Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Tehabi Internships - interns for Bighorn Canyon NRA and Glen Canyon NRA for summer 2005 Type of Project: Education Funding Agency: National Park Service: RM-CESU and Glen Canyon NRA Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State University Effective Dates: 2/15/2005 - 12/30/2006 Funding Amount: \$20,605 Investigators and Agency Representative: NPS Contact: Kathy Tonnessen, RM-CESU, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, 006 2020

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Project Abstract:

The Tehabi program represents a partnership among Utah State University and the National Park Service. The educational program begins with a two-week field course, "Field Studies in Collaborative Natural Resource Stewardship," designed to give students background in the work they will be doing during the summer. Each year the field course is offered during the middle of May. Students receive 3 credits for the course. During summer 2005 three students will work at Glen Canyon NRA and Bighorn Canyon NRA to (1) study sage grouse and bighorn sheep habitat, (2) assess range quality and assess exotic plants, and (3) support GLCA restoration projects, including spring restoration in Llewellyn Gulch at Lake Powell.

The focus of these internships is on helping students integrate what they learned in class with the work they are doing in the field, ensuring they are providing a quality product, and helping them resolve issues that may arise.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

Final reports from three Tehabi interns, one working in Bighorn Canyon NRA and two working for the summer at Glen Canyon NRA (due December 30, 2006).

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