Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Cooperative GIS Internship with the NPS Intermountain Region

Discipline: Interdisciplinary

Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Denver

Student Involvement: Yes, GIS Interns **Effective Dates:** 7/1/2015 - 5/31/2017

Funding Amount: \$12,043

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Project Abstract: The University of Colorado Denver will provide student interns and research associates to work part-time in support of NPS Intermountain Region GIS activities. These activities support 91 park units and the integration of GIS into the parks and regional programs. The project will provide interns an understanding of park management and the integration of GIS in conservation and resource management. GIS projects include data collection and organization, map production, and educating park staff on GIS analysis and tools.

This project will provide each student with valuable professional experience related to GIS and land management. Students are exposed to the integration of geospatial technology into NPS' mission and activities and the focus on data management and technical support. The students gain essential experience in the geospatial technology profession to support their future career goals and make them better professionals joining the work force.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: May 31, 2017

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