

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

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| Project Title: The Weed Video - Invasives at Arches NP |
| Type of Project: Education |
| Funding Agency: National Park Service |
| Other Partners/Cooperators: NPS-BRMD |
| Effective Dates: February 13, 2004 - March 30, 2005 |
| Funding Amount: \$ 24,963 |
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| Project Abstract: This documentary will utilize an effective script, dramatic location videography, informative interviews, and lyrical music to tell an important story of the threat to our national parks posed by non-native plant species and what can be done to prevent their spread. It will motivate viewers to take action to assist in this effort. A student in the MFA Film Program at Montana State University will work with NPS staff at Arches NP and at the NPS-Biological Resources Management Division to put together a video that will include: interviews with field experts, video footage of before and after results from invasive species removal programs in the field at NPS sites, sound and music added to appropriate portions of the footage, and if appropriate, inclusion of high quality graphics or animation. |
| Outcomes with completion dates: Final product will be a 27 minute digital-video on the NPS Invasive Species Program, in DVD format in color with sound, resulting in one master copy and 5 viewing copies. Draft video due: September 2004; Project end date is March 30, 2005 |
| Keywords: Weed control in the National Parks, digital - video, Arches NP, exotic species |
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