

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Voices of Science

Discipline: Social

Type of Project: Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: Montana State University

Student Involvement: No

Effective Dates: 08/01/2015 - 12/31/2016

Funding Amount: \$29,503

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

This project will produce a series of audio productions to illustrate NPS science in parks. These podcasts will be shared on websites, social media, radio, and give listeners a chance to experience science and National Park Service management through sound and the stories and experiences of people working in parks. The goal is to add perspective and advance conversations about science and complexities of conservation. In addition to a set of podcasts, MSU will provide technical assistance in recommending equipment for 2 audio kits and training materials for NPS staff to use the kits and produce their own podcasts.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Species and soundscape recordings by end of agreement. Six podcasts to be released during 2016. Workshop for individuals in the NRSS.

Keywords:

Soundscape, podcasts, conservation, National Park Service, Montana State University