

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Expert Workshop on Effects of Snowmobiles on Wildlife
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Project Abstract: University and agency researchers from the Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit and NPS technical contacts will organize a steering committee of National Park Service managers and agency scientists to set the agenda for this science and management workshop. The steering committee will define the questions to be addressed during the workshop and devise an agenda for the workshop. This workshop will be primarily focused on the impacts of snowmobiles on wildlife related to the Executive Order on restriction of snowmobile use and monitoring requirements. The steering committee will also come up with a list of recommended participants that will include park managers from the affected regions: Alaska, Midwest, Intermountain, Pacific West, agency scientists with expertise on the topic, and university researchers. The University will procure trained facilitators and recorders to participate in the workshop and produce a record of the discussions. Following the workshop, the University will produce a record of the workshop, along with a synthesis of existing information on the subject. The steering committee will then reconvene to consider if protocols are currently available for field implementation.
Outcomes with completion dates: Products: 1) Workshop to be held in April 2001 2) Record of workshop and synthesis of literature 3) Follow-up meeting with Steering Committee 4) Document that includes either recommended protocols or research plan
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