

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Glacier Bay National Park Boater Orientation Film

Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Type of Project: Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Montana State University
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Project Abstract: Every year, many private vessels and tour boats visit Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. As a part of their required boater orientation, captains watch our film about boating in the bay. The film is viewed by first time visitors and locals who watch it annually. The new film should be no longer than 20 minutes. It will provide viewers with all of the following: 1) an introduction to the park and services the park offers, 2) important safety messages including navigation and emergency reporting, and 3) information about closures and regulations which are for the protection of wildlife and wilderness. The purpose of this project is to not only remind visitors of important regulations but also to enhance stewardship and appreciation of the legacy of this wonderful place. A shorter version, no more than ten minutes, will be made available on the internet via Windows Media. Boaters will have the opportunity to watch the film and take a quiz prior to their trip.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: We anticipate filming to occur from July 26 to August 4, 2009 and the entire video project will be completed by December 1, 2009.

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