

## Project Summary

### Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

**Project Title:** Technical Assistance and Research on Recreation in the Upper Missouri River

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

**Funding Agency:** BLM

**Other Partners/Cooperators:**

**Effective Dates:** 2/5/2001 to 3/31/2002

**Funding Amount:** \$180,000.00

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#### **Project Abstract:**

People from a full spectrum of interest have recognized that a comprehensive, long-term management strategy is a necessary step to sustain the important characteristics of the upper Missouri River corridor. Prior to the implementation of this strategy, however, is the need to create and interim strategy for the management of visitors to the National Monument to provide a foundation for citizen engagement, information development and distribution, and indicators and standards that identify the criteria by which actions may be evaluated.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Solidify the capabilities and functions of the RAC Subgroup and other locally based, citizen organizations so that they may be effective bodies to develop and communicate information concerning resource conditions and citizen concerns.
2. Develop an interim visitor management strategy for the Upper Missouri River corridor that identifies and map types, magnitude, and locations of citizen interests regarding recreation management on the Upper Missouri River.
3. Improve understanding of visitor expectations, potential visitor facilities and campgrounds, recreational use levels and impacts, and linkages between recreational and private use.
4. Identify indicators that will accurately reflect changing social, economic, and biophysical conditions surrounding the management and use of the river corridor.
5. Establish and test protocols for participatory approaches to monitoring activities, based on established indicator.

#### **Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Interim Report: September 30, 2001

Final Report: March 31, 2004

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