## Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

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**Project Abstract:** The goal of this project is to develop a public communication plan and product that help the NPS communicate the importance of bats and the threat of white-nose syndrome. The NPS contact millions of individuals each year through personal services (ranger and classroom programs, informal visitor contacts) and media (print, web). This reach creates an opportunity to raise awareness about bats, the white-nose syndrome, the NPS response, and actions people can take to protect bats. This plan will help the NPS take advantage of its public out-reach and educational role.

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