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

Project Title: Upper Missouri Bird Inventory in MT

Type of Project: Research

Discipline: Natural Resources

Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

**Effective Dates:** 7/18/2008 - 5/31/2013

Funding Amount: \$112,000 (FY12:\$28,000 FY11: \$28,000; FY10: \$28,000; FY08: \$28,000)

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Project Abstract: The Avian Science Center (ASC) at the University of Montana will continue to monitor birds using an already established series of points along the Upper Missouri River corridor so that ASC can establish levels of persistence in locations that differ in their local and landscape contexts. This information will aid in the understanding of features that provide for the maintenance of bird populations in this important riparian corridor. We also plan to establish more intense sampling protocols for areas receiving active management (e.g., site where olive trees are being removed) to enable us to assess restoration success in these specific locations.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: 5/31/2013

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