

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Implementing the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network to Facilitate Fire Science Communication: Western Montana Node

**Discipline:** Natural  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance/Education  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Montana  
**Effective Dates:** 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2016  
**Funding Amount:** \$36,880 [FY14 \$13, 467; FY12: \$23,413]

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**Project Abstract:**

Task 1

Work collaboratively with the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network (NRFSN) project team to implement NRFSN activities and to foster a network of managers and scientists across the Northern Rockies.

- a. Participate in monthly conference calls, annual meetings, and subcommittees of interest.
- b. Contribute scientific products and events relevant to fire and fuels management in the Northern Rockies as appropriate for network distribution through the website, newsletter, syntheses, research briefs, and other NRFSN products.
- c. Network with other faculty and staff at the University of Montana's College of Forestry and Conservation to increase awareness of the NRFSN and compile relevant material for science dissemination.
- d. Provide scientist travel grants to facilitate participation in NRFSN fieldtrips and workshops by subject matter experts who are central to event foci and discussions.
- e. Contribute materials as needed for annual progress reporting to the Joint Fire Science Program [due in October].
- f. Assist with planning for NRFSN renewal grant, due to the Joint Fire Sciences Program in February 2016 (note: this date may be revised by the Joint Fire Sciences Program).

Task 2

Compile content for the NRFSN website.

- a. Coordinate with the NRFSN Coordinator, Corey Gucker, and team members, to identify and categorize additional content for dissemination through the NRFSN resource database, website, and newsletters.
- b. Coordinate with NRFSN Coordinator, Corey Gucker, and University of Idaho web development staff, Kelly Lotts, to ensure new resources entered into the NRFSN resource database.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Final Report: 6/30/2016

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