

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: **IMR Geographic Resources Division GIS Project Support**

Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Type of Project: Technical assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
Effective Dates: 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2018
Funding Amount: \$153,337

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

NPS Intermountain Region Geographic Resource Division (IMR GIS) is looking for support from Colorado State University (CSU) to support land management projects utilizing GIS in the National Park Service. Although the projects may vary, there are two particular projects that require assistance. The first is the development of scripts that support workflows related to data management. These scripts will be used by regional and park staff and also shared with the public to support future data management in all land management agencies and projects. The second project is the development of Park Atlases which are a key GIS based web mapping tool used by park staff and the public to support park management. A key piece of the Park Atlas is to create publically assessable park-specific data and web services. These data and services can support greater research and understanding of park's resources by the general public. CSU will provide Research Associates with the skills needed to support both these types of projects, plus a variety of other data management, training, and cartography projects. CSU can provide access to Research Associates with knowledge of technological advances in GIS, access to researchers, and be able to provide new ideas to better the development of data and data access tools for the parks and the public. The Research Associates will be able to tap into the CSU Geospatial Centroid network and bring back real experiences in data management and issues within the federal sector to the University to help influence research and project work.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: June 30, 2018

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