



WSGS releases map of irreplaceable Wyoming lands

In cooperation with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Quality Council (EQC), the Wyoming State Geological Survey (WSGS) published a new map of Wyoming's cultural and historic lands. Titled Land areas of Wyoming designated unique and irreplaceable or rare and uncommon, the map is available for purchase from the WSGS as Map Series 92. Some of the digital (GIS) data used to prepare the map are available for download from the WSGS website at <http://www.wsgs.uwyo.edu/GIS/DigitalData/Miscellaneous.aspx>.

Timothy M. Sprague compiled the wall-sized map (60" x 50"), which is based primarily on a number of resolutions issued by the EQC designating areas in Wyoming as "unique and irreplaceable" or "rare or uncommon." These areas include Adobe Town in southern Wyoming; areas near or on Casper Mountain known as Jackson Canyon, Gothberg Draw, Little Red Creek, and Eagle Roost; four areas in Johnson and Sheridan counties, including the sites of the Wagon Box and Fetterman fights and Fort Phil Kearney; and the Devils Gate area on the Oregon Trail in central Wyoming.

The new map includes all lands and sites in Wyoming that meet the criteria set by EQC: places included on

the National Register of Historic Places, the Wyoming Recreation Commission's Inventory of Historical Places, the National System of Trails, the National Wilderness Preservation System, the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and places and sites listed by the University of Wyoming Department of Archaeology, the Wyoming Recreation Commission, and the Wyoming Archives and Historical Department. The map shows all national and state parks in Wyoming, national and state recreation areas, national and state wildlife refuges and habitat management areas, scenic highways and byways, and other sites such as monuments, forts, museums, ranger stations, and some protected petroglyph sites.

The map should be useful for visitors and tourists traveling throughout the state, as well as for land-use planning and those interested in Wyoming's culture and history. It can be purchased, rolled only, for \$35. For more information, please call the WSGS sales desk at (307) 766-2286, ext. 224, or email sales-wsgs@uwyo.edu.

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