

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Joint National Park Service/Forest Service Indian Law Course

Discipline: Cultural
Type of Project: Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Boulder
Effective Dates: 9/15/2008 - 8/31/2009
Funding Amount: \$10,000

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Project Abstract: In March-April 2009, the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service and the Isleta Pueblo of New Mexico will jointly convene an Indian Law Course for Federal employees, to take place in New Mexico. The Cooperators at CU-Boulder will work with the NPS and USFS to:

- A. Prepare and organize Indian Law Course materials to be used during the planned three day law course for federal employees,
- B. Prepare and deliver a series of lectures on the history of Indian Law and lectures directly related to the application of Indian Law to contemporary resource management issues.
- C. Participate in post course discussions related to the value of the Indian Law Course to suggest changes to the course curriculum and/or course content.

This training course and law forum is designed for employees who have the primary responsibility of maintaining and improving government-to-government relations between the federal government and federally recognized Tribes. This course will also highlight important issues facing Tribes, the Forest Service and the National Park Service in the west.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Due by August 31, 2009

- 1) Completion of Indian Law Course for 60 students
- 2) Completion and delivery of instructional materials

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