



CODE OF ETHICS

Of Paramount purpose for the Wyoming Site Stewardship Program is to prevent and deter destruction of cultural resources throughout the state. All volunteers will be guided by a code of ethics. Volunteers will observe the following rules:

1. In the course of their duties, stewards will comply with all Federal and State laws and regulations.
2. Stewards will carry out their activities in a courteous manner and with respect for Federal, State, and private property.
3. At no time will a steward engage in any vandalism or looting of a site. Any such activity will result in the steward's dismissal from the program and prosecution to the full extent of the law.
4. All prehistoric and historic archaeological site data, including site location information, site descriptions, vandalism reports, maps, and photographs are property of the State Historic Preservation Office and the Bureau of Land Management. All of the information about specific cultural resources is confidential and may not be shared outside of the site stewardship program without prior approval from SHPO and the BLM. Any break in this confidentiality will result in the responsible party's dismissal from the program and prosecution to the full extent of the law.
5. Stewards may not collect artifacts on any State or Federal lands. If artifacts obtained from Federal or State lands are surrendered to a steward in the course of site stewardship duties, the artifacts and reports detailing their surrender will be delivered to the SHPO or BLM. A site Steward discovered to have taken artifacts from a site will be dismissed from the program and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Code of Ethics Statement

I, the undersigned, recognize that prehistoric and historic archaeological materials are irreplaceable cultural resources. I will not misuse or misrepresent my participation in this program for personal gain to obtain access to sites, records, or artifacts. I realize that the value of a prehistoric or historic archaeological site is in its context as well as content, which can never be regained. I adopt the Wyoming Site Stewardship Program code of ethics and guidelines. In the event that I observe or learn of on-going destruction of heritage resources, I consider it my obligation to notify the appropriate authorities.

Signature:

Date: