

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Professional Development for Resource Stewardship Seasonals

**Type of Project:** Education/Technical Assistance  
**Discipline:** Interdisciplinary  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Northern Colorado  
**Effective Dates:** September 30, 2009 - December 31, 2010  
**Funding Amount:** \$5,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** For this task, UNC research associate will work closely with staff (primarily Ben Baldwin) in Rocky Mountain National Park to develop new materials, including handbooks, workbooks, briefs, and training activities and curriculum to address existing gaps in professional development training. Research associate will interact with park staff to ensure products meet NPS standards and guidelines. The goal of these materials is to enhance and expand the existing training and development opportunities at ROMO by providing some standardized, easy accessible and understandable materials. Materials will be developed based on current programs such as Rocky Mountain Inventory and Monitoring Professional Development Program, Eagle Rock Internship Program, Tailgate Leadership, and citizen science projects. ROMO staff will also work closely with the UNC Center for Engaged Research & Civic Action to explore possible overlaps in existing materials and opportunities for joint development on related projects.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Product Development: November 2009 - March 2010  
Draft Products: April 5, 2010  
Final Products: September 30, 2010

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