

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project The Rocky Mountain Sustainability and Science Network Academy

Discipline: Natural
Type of Project: Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
Student Involvement: Yes
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Project Abstract: This project supports holding a series of diversity workshops and activities including a Black Issues Forum (BIF) with students from Rocky Mountain Sustainability and Science Network (RMSSN), for the purpose of recruiting and supporting diverse students' participation in natural resources and bio-discovery. BIF is a weeklong camp at Colorado State University that brings in 60 African American high school students to Colorado. The purpose of BIF is to introduce high school students to professional career options while also introducing them to the Rocky Mountain West. Natural Resources day is designed to introduce these students to natural resource professionals using the settings of Rocky Mountain National Park.

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