

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: "Florissant Fossil Beds: Valley of Wonder" 15 Minute Orientation Film for Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Discipline: Natural Resources

Type of Project: Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service - RM CESU

Other Partners/Cooperators: Montana State University, Friends of Florissant, CU-Boulder

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Funding Amount: \$7,056

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument does not currently have an audio-visual presentation to introduce and inspire visitors about the significances of the park resources. Visitors and the education community often ask to see "the film." Most visitors to national parks and monuments have come to expect high quality audio visual productions that will impart an overview of the parks' resources and its significance. The film would provide the Division of Interpretation more flexibility allowing for more varied personal services. During the off-season, when personal visitor services are not offered, this film would be one of the main ways for visitors to learn about the Monument. A park film is a park priority as outlined by our draft Comprehensive Interpretive Plan.

The purpose of this film will be to provide the general public, outreach groups, park volunteers and curriculum based education groups with brief, but effective understanding of the geologic and paleo story at Florissant, the significances of the fossils, a look at some of the other important cultural and natural resources, and to inspire viewers to seek further understanding about the Monument. The video will be shown at the visitor center of Florissant Fossil Beds throughout the whole year. It will be used for onsite and offsite curriculum based programs and offsite outreach programs. The video will also be used for orientation for new employees, volunteers, contractors, and other partners of the Monument. The video may be sold at the bookstore by the Rocky Mountain Nature Association.

Funding for the film is from the RM-CESU and from the "Friends of Florissant"; there will also be a task assigned to CU-Boulder to do some animation for the film.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Final product will be a 15 minute digital video with a stereo digital mix that will serve as an introductory/ orientation film for Florissant Fossil Beds. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument will 5 DVD and 5 VHS copies of the video along with a master on DV cam, a master on digi beta, and a master on beta cam sp.

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