

Final Report Summary
University of Montana Webpage Development and Travel Support
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The University of Montana has completed a task agreement for webpage development and travel support for the Southern Plains Inventory and Monitoring Network. The following tasks have been finished and the task agreement is complete.

Webpage Development – The University of Montana assigned the design of a SOPN webpage to Zia Maumenee. She worked with SOPN staff to come up with concepts, various pages, and the final design of the SOPN webpage. The project was complete in the spring of 2004. This work also included training in the webpage program Dreamweaver to the SOPN data manager. The web site address is <http://www.nature.nps.gov/im/units/sopn/index.cfm>.

Travel Support – The SOPN held two ecosystem workshops in 2005. A grassland workshop was held February 1-2, 2005 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. An aquatic and landscape workshop was held on August 9-10, 2005 in Las Vegas, New Mexico. The purpose of these workshops was to review draft conceptual models developed by SOPN and cooperators and to review the draft list of SOPN vital signs for inclusion in a long-term monitoring program. The workshops were attended by the SOPN technical committee and 29 outside experts. The University of Montana helped facilitate travel of non-governmental outside experts.