

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

*Project Title:* **Field Surveys and habitat assessment of the Mexican Spotted Owl, Arizona Strip Field Office**

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance/Education

**Project Discipline:** Natural

**Funding Agency:** Bureau of Land Management

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Montana

**Effective Dates:** 8/31/2010- 9/30/2015

**Funding Amount:** \$110,000 [FY11: \$25,000; FY10: \$85,000]

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** Dr. Willey will provide expertise in conducting occupancy surveys and habitat assessments for Mexican Spotted Owl (MSO). He will also train BLM employees in these techniques. This information will contribute to range wide recovery efforts for MSO and will assist the BLM in managing the MSO and its habitat, and in making informed and adaptive resource management decisions.

**Outcomes with completion dates:** September 30, 2015

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