



# CALLING **ALL** ARCHAEOLOGISTS

## for investigations at the Willow Springs Campsite

June 16<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Tie Siding, WY

The Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist invites volunteers to Willow Springs between June 16<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer opportunities include shovel testing, formal excavations, artifact curation, and archaeological surface survey. Regardless of age, ability, or aptitude, OWSA has a way for volunteers to be directly engaged with the project, and we invite anyone interested to participate.

Willow Springs (48AB302) is an archaeological site located adjacent to a major oasis 15 miles south of Laramie, WY. The site was excavated in the early 1960s by William Mulloy and never reported to archaeological community. Prehistoric artifacts include over 200 projectile points, hundreds of ceramic sherds, bone tools and beads, and a large assemblage of chipped and ground stone tools indicative of intensive use as a campsite for thousands of years. Moreover, historic accounts suggest that the site was used between the 1860s and early 1900s as an Overland Stage Stop and tie hack camp, and these investigations intend to refine our understanding of its historic use.

Camping available on site and accessible by trailers. Campsite facilitated with toilet and fresh water will be transported to site daily. OWSA will provide light breakfast and lunch, but dinner provided by individual participants or obtained in Laramie, 20 minutes north of site.

Those interested can contact State Archaeologist Spencer Pelton directly at [spencer.pelton@wyo.gov](mailto:spencer.pelton@wyo.gov) for directions and scheduling.