

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: "Place and Native Voice"
Type of Project: Education
Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Denver
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Project Abstract:

This project has been funded for four years and is titled: "Place and Native Voice". Specifically, the University of Colorado-Denver will complete the following work:

- 1) The program administrator will oversee outreach to and the selection of student interns to work in IMR parks in the summers of 2005-2008;
- 2) He will approve course selections by student interns at their respective participating colleges and universities (hereinafter, "home campuses") and otherwise act as general program advisor to student interns.
- 3) He will arrange for tuition payments for enrollment in approved courses by interns at their home campuses
- 4) He will arrange for issuance by UCD of a Certificate in Cultural Resource Interpretation upon successful completion of the internship program."

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

1. 2005: Tuition offset for PNV seasonal employee Robbyn Hickman, for enrollment in three units of graduate credit in P.Ad. 6840. *Independent Study: Development and Presentation of Resource Interpretation Program at Rocky Mountain National Park*, offered by the Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.
2. 2005: Certificate of completion of internship program for Robbyn Hickman, issued by GSPA, UCDHSC. 2006: Certificates of completion for PNV seasonal employees for 2006 season.
3. Progress and final reports for 2005-2008 PNV projects, to be prepared by UCD principal investigator.
4. Tuition offset for each of the Place and Native Voice (PNV) seasonal employees involved in the 2006-2008 program, for their enrollment in three units of graduate credit in P.Ad. 6840, *Independent Study: Development and Presentation of Resource Interpretation Program*, offered by the Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center
5. Coordination and payment of student travel to be conducted in conjunction with the collection of tribal information on cultural and natural resources at their respective NPS units.
6. Site visits with each of the PNV students in 2006-2008.
7. Placement of three students in parks during summer 2007 (BEOL,BAND,DETO].
8. An interpretive program, to be developed by the PNV students, at each of their NPS units. The interpretive program will be based on each PNV student's knowledge of their tribal culture, plus additional knowledge that will be acquired during the course of the summer. The PNV students will include only that cultural knowledge that their elders believe it is appropriate to share outside the tribe.

9. Production of interpretive program materials generated by the 2006-2008 PNV seasonal employees (e.g., articles, book chapters, transcripts or archival digital recordings of interviews with elders, DVD of presentations, as appropriate), so that this information can be shared with NPS interpretive staff.
10. Development and maintenance of a PNV website, to be developed by the University of Colorado-Denver in cooperation with the NPS.

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