



Help Us Grow

Museum of the Mountain Man

Bicentennial Capital Campaign

2025 Goal:

Build Fort Sublette

Bad Hand Collection

Collections Care Facility

\$5 Million



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Fort Sublette - Living History

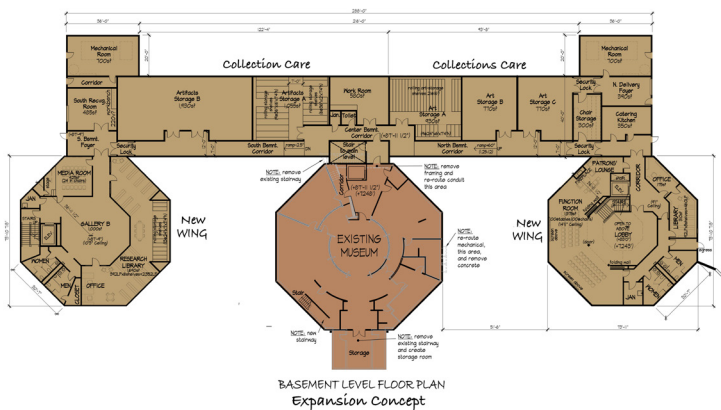
- Expand 24 year partnership with the American Mountain Men
- 100 x 100 ft stockade fort designed based on period forts
- Full time living history interpretation
- Authentic trade room where visitors can barter for period goods
- Blacksmith shop, hide preparation, fur press, food, tools, weapons, entertainment, clothes

Bad Hand Collection

- Once in a generation passion collection
- More than 1500+ authentic replicas and original trade items
- Complete record of Plains Indians from early and mid-1800s; 16 tribes represented
- Recreate life-like scenes, each of a lost era for a given tribe at a given time
- Allows interpretation that is not possible with fragile and rare original items
- Extensive video interviews with Bad Hand for every item capturing his 40 years of research and experimental history



Mandan chief's painted and quilled buffalo robe



Collections Care Facility

- Permanent collections are a forever commitment
- Collection currently over 20,000 items with insufficient room or protection
- 6,000 sq. ft. basement archive with room to double storage space
- Full climate control, secure space, and fire & water protection
- Secure work rooms - receiving, isolation, freezer, photography, research, and exhibit development.

Any Amount Helps!

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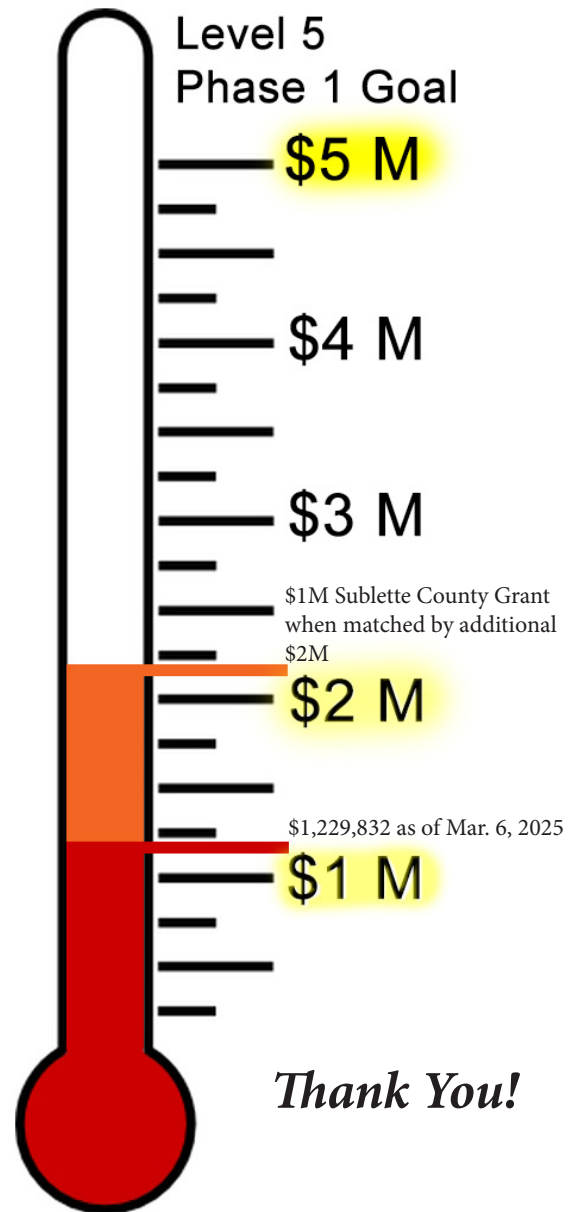
- \$50 pays to care for an average artifact for a year
- \$100 pays for a fort palisade log
- \$500 pays for one sq. ft. of expansion
- \$1,000 pays for 20 archival boxes
- \$5,000 pays for a quilled 1830s Sioux war shirt
- \$10,000 pays for a Collection Care freezer room
- \$30,000 pays for a cabin in the fort
- \$75,000 pays for a handmade, brain tanned, sinew stitched, 20-foot buffalo hide tipi
- \$600,000 endowment employs one full-time interpreter at the fort forever
- \$1.275M builds and endows Fort Sublette
- \$1.5M secures the entire Bad Hand Collection and provides funds for processing
- \$2.4M builds the entire Collection Care Facility
- \$10M pays for construction, exhibit development, and endowment of the 12,000 sq. ft. expansion
- \$1M match for Sublette County Grant

Any donation shows support!

Legacy Giving

Make a bigger impact with a 5-year pledge! For example, a \$100 per year pledge has a \$500 impact, a \$10,000 per year pledge raises \$50,000.

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We Must Grow - Bicentennial Expansion

Museum of the Mountain Man Capital Campaign

Two hundred years ago, the **mountain men were the first non-natives to live year-round in the Rocky Mountains**. They were rugged, independent, entrepreneurial and determined individuals, becoming excellent hunters, trappers, navigators and survivalists. They entered a world dominated by Plains Indians. Adopting some of the lifestyle and culture of their native partners, this was a relative peaceful time between the newcomers and the natives. The mountain men, along with the Plains Indians they introduce to the world, became the **first iconic characters of the American West**, captivating the nation and the world ever since.

The **Museum of the Mountain Man honors these brave frontiersmen**, preserves for people of all ages the skills of survival and self-reliance that otherwise would be lost, and shares their stories. Located in Pinedale, Wyoming, at the heart of Rocky Mountains fur trade country, the Museum has embraced the responsibility as the **Nation's caretakers of this critical era of United States history** through preservation and sharing of artifacts, stories and historic sites.

The **spotlight of the upcoming bicentennial of rendezvous** (1825-1840) will provide a natural opportunity to expand interest in the fur trade, the opening of the West, and ultimately, the expansion of a young United States of America across a continent.

We must grow capacity (facilities, staff, visitation, and financial security) to more effectively preserve and interpret this era. A more mature and stable organization can take advantage of the current opportunities, and be better prepared for opportunities and challenges that will come over the next century.

Long Term Goals

at \$5 Million

- Build and endow Fort Sublette
- Secure & process Bad Hand collection
- Build Collections Care Facility

at \$15 Million

- All of the above and
- Facility expansion (12,000 sq ft)
- Exhibit development
- (Plains Indian & mountain men)
- Secure galleries for original Alfred Jacob Miller and other rare artwork
- Enhance visitor experience & services

at \$22 Million

- All of the above and
- Conference Center
- Admin & office expansion
- Enlarge endowment

at \$30 Million

- All of the above and
- Experience Theater
- Settlement Era expansion
- Parking
- Landscaping
- Online development

The long term capital goal of \$30 million will triple the size of the facilities, double staff, significantly enhance visitor experience, and establish a \$10 million endowment to secure the organization's future. This has been broken into a series of more manageable funding levels, shown above.