

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Equitable Allocation Model for Montana River Systems

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

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Other Partners/Cooperators:

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Project Abstract:

Background: At many popular recreation areas, some form of allocation procedures is often required as the biological and /or social carry capacity is reached. At many areas, use typically increases until the impacts (erosion, destruction of vegetation, crowdedness, etc.) require that restriction and use of all allocation/permitting system be adopted to protect the very values that made the area a popular destination. Many times, restrictions create public controversy and inequity. There is a need to create a management tool box and/or model for agencies and user groups to draw from when planning for limitations on our popular areas. A partnership between several agencies and organizations has recognized the need for such a project. The recent River Recreation Advisory Commission findings/report also supports this effort.

Objective: Develop an equitable allocation management tool box/model that can be used by land management agencies, as standards and indicators require, to regulate use (visits) by users to public recreational rivers. The policy and procedural components of the tool box/model must include opportunities for localized, site-specific agency analysis and assessment of resource and social conditions. The outcome must be consistent with the River Recreation Advisory Council (RRAC) final report

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Final Report: October 31, 2004

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Publications, etc. on file: