Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: The Rocky Mountain Sustainability and Science Network (RMSSN), the NPS, and the National Geographic Society will sponsor the Hawaii Volcanos Bioblitz and Diversity interns

Discipline:InterdisciplinaryType of Project:Education/Technical AssistanceFunding Agency:National Park ServicePartners/Cooperators:Colorado State UniversityEffective Dates:7/30/2014/2014 - 9/30/2015Funding Amount:\$22,500

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Project Abstract: RMSSN is research coordination network in undergraduate education funded by the National Science Foundation. RMSSN uses public lands to introduce underrepresented undergraduate students to scientific concepts associated with sustainability and climate change.

The Rocky Mountain Sustainability and Science Network (RMSSN), the NPS, and the National Geographic Society will provide at least 10 ore more RMSSN diversity students to participate in the Hawaii Volcanos Bioblitz and convey the collected Bioblitz information and learning experience to the NPS, other students, and the academic community. Two interns will be sponsored by the NPS. Interns will be selected from RMSSN pool of diverse students and will work on projects associated with the Bioblitz activities.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: September 30, 2015

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