

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit
Project Summary

Project Title: Promote Preservation of Resources through Monitoring at Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS

Discipline: Natural
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Cooperators: Montana State University
Student Involvement: yes, interns
Effective Dates: 4/1/2015 - 12/31/2019
Funding Amount: \$69,952

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Project Abstract: This project, through the work of student intern(s), is a continuation of an exceptionally successful partnership project between NPS and MSU that has run for the past 3 years. This TA will enable continuation of the same cooperative arrangement to annually use established inventory and monitoring protocols to evaluate natural resource condition at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service created to specifically preserve and tell the story of frontier cattle ranching. The data collected annually by the student interns will be used to facilitate resource stewardship at Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS and will be used for the development of educational materials to show park visitors, students, and staff how the ranch on a landscape level contributes to the preservation and protection of natural resources. The project has the public purpose of educating and training the next generation of park stewards through the hands-on, on-site experiential opportunities provided to interns.

Keywords: natural resource conditions, monitoring and survey protocols, student interns, Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS, Montana State University,