

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Implementing the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network to Facilitate Fire Science Communication: Tribal Node

Discipline: Natural Resources
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Salish Kootenai College
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Project Abstract:

Task 1

Work collaboratively with the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network (NRFSN) project team to implement NRFSN activities and to foster a network of managers and scientists across the Northern Rockies.

- a. Participate in monthly conference calls, annual meetings, and subcommittees of interest.
- b. Contribute products and events as appropriate for network distribution through the website, newsletter, syntheses, research briefs, and other NRFSN products. Such materials will support integrating science into fire and fuels management in the Northern Rockies, especially as related to tribal fire and fuels managers.
- c. Advise the NRFSN project team on how best to facilitate knowledge exchange among scientists and tribal managers.
- d. Network with other Salish Kootenai College faculty and tribal members to increase awareness of the NRFSN, identify emergent and ongoing tribal research needs, and compile relevant products for science dissemination.
- e. Provide travel grants for scientist/speaker participation in NRFSN fieldtrips and workshops by subject matter experts who are central to event foci and discussions. The workshop on traditional knowledge (see task 2) will take priority for these funds.
- f. Provide travel grants for tribal members to participate in NRFSN fieldtrips and workshops.
- g. Contribute materials as needed for annual progress reporting to the Joint Fire Science Program [usually due in December].
- h. Assist with planning for NRFSN renewal grant, due to the Joint Fire Science Program in February 2014.

Task 2

On behalf of the NRFSN project team, work with the University of Idaho and the NRFSN Coordinator to co-host a regional workshop on Traditional Knowledge in Fall 2012 or Spring 2013.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: December 1, 2013

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