

Project Completion Report Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)

Project Title: Development of NPS Fire Recruiting and Professional Development Materials

Project Code: CSURM- 235; P11AC90729

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Partner University: Colorado State University

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End Date of Project: 09/01/2012

Funding Amount: \$5108

Project Summary:

This project created products which are to be used by entry level wildland firefighters to aid in achieving base level competencies associated with working for the National Park Service in the wildland fire career field. The projects created provided a template for future work in this area.

Products are available upon request by contacting Jim Shultz, National Training Specialist at 208.387.5215 or jim_shultz@nps.gov.

Number of students participating in this project: undergraduates, graduate students, degrees conferred.

Two graduate students worked on the project, but this was not associated with degree completion.

Lessons Learned from this project:

- On site meetings were critical to moving this project forward
- It was difficult to maintain momentum with personnel changes (Jes Thompson left CSU before the project was complete). Ensure individuals who begin the project are able to finish.