

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Grazing Management Plan Revision and Grazing Utilization/Monitoring Protocol Development

Discipline: interdisciplinary

Type of Project: Research

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Idaho

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Project Abstract:

This task agreement between the National Park Service (NPS) and the University of Idaho (UI) is for the purpose of mutual assistance in conducting a project entitled: "Grazing Management Plan Revision and Grazing Utilization/Monitoring Protocol Development." This work will assemble and facilitate an interdisciplinary team to examine matters involved in a grazing management plan update and to provide direction to the revision. A drafted update of CIRO's 1995 grazing management plan will be compiled and will include a proposed grazing utilization protocol for implementation. Long-term photo monitoring plots will be established in each grazing allotment complete with direction for execution.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

- Provide grazing utilization protocols for City of Rocks National Reserve in coordination with the UCBN I&M Program
- Establish long-term monitoring plots in each CIRO grazing allotment with instructions for implementing
- Assemble and facilitate Interdisciplinary Team meeting consisting of (1) natural resource specialist, (2) cultural landscape architect, (3) rangeland ecologist, (4) NEPA compliance specialist, (5) superintendent, (6) and cooperator to scope the contents and issues of the revised grazing management plan. Phase includes covering travel and per diem for team members if needed
- Provide draft grazing management plan for CIRO to submit as the preferred alternative in a GMP Environmental Assessment. (CIRO/NPS will take responsibility for any further revisions needed based on the outcome of the NEPA process).

Keywords: grazing management, long term monitoring plots, Upper Columbia Basin I&M Network, City of Rocks National Reserve, University of Idaho

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