Wyoming Site Stewardship Program

Established in 2006, the Wyoming Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (WYSSP) is comprised of concerned people committed to protecting and preserving Wyoming’s rich cultural heritage. Professional heritage/cultural resource specialists and trained volunteers work together to monitor cultural resources throughout the State, adding to the existing documentary record, sustaining a regular presence to deter looting and vandalism, and reporting these activities when they occur.

The primary purposes of the Wyoming Site Stewardship Program are:

1. To protect and preserve prehistoric and historic cultural resources for the purposes of conservation, scientific study, interpretation, and public enjoyment.
2. To increase public awareness of the significance and value of cultural resources.
3. To discourage/deter site vandalism and looting.
4. To assist with permanent management of monitored sites.
5. To promote understanding and cooperation between the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, the Bureau of Land Management, and the interested public.

What does it take to become a Wyoming Site Steward?

Anyone who is interested in learning more about cultural resources and their preservation, and who is willing to sign and adhere to the Code of Ethics can be a site steward. Stewards will serve on a voluntary basis and will be recruited and selected without regard to race, religion, age, sex, national origin, or handicap.

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