

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Support for National Park Service Grazing Database
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
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Other Partners/Cooperators: Rocky Mountain I&M Network
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<p>Project Abstract:</p> <p>Utah State University and the National Park Service will collaborate in populating a Servicewide Grazing Database, created by the NPS for over 100 park units that have grazing by domestic or feral livestock (including Rocky Mountain Cluster Parks such as GRKO, GLAC, and GRSA). For some parks, these animals are consistent with their enabling legislation, for many they are not. Historically, the Servicewide Grazing information base has been disorganized, due to lack of resources. However, there are many hard copy files related to grazing issue in national parks now being held by Ben Bobowski, the NPS Grazing Coordinator.</p> <p>The NPS-Rocky Mountain I&M Data Manager (Brent Frakes) and the NPS Grazing Coordinator (Ben Bobowski) have developed a database in Access, that will enable these files to be organized and coordinated. In particular, this database will help the NPS to identify issues and define them within the context of management areas (e.g. CESU footprint, EPMT, Network, etc). Parks with similar issues can be aggregated and those parks that share issues and management areas can work together most effectively to resolve them.</p> <p>The database is mostly developed. The NPS and Utah State will work to train a student to populate the database with existing data, identify gaps in information, synthesize existing data, and generate proposals to gather new information. This student will be supervised by Mark Brunson and Ben Baldwin at Utah State University.</p>
<p>Outcomes with completion dates:</p> <p>Database will be delivered on February 1, 2004 Final product will be approved by March 30, 2004</p>
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