

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Intermountain Region Office of Indian Affairs and American Culture (IAAC) Internship

Discipline: Cultural

Type of Project: Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado - Denver

Student Involvement: Yes, student internship

Effective Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2017

Funding Amount: \$10,340

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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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 Indian Affairs and American Culture (IAAC) activities. These activities support the IMR Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation (NAGPRA) program, the IMR Cultural Anthropology/Ethnography program, and the IMR Tribal Liaison program, all housed under the IMR, IAAC. The project will provide interns with a basic understanding of NAGPRA, ethnographic research and tribal liaison work. Student intern work will include drafting tribal consultation correspondence, making phone calls to tribal governments, participating as a note-taker in tribal consultation, drafting NAGPRA notices, and gaining a familiarity with ethnographic research documents and scopes of work. This project will provide each student with valuable professional experience related to applied cultural anthropology, cultural resource management, NAGPRA compliance tribal liaison work. The students will develop essential professional skills, making them more competitive applicants when they enter the workforce.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Products and delivery schedules will be based on NPS and UCD point of contact discussions and task assignments.

Keywords:

University of Colorado Denver, student intern, tribal liaison, tribal consultation, IAAC, cultural resource management