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*Results of a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for a Wyoming Game and Fish Department Land Exchange*

**Undertaking/Project Description** The Wyoming Game and Fish Department proposes to carry out a land exchange with Elk Mountain Ranches in Carbon County, Wyoming. The 160 acre Game and Fish tract is in the SE ¼ of Section 3, T. 18 N., R. 80 W. (Attachment 1).

**Environmental Setting** The project area is in the northwestern portion of the Medicine Bow Range, approximately 10 miles south of the community of Elk Mountain. The setting (Attachment 2) is a lodge pole pine forest interspersed with small stands of aspen. The entire area has been logged at least twice, resulting in what is currently a dense cover of primarily immature pine. Deposition is ca. 20 to 30 cm of typical coniferous forest soil development and pine duff over bedrock and stream cobbles. The entire tract is drained by Mule Creek, a northeast flowing tributary of Wagonhound Creek that passes through the east edge of the tract.

**Background Research** The records search conducted through the state's Cultural Records Office indicates that there are no previously recorded cultural resources or cultural resource investigations on file for Section 3. The January 3, 1884 General Land Office plat for T. 18 N., R. 80 W. shows two unnamed northeast to southwest roads and a "Cottonwood Grove" in the NW ¼ of Section 3.

**Survey Methodology** The entire project area was inspected on foot with field personnel spaced no more than 30 meters apart. No forms of subsurface testing or artifact collection took place.

**Inventory Results** No cultural resources were encountered. No evidence was found for a permanent structure shown near a road junction in the south central part of the tract (see Attachment 1).

**Summary** Cultural resource clearance is recommended for the proposed land exchange. The records search and field inspection indicate that there are no cultural resources within the tract of Game and Fish land proposed for exchange.

Signed,



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**SURVEY REPORT COVER PAGE**

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<b>Review and Compliance No:</b>	<b>Cultural Records Office No:</b>

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**REPORT TITLE:** *Results of a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for a Wyoming Game and Fish Department Land Exchange*

**DATE OF REPORT (MO/DY/YR):** August 3, 2010

**LEAD AGENCY (e.g., BLM ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT):** Wyoming Game and Fish Department

**SURVEY ORGANIZATION/NAME:** LTA, Inc.

**FEDERAL PERMIT NO.:** n/a

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:** The Wyoming Game and Fish Department proposes to carry out a land exchange with Elk Mountain Ranches in Carbon County, Wyoming.

**SURVEY METHODS:**

**Standard 30 Meter Transects**     **Non-Standard** (Describe in body of report)

**Survey Width (Linear Projects Only):**

**100 feet (individual road or pipeline corridor)**  
 **150 feet (parallel road/pipeline corridor)**  
 **Other (indicate width: \_\_\_\_\_ feet)**

**COUNTY(IES):**<sup>+</sup> Carbon

**USGS QUAD MAPS (NAME, DATE):**<sup>+</sup> White Rock Canyon 1992

**LAND**

**OWNER:**\*  **BLM**  **BuREC**  **FS**  **NPS**  **PRIVATE**  **STATE**  **USFWS**  **OTHER**  
(Specify)

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION (T/R/Sec/up to 4 qtrs and identify template corner):**<sup>+</sup> SE ¼, Section 3, T. 18 N., R. 80 W.

**ACREAGE:**

<b>FEDERAL SURFACE</b>	<b>BLOCK:</b>	<b>LINEAR:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>TOTAL ACREAGE:</b> 160
<b>NON-FED SURFACE</b>	BLOCK: 160	LINEAR:	TOTAL: 160	

**FILE SEARCH DATE(S):** 9/15/2009 (24839)

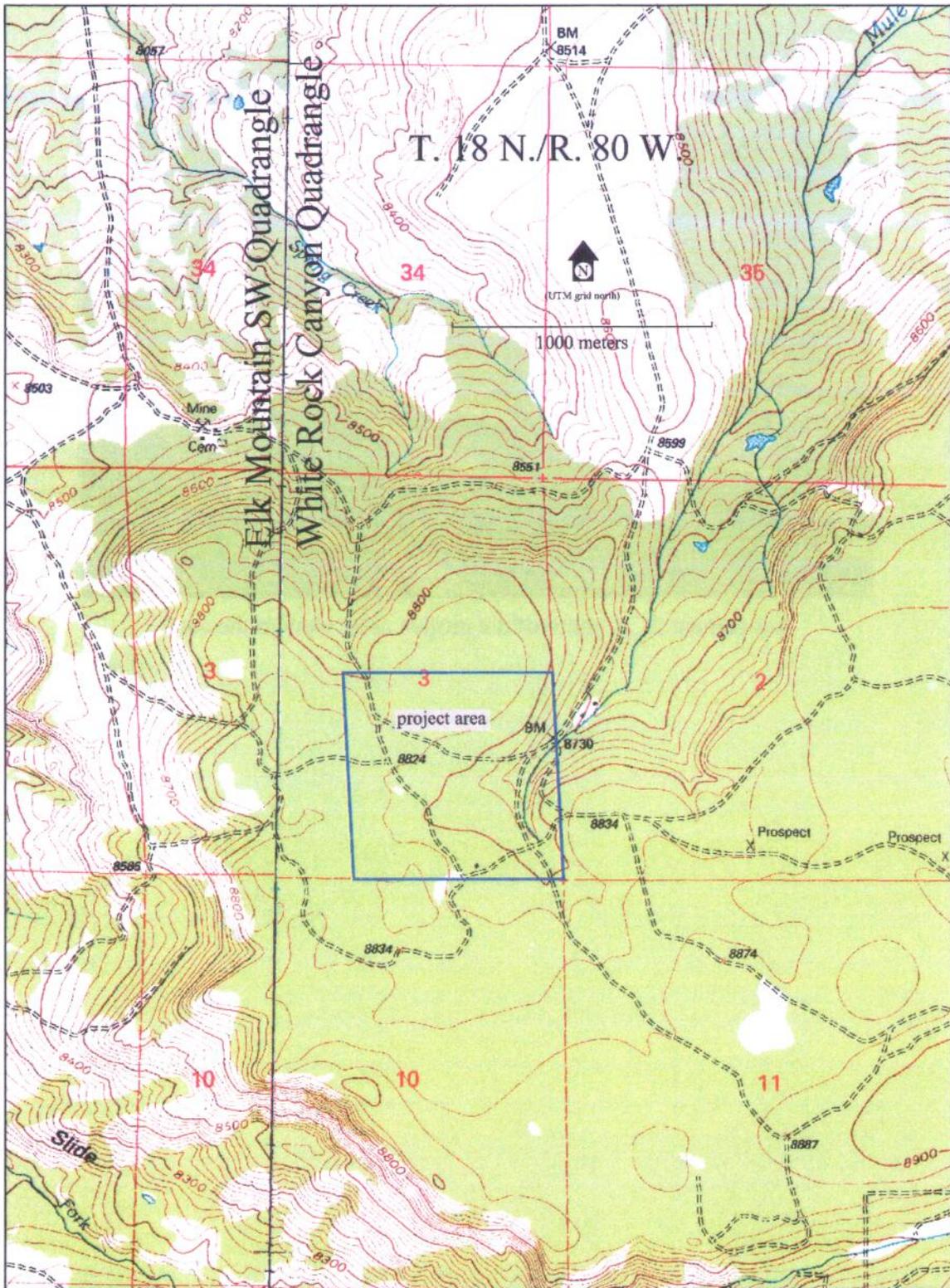
**FIELD WORK DATE(S) (MO/DY/YR):** 8/3/2010

**FIELD PERSONNEL:**<sup>+</sup> Tom Larson, Charity Taylor, Rebecca Mashak

**SURVEY RESULTS:**  **NO CULTURAL MATERIAL**     **#ISOLATED FIND(S)**     **#SITE(S)**

<sup>+</sup> attach continuation sheets for additional data    \* check all that pertain

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Attachment 1. Portions of the USGS White Rock and Elk Mountain SW Quadrangles showing the location of the Game and Fish project area.