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

Project Title: Development of research-based guidelines for improving the NPS Natural
Resource Program Center's Intranet
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Discipline: Natural Resources
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Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
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**Project Abstract:** This project will include cooperation between the NPS-Office of Education and Outreach (OEO) in Fort Collins, with a research associate, student and principal investigator at CSU to provide guidance and technical support to the Natural Resource Program Center (NRPC) of the National Park Service, to assist with enhancement of the NRSS/NRPC Intranet Web-site. Outcomes from this project will include specific product development, including: report with recommended researchbased guidelines for designing the NRPC Intranet based on reviews of the relevant literature; organization/architecture of Intranet information based on card-sorting activities; specifications with style guide for interface design for development of a prototype Intranet Web-site; usability testing of prototypes; guidance on revisions of Web-site design based on outcomes of usability testing.

## Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Research-based guidelines for organizing and designing the NRPC Intranet, guidance and collaboration on development and usability testing of Intranet prototype, due by 12/30/2011.

**Keywords:** natural resources, communication, intranet, Colorado State University, NRPC-Office of Education and Outreach

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