## Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Recreational Visitor Use Analysis. **Type of Project** : Research **Funding Agency:** Bureau of Land Management **Effective Dates:** March 2003 to August 2005 **Funding Amount:** \$77,000 Investigators and Agency Representative (include name, address, phone, email): R. Neil Moisey, College of Forestry and Conservation, U of MT, Missoula, MT 59812, 406-243-6673, moisey@forestry.umt.edu Larry Ridenour, Snake River Birds of Prey NCA, 3948 Development Ave, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, ID 83705, 208-384-3334, Larry Ridenhour@blm.gov **Project Abstract:** The objectives of this project are identified as follows. Develop a visitor use monitoring plan. 1. Identify indicators that will accurately and efficiently reflect changes in visitor use. a. Establish protocols for estimating visitor use using the established indicators. b. 2. Estimate current seasonal visitor use levels and types of use within the study area 3. Analyze visitor use patterns

4. Collect and analyze visitor characteristics, expectations and preferences for recreation opportunities and facilities.

## Outcomes with completion dates (reports, publications, workshops, videos, etc.):

An interim report (September 2003) will summarize the project's progress and update use estimates. A final report of Visitor Use Estimates and Characteristics (June 2004) will provide information on current visitor characteristics and numbers. A Visitor Use Monitoring Plan (June 2004) will outline the framework necessary to implement a visitor use estimation protocol for the study area. A session as part of the BLM National RIMIS Team Review Workshop (Oct. 2003) will present the preliminary findings.

## **Keywords:**

Recreation use estimation, Visitor use monitoring, Dispersed recreation

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Date Annual Report Received:

Date Final Report Received:

Publications, etc. on file: