

Two University of Montana Graduate Students Awarded 2009 Jerry O'Neal Fellowships for Research in Glacier NP:

The Jerry O'Neal Fellowships, funded through the Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center at Glacier National Park, were announced for graduate work in summer 2009. The competition was facilitated through the Rocky Mountains CESU and was open to students at all of the RM-CESU universities. The winners this year are Alison Dimond Kardos, a Ph.D. candidate in the College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana and Blake Hossack, a Ph.D. student with the Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Montana. Alison will be working on social science surveys at Glacier National Park to determine the public's perception of climate change, and additional surveys related to the use of the free shuttle system and its effects of visitor hiking preferences. Blake is working on the genetics of boreal toad populations in Glacier National Park and the role of disease and fire in genetic selection and habitat connectivity.

As a requirement of their Fellowships, Alison and Blake will provide a final project report and copies of any publications as a result of the research. In addition, they will prepare a one-page, illustrated project summary, which will be featured in a future RM-CESU Newsletter. For more details contact Lisa Gerloff, Executive Coordinator of the RM-CESU at the University of Montana at rmcesu@umontana.edu.

2009 Jerry O'Neal Fellowship Recipients



Alison Dimond, University of Montana



Blake Hossack, University of Montana