

**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit
Project Summary**

Project Title: Yellowstone Center for Resources Native American Student Internship Program

Task Agreement #: P20AC00504

Discipline: Social

Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

Student Participation: Interns

Effective Dates: Upon final signature through September 16, 2024

Funding Amount: \$7,400

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Project Abstract:

Project goals: The goal of this project is to maintain and further develop an internship program designed to recruit, train, and retain Native American youth (18-35) in the NPS workforce. This program supports the Government's objective to provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time working on projects in National Parks. This project will create an ethic of resource stewardship in American youth by providing opportunities in federal land

Project objectives: – Developing a workforce and recruiting employees that reflect the diversity of the American population is vitally important to the National Park Service. The NPS recognizes workforce diversity as a sound business practice; success in achieving workforce diversity will enhance the NPS's ability to more successfully connect with park visitors who represents America's diverse population and the Service is directed to develop partnerships to improve workforce diversity (NPS Management Policies 2006, Sec. 1.91.15).