

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: California Army National Guard Conservation Program Support (Wildlife Biology and Botany) for Camp Roberts and Camp San Luis Obispo Training Sites

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

Project Discipline: Natural

Funding Agency: US Army Core of Engineers

Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University

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Funding Amount: \$257,017 [FY11: \$58,456; FY10: \$198,561]

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Project Abstract: Camp Roberts and Camp San Luis Obispo are major training sites for the California Army National Guard. Both installations support significant natural resources that must be managed in accordance with applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies. Current staffing levels in the Conservation Program at these installations are inadequate to ensure protection and conservation of natural resources and to meet regulatory and legal requirements.

The work specified in this Scope of Work requires the support of two wildlife biologists and a botanist specializing in California botany to ensure that the CA ARNG's actions comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. This work will focus primarily on the management of federally and state listed threatened and endangered species, with other more generalized tasks related to natural resources management.

This research focuses on the following objectives:

- A. Assist in preparation of environmental documents in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- B. Review and prepare technical reports and correspondence.
- C. Assist in managing threatened and endangered (T & E) species, including pre-activity surveys, monitoring, research, review and writing of pertinent documents, assistance in Section 7 consultations and other related tasks.
- D. Consult, as directed by designated CA ARNG staff, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) as required to ensure compliance with the state and federal endangered species acts.
- E. Conduct general biological field surveys and habitat assessments.
- F. Implement policies and procedures of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans at the CR and CSLO training sites.
- G. Conduct sensitive plant surveys and habitat inventories.
- H. Assist CA ARNG in management of exotic species, including preparation and/or review of Scopes of Work, contracts, budgets and reports.

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