Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Coordination of 2011 Rocky Mountain Anthropology Conference

Discipline: Cultural Type of Project: Technical Assistance and Education Funding Agency: National Park Service Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana Effective Dates: 5/15/2011 - 6/30/2102 Funding Amount: \$3,525

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Project Abstract: The NPS, Rocky Mountains CESU (RM-CESU) will be a co-sponsor of the biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropology Conference to be held on the University of Montana campus in Missoula, MT on October 7-9, 2011. The conference brings together experts in all fields of cultural resources expertise from the Rocky Mountains states. The objective of this agreement is for the National Park Service to work with the University of Montana to sponsor this conference, which will benefit students, resource managers and partners in the RM-CESU. Another objective is for the RM-CESU to co-organize a special session on RM-CESU project accomplishments, entitled "Heritage and Cultural Resources Research in the Rocky Mountains: a showcase of Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) Projects."

The activities of RM-CESU, NPS and University of Montana to co-sponsoring this conference will include: (1) involving students and RM CESU partners in the Anthropology Conference, (2) bringing in invited speakers, (3) providing administrative support for this meetings through purchasing of supplies and equipment rental.

This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the RM-CESU, during which time the Executive Committee members of the RM-CESU will hold their business meeting. During this annual meeting we will bring in an RM-CESU student award winner to give a presentation to the members.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Final report is due no later than March 31, 2012.

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