

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Tehabi Internships - Rocky Mountain Cluster Park project for summers 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Type of Project: Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State University
Effective Dates: 9/15/2004 - 12/30/2010
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Project Abstract:

This project will provide a trained student intern to work on a natural/cultural resource project during the summers of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The Tehabi Instructor team (staff from NPS, and Utah State University) will work with park staff from one of the RM cluster parks to select a project that the student will complete by summer's end. In addition, students will make presentations (a product of the summer's work and educational experience) to agency staff that includes the results of their projects, their recommendations for management alternatives, and their observations about office workings and interactions with the public. The students selected for work during these summer season will also be required to prepare a written final report to the host park.

During summer 2005 Garrett Boarts from Penn State University worked with the Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center in Glacier NP. His assignment was to develop both the natural and cultural resource topics on the CCRLC web site. He collaborated with the Interpretation Division of GLAC to develop some film clips for the web.

During summer 2006 Emily Yost worked at Bighorn Canyon NRA on the Greater Yellowstone Science Learning Center web content. She is a student at the University of Pittsburgh, but is currently taking classes at Colorado State University as part of an self designed Interdisciplinary Studies bachelors degree. Her degree is related to environmental resources, and communications. She has some experience working with the interp division at Carlsbad Caverns. The first topic she will be working on is Bighorn Sheep in all 3 parks.

During summer 2007 Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS worked with intern, Marne, to do interpretive work at the park.

In 2008 interns will be working at Bighorn Canyon NRA and Grant Kohrs Ranch NHS on an array of resources projects. Casey Snider at GRKO produced a fact sheet on Water Rights at the Ranch. The intern from Northwest College, working at BICA, will be working on fences and monitoring Boer Goats eating weeds.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

1. Selection of a student intern to be assigned a project with linked natural/cultural components at one of the 14 RM Cluster parks for summers 2005-2008
2. Training of students in June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; then project completion in the selected park
3. Final report of work by the student, including photo documentation by the end of each calendar year

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