

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Support of Research and Technical Assistance with the National Park Service, Natural Resource Program Center, FY 05-06

**Discipline:** Natural Resources

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Colorado State University

**Effective Dates:** 7/1/2005 - 6/30/2007

**Funding Amount:** \$99,371.00

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:**

The NPS-Natural Resource Program Center (NRPC) works cooperatively with researchers from Colorado State University, Department of Civil Engineering on projects of mutual interest in park units throughout the United States. These cooperative projects are in the areas of water resources, natural resource interpretation and education, and inventory and monitoring. The CSU research associates work closely with NRPC staff to develop and carry out projects to research and manage NPS natural resources. This task agreement is designed to expedite this cooperation by providing day-to-day coordination of the tasks specified in the task orders issued to the CSU-Department of Civil Engineering. In addition, federal regulations require an on-site supervisor of university employees since federal employees may not directly supervise cooperators. This task order will continue to provide a part-time Research Associate (RA) to support cooperative projects between Colorado State University and the Natural Resource Program Center (NRPC) of the National Park Service, located in Fort Collins, Colorado from FY 05 through FY07. The Coordinator will have daily interaction with federal staff of the National Park Service and with CSU faculty, research associates, and administrative staff. This CSU staff member will ensure the timely delivery of products as specified in specific task agreements.

The RA will be located at the National Park Service offices in Fort Collins, is administered by the College of Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering at CSU, and reports to a CSU faculty member who is Principal Investigator for many of the Park Service projects in Civil Engineering. The position also supports NPS projects in multiple colleges and departments at CSU.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Provision of (1) coordination and oversight of annual task orders, including budgets and financial justifications from CSU perspective; (2) quality control, editorial services, and timely submission of annual progress and/or completion reports; (3) reconciliation and tracking of CSU accounts; (4) personnel services on conflict resolution among RA's; (4) workshop arrangements, when RAs are participating as presenters, and (5) a final report of activities due to the NPS Key Official and the RM-CESU on June 30, 2007.

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