

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: International Research and Initiatives: Collaborative Initiative for CSU Support to the USNPS Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division International Initiatives

Discipline: Natural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Research/Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
Students Involvement: Yes
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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: The United States National Park Service (USNPS) and Colorado State University (CSU) have enjoyed a fruitful partnership for many years. As part of those efforts the Fort Collins-based Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division and CSU's Center for Protected Area Management (CPAM) within CSU's Warner College of Natural Resources have discussed for several years ways to build on existing USNPS-CSU/CPAM collaboration. CPAM works globally, together with the US and foreign governments, NGOs, and collaborating universities, in promoting improved stewardship of the world's protected areas through training, technical assistance, and promotion of good practices in protected area management. In recent years USNPS-CSU/CPAM collaboration has included USNPS sponsorship of participants in international training events organized by CPAM, organization of an international workshop and a good practices review of tourism concessions in World Heritage Sites and other Protected Areas, and close collaboration with Rocky Mountain National Park. This work will build on past collaboration and extend it to the topic of natural sounds and night skies in national parks and other protected areas. This work will lead to better understanding of protection measures and programs that will benefit natural sound and night sky resources in U.S. national parks and worldwide. This work also begins development of an international community of practice that will lead to more sound and consistent management of natural sounds and night skies.

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