

# FINAL PROJECT REPORT

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TITLE OF PROJECT: Tehabi Internships – Glen Canyon NRA 2008

NAME OF PARK/NPS UNIT: Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FINAL PRODUCTS:

Project Initiation: April 1, 2008

Final Products include: Final presentation and summary report of the internship

Final Project date: December 31, 2009

Total Cost: \$11,949

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project supported one Tehabi internship stationed at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (GLCA) in Arizona. This year Tehabi had 4 students with the internship program. These interns worked with the NPS and BLM in four states at seven offices. The internship began with a field course held from May 20-22 at Utah State University in Logan, UT. At the conclusion of the field course interns traveled to their sponsoring office to work under the direct supervisor of the agency. Over 12 weeks the interns developed and completed a performance plan and individual project and completed other duties as assigned by their supervisors. In addition to their work duties, the interns participated in a three-credit course that continued with topics from the field course. After 12 weeks all of the interns discussed their internship experiences and gave individual presentations on their summer internships and final projects.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS:

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (GLCA)

Intern: Shannon Moore

Supervisor: Steven Bekedam

At GLCA there was one intern, Shannon Moore. The Tehabi program is coordinated at GLCA by John Spence. In 2008, Steven Bekedam served as an individual supervisor.

Shannon provided assistance on a grazing project in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The purpose of this project is to better understand the effect grazing is having on the arid and semiarid landscapes of the Colorado Plateau. Shannon primarily collected, organized, and analyzed baseline data from actively grazed sites in Glen Canyon. She compared these data with USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) data from similar, historically grazed sites which provided a better understanding of what should be sampled in these systems and guidance for making land management decisions.

Shannon also aided a master's student with their thesis project concerning an endemic plant on the Colorado River drainage in Glen Canyon. Shannon also took opportunities to assist with water quality sampling and became a certified motorboat operator. Shannon completed her project and achieved all the critical results on her Employee Performance Plan Results Report (EPPRR).



Shannon Moore works on reports at the Glen Canyon NRA Headquarters office.



Shannon Moore collecting vegetation data in Glen Canyon NRA.



Shannon Moore and Steven Bekedam (Supervisor) Glen Canyon NRA summer 2008.

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