (Green River, Kinney Cutoff; Private)
20. Holden Ferry (Green River, Kinney Cutoff) (BOR/USFWS)
21. Hams Fork Crossing (near Granger; State)

Table 1. Miles of Trail by Segment (update numbers in red)

MAJOR TRAIL SECTIONS AND NUMBERED SEGMENTS	MORMON PIONEER NHT Total Miles (Miles of BLM)	OREGON NHT Total Miles (Miles of BLM)	CALIFORNIA NHT Total Miles (Miles of BLM)	PONY EXPRESS NHT Total Miles (Miles of BLM)
PLATTE RIVER SECTION				
Segment 1: Nebraska State Line to Fort Caspar	486 (8.5)	486 (8.5)	486 (8.5)	486* (8.5)
Segment 2: Fort Caspar to Independence Rock	125 (13.2)	125 (13.2)	125 (13.2)	125* (13.2)
SWEETWATER RIVER SECTION				
Segment 3: Independence Rock to Ice Slough	79 (22.9)	79 (22.9)	79 (22.9)	79 (22.9)
Segment 4: Ice Slough to Burnt Ranch	74 (41.3)	74 (41.3)	74 (49.1)	74 (41.3)
Segment 5: Seminoe Cutoff	46 (41.2)	0	46 (41.2)	46 (41.2)
LANDER ROAD SECTION				
Segment 6: Burnt Ranch to Buckskin Crossing	0	42 (33)	42 (33)	0
Segment 7: Buckskin Crossing to Highway 191	0	16 (9.8)	16 (9.8)	0
Segment 8: Highway 191 to Bridger-Teton N.F.	0	48 (23.7)	48 (23.7)	0
SUBLETTE CUTOFF SECTION				
Segment 9: Parting of the Ways to Green River Crossing at Names Hill	0	57 (47.2)	57 (47.2)	0
Segment 10: Green River Crossing at Names Hill to Idaho State Line	0	199 (80.5)	199 (80.5)	0
GREEN RIVER BASIN MAIN TRAIL SECTION				
Segment 11: Burnt Ranch to False Parting of the Ways	24 (18.7)	24 (18.7)	24 (18.7)	24 (18.7)
Segment 12: False Parting of the Ways to Parting of the Ways	11 (10)	11 (10)	11 (10)	11 (10)
Segment 13: Parting of the Ways to Green River Crossing at Lombard Ferry	44 (16)	44 (16)	44 (16)	44 (16)
Segment 14: Gasson Bridge to Hams Fork	36 (7.8)	36 (7.8)	36 (7.8)	36 (7.8)
Segment 15: Slate Creek/Kinney Cutoff Variants	0	97 (23.5)	97 (23.5)	0
Segment 16: Lombard Crossing to Hams Fork	0	0	58 (14.7)	58 (14.7)
Segment 17: Hams Fork to Fort Bridger	32 (6.5)	32 (6.5)	32 (6.5)	32 (6.5)
Segment 18: Fort Bridger to Idaho State Line	0	134 (66)	134 (66)	0
Segment 19: Fort Bridger to Utah State Line	88 (14.6)	0	88 (14.6)	88 (14.6)
Segment 20: Blacks Fork Cutoff (Hams Fork) to Cumberland Gap	0	34 (14.9)	34 (14.9)	0
Segment 21: Hams Fork Cutoff (Granger) to Hams Fork Plateau	0	No. of miles is uncertain – aerial reconnaissance revealed no evidence of trail	No. of miles is uncertain – aerial reconnaissance revealed no evidence of trail	0
TOTAL	1045 (200.7)	1538 (443.5)	1730 (521.8)	1103 (215.4)

* Not all variants were Pony Express NHT

1. Total miles of National Historic Trails in Wyoming (excluding Nez Perce NHT) = 1,730 miles
2. Total miles of National Historic Trails in Wyoming managed by BLM = 521.8
3. Total all trails (all ownership)=5,416 miles (includes cumulative overlapping mileage)
4. Total all trails on BLM=1,381.4 miles (includes cumulative overlapping mileage)