

*Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit  
Project Summary*

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

**Discipline:** Natural  
**Type of Project:** Education/Technical Assistance  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Idaho  
**Effective Dates:** 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2016  
**Funding Amount:** \$122,878 [FY15: \$27,771; FY14: \$36,075; FY13: \$37,351; FY12: \$21,681]

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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 scientific products and events relevant to fire and fuels management in the Northern Rockies as appropriate for network distribution through the website, newsletter, syntheses, research briefs, and other NRFSN products.
- c. Network with other University of Idaho faculty and staff to increase awareness of the NRFSN and compile relevant material for science dissemination.
- d. Provide scientist travel grants to facilitate participation in NRFSN fieldtrips and workshops by subject matter experts who are central to event foci and discussions.
- e. Contribute materials as needed for annual progress reporting to the Joint Fire Science Program [usually due in December].
- f. 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 Salish Kootenai College and the NRFSN Coordinator to co-host a regional workshop on Traditional Knowledge in Fall 2012 or Spring 2013.

**Task 3**

Add Northern Rockies relevant content to the FRAMES Resource Cataloging System (RCS) and create RCS queries for topics identified in the needs assessment. Initial content will be provided by the University of Montana content analyst position.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Database, Collections/Specimens, Archives, and Maps provided to the NPS ATR or Technical Expert - 6/30/2016

Draft Final Report - 6/1/2016

Final Report - 6/30/2016

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