



19 November 2024

Wade M. Vagias, PhD
Superintendent
Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve
Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument
Minidoka National Historic Site

Dear Dr. Vagias,

We are pleased to submit the final version of the product of Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) Task Agreement P22AC00828, “Minidoka National Historic Site Administrative History.” This letter provides a brief explanation and chronology of this project.

This cooperative agreement intended to create the foundation for future development of a complete and comprehensive Administrative History of Minidoka National Historic Site. The listed Project Director is Bob Reinhardt (Associate Professor of History, Boise State University), who oversaw Camille Daw, then a graduate student at Boise State University, who conducted all the research, analysis, and writing of this project. Daw conducted this work as part of her MA project in Public History at Boise State.

7 July 2022: CESU Task Agreement P22AC00828 awarded through GrantSolutions.gov. The expected project Statement of Work in short:

- a. Outline of Administrative History
- b. Annotated Bibliography
- c. Oral Histories: three oral history interviews and transcriptions.
- d. 15,000-word Writing Sample (misabeled “15,000 Word Sample” in agreement): an introduction and 1-2 chapters of the Administrative History.

The final due date was set at November 1, 2023.

August 2022 – August 2023: Camile Daw conducted research, oral history recording and transcribing, analysis, and writing on the project. These elements were saved in a shared Google Drive available to Project Director Bob Reinhardt and NPS staff Wade Vagias, Kurt Ikeda, and Jared Infanger. Quarterly reports submitted through GrantSolutions.gov detail progress on the project. All elements of the project Statement of Work were completed by August 2023, except for one oral history interview with Anna Tamura, which was delayed due to Tamura’s work and travel schedule.

September 2023: Due to family leave, Kurt Ikeda stepped back from the project, succeeded by Jared Infanger. At this time, it was agreed to pursue a no-cost extension/modification, extending the final completion of the project to December 24, 2024. That extension/modification was

ultimately approved in May 2024. In September, NPS staff also provided feedback on the project, including inclusion of section on Annual Pilgrimage, integration of oral history interview with Anna Tamura, and formatting/style improvements.

November 2023: Camille Daw conducted oral history interview with Anna Tamura.

December 2023: Camille Daw successfully defended her MA project, which included a version of the MA project formatted and styled for the NPS CESU project.

May 2024: Revised versions of project (based on NPS recommendations/suggestions) distributed, including transcript of Anna Tamura interview.

May 2024 – September 2024: NPS review of project.

October 2024: Project meeting (with Camille Daw, Bob Reinhardt, Wade Vagias, Jared Infanger, and Kurt Ikeda) to discuss final process and edits for the project, including further opportunities to integrate Anna Tamura's oral history interview.

November 2024: Camille Daw revised the project to address NPS suggestions, including more integration of Tamura interview (see especially "Chapter Four: The General Management Plan (2001-2006)"). Final project submitted to NPS staff:

- Outline of Administrative History: ten chapters; 67 pages; 13,563 words.
- Annotated Bibliography: 204 primary sources; 73 secondary sources; 60 pages, 26,633 words.
- Oral Histories: Anna Tamura, Dan Sakura, Neil King.
- Writing Sample: four chapters plus introduction and conclusion; 31,648 words.

This project achieved the Task Agreement's stipulated Performance Goals (for Boise State and Minidoka NHS to "partner... in the development of the park's administrative history") and Project Objectives (Research, Oral History, and Writing). We are confident that this project provides a solid foundation on which to develop a full Minidoka NHS Administrative History.

Sincerely,

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