

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Social values of ecosystem services in national parks - Cape Lookout National Seashore

Discipline: Social
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Idaho
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Project Abstract: University of Idaho will work with the NPS-WRD to create a survey instrument that measures 1) social values of places within a national park, 2) how ecosystem services provided by the park contribute to human well-being, 3) knowledge about contentious park management issues, and 4) levels of trust/credibility about park management. The cooperators will pilot test the instrument at Cape Lookout National Seashore to demonstrate the feasibility and utility of the process and products for other parks within the National Park System. The University of Idaho (UI) will collaborate with NPS to pair the survey data with existing ecological data and software tools to map what and where people value the landscape for different social value types.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: January 31, 2015

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