

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Evaluating the Requirement for Animal Welfare Act Compliance on NPS Projects

Discipline: Natural

Type of Project: Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University

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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

The Animal Welfare Act applies to most mammals (including wildlife) used in research, teaching, and exhibition. The NPS conducts activities that may be, or may be perceived as, being included under this definition yet the NPS has no internal mechanism to comply with requirements of the Act. This workshop will provide the means for an assessment to evaluate compliance requirements under the Act, or other standards, and to formulate recommendations on how to implement these requirements.

Colorado State University (CSU), College of Natural Resources Extension Wildlife Program, has considerable expertise in planning, facilitating, integrating information, and reporting on workshops on contentious issues of wildlife management. Collaboration with Dr. Benson provides a unique opportunity for accessing specialized expertise. The cooperator will assist with planning, program development, organization, selection of speakers, agenda outlines, workshop facilitation, and reporting. A graduate student from Colorado State University will assist who is in training about natural resources policy and public relations in natural resources management. Twenty undergraduate students will observe part of the workshop to learn about animal welfare issues and resolution needs in National Parks.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

1. Workshop agenda developed in collaboration with NPS.
2. Facilitation of two-day workshop.
3. Workshop report including conclusions and recommendations developed during the workshop.

Keywords: workshop, Animal Welfare Act, Biological Resource Management Division, Colorado State University

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