

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Linking Park Research to the General Public through Effective Science Communication, Yellowstone National Park

Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Idaho
Effective Dates: 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2016
Funding Amount: \$20,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: Yellowstone National Park has a Science Communications Program that works to keep managers, researchers, and the public informed about the results of research taking place in the park, both by non-NPS researchers as well as internal, Park Service employees. Through this Task Agreement, Yellowstone seeks to work cooperatively with the University of Idaho to support effective and technically sound science communications.

Requested tasks from the park to the PI will include technical editing, research for new articles, review and updating style guidelines for the Science Communications Program, assistance with layout of *Yellowstone Science*, updates and improvements to web pages, and improvements to the submittal and review process for *Yellowstone Science* articles.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Database, Collections/Specimens, Archives, and Maps provided to the NPS ATR or Technical Expert - Final database on publications history or developed protocols (including style guidelines) submitted at final report - July 31, 2016
Draft Final Report - May 31, 2016
Final Report - July 31, 2016

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