



Wyoming Historical Society

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On September 5, 2025, the Wyoming Historical Society was informed by the Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources (SPCR) Department that it would no longer be partnering with the Society on the publication of the *Annals of Wyoming*. This decision marks a significant change for the historical journal, which has been the official publication of the Wyoming Historical Society since 1953, and published in partnership with the State of Wyoming since 1925.

Since May 2025, the Wyoming Historical Society has made numerous attempts to engage in dialogue with SPCR to establish a clear way forward for the journal's continued publication. Despite these efforts, consistent communication from SPCR was not forthcoming, and the Society received formal notice of their decision today.

SPCR has affirmed that the name "Annals of Wyoming" belongs to the State of Wyoming due to previous agreements, and states that they, the State Parks and Cultural Resources department will be taking on full responsibility to continue the publication, and distribution to a list of their choice, of the journal.

"This is unfortunate news, but with the State facing budget cuts it was not unexpected from a financial perspective," remarked Wyoming Historical Society President Beki Speas. "The Society offered to continue its production of the *Annals of Wyoming* without financial assistance from the State. However, despite the fact that the *Annals* has been the official publication of the Wyoming Historical Society for more than 70 years, SPCR has insisted that they take full control and keep the name. The Society is moving forward with its plans to produce and publish its own, independent, history magazine."

The Wyoming Historical Society reaffirms its commitment to its core mission of preserving and sharing Wyoming's history and promoting history education. As a benefit and a promise to our supporters, the Society will be publishing a new quarterly magazine of its own.

The Wyoming Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Wyoming. Through its various programs, publications, and events, the Society works to connect people with the rich heritage of the state.

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