

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** CESU Network National Office (YIP) Fellowships

**Discipline:** Interdisciplinary

**Type of Project:** Education/ Technical Assistance

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Montana

**Effective Dates:** 9/15/2010- 6/30/2012

**Funding Amount:** \$51,643 [FY10: \$35,838; FY12: \$15,642]

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** This project involves placement of currently enrolled graduate students in the CESU Network National Office in Washington, DC. The focus of the fellowship program includes support for students to develop a discrete project that (1) aligns with their academic interests, career goals, and skill sets and (2) addresses a natural and/or cultural resource management question, science administration or policy issue, financial assistance or other broad partnership best practices concept, or similar topic relevant and applicable to the broad suite of federal agency missions and programmatic goals served by the CESU Network. The CESU Network program will also include mentoring for fellows to ensure participants receive a positive and educational experience. This project will serve as a pilot effort to inform the planning and development of additional fellowship opportunities, both in the CESU Network national office (in Washington DC) and across the CESU Network, in future years. The duration of the fellowship is envisioned to be a minimum of 600 hours (at 40h/week), with placement during academic terms (e.g., semester, summer). Flexibility for duration and start and end times will be considered on a case-by-case basis to accommodate academic calendars and other schedule conflicts.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates: June 30, 2012**

**Keywords:** Fellowship, graduate students, pilot program, mentoring, CESU Network National Office, University of Montana