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Passport in Time Project Explores Historic Military Camps along Carter Military Road

Vernal, Utah ... The Ashley National Forest will be sponsoring a Passport In Time Project on the Carter Military Road from July 7th to the 11th and will involve over 20 volunteers.

Jeffrey Rust, Forest Archeologist stated, "This years project will search for remnants of several historic military camps along the Carter Military Road, find and map portions of the historic telegraph line which parallels the route, and find undocumented sections of the road itself."

The Carter Military Road was Constructed in 1881 to provide a route to transport supplies from Fort Bridger in Wyoming to the newly constructed Fort Thornburg in Ashley Valley. Initial construction was completed under the direction of Judge William Alexander Carter of Fort Bridger (hence the name of the road) and was improved and maintained by U.S Army troops stationed at Fort Bridger and Fort Thornburg. The Army abandoned Fort Thornburg in 1883 and the road received limited maintenance after that date. The road was used over the next 30 years as a principle route between the Uinta Basin and the High Plains of Wyoming. By 1926, the current highway route between Manila and Vernal was opened and the Carter Road became obsolete.

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