

**Project Summary**  
**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

<b>Project Title: Seed Grants to NPS, Rocky Mountain Cluster parks for FY 05</b>
<b>Type of Projects: All categories – see attached award list</b>
<b>Funding Agency:</b> National Park Service
<b>Other Partners/Cooperators:</b> RM-CESU, UM, MSU, UWyoming, USU, CSU, Univ of Illinois, UC-Denver, CU-Boulder, CCRLC,
<b>Effective Dates:</b> January 1, 2005- December 31, 2005
<b>Funding Amount:</b> \$100,000
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<b>Project Abstract:</b> The National Park Service, Rocky Mountains CESU, distributed \$100,000 in small grants to be used at RM Cluster parks as “seed money” to work with RM CESU university and agency partners. This funding was made available by the NPS-Natural Resource Challenge and made possible 17 projects in the areas of natural and natural/cultural resources management in our parks. The list of funded projects is attached. Completion/progress reports are also attached. Some of this funding was matched by other funds and used in discrete RM-CESU task agreements. Some of the project funds were used by parks to hire summer students to work in parks during summer, 2005. The NPS/RM-CESU also made funds available for an intern to work in Glacier NP under the auspices of the Tehabi project.
<b>Outcomes with completion dates: Completion/progress reports for all 17 projects will be received by December 2005</b>
<b>Keywords:</b> Rocky Mountains CESU, University partners, University of Montana, Montana State, University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, Utah State University, University of Illinois, University of Colorado at Boulder and Denver, seed grants, research, technical assistance, education, Rocky Mountain Cluster parks
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