

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Vital Signs Communication

**Discipline:** Natural Resources  
**Type of Project:** Education  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Utah State University  
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**Funding Amount:** \$5,250

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Abstract:** NPS Rocky Mountain Inventory and Monitoring Network (ROMN) is developing a long-term ecological monitoring program to document status and trends in "Vital Signs" of park ecosystem health for 6 national park units in Colorado and Montana (including Rocky Mountain and Glacier NPs, Great Sand Dunes NP and Pr, Florissant Fossil Beds and Little Bighorn Battlefield NMs, and Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS). ROMN is working cooperatively with many scientific, technical and park management partners to plan a scientifically credible program to inform park protection and management efforts. A fundamental goal and key to program success is to communicate the results of ROMN I&M efforts to park, network, region, and Washington NPS staff, park partners and stakeholders and interested members of the public. ROMN, through this Task Agreement seeks to work cooperatively in this effort with Utah State University because of a record of high quality natural resource communication efforts by USU faculty and staff concerning these and other national parks.

**Tasks and products**

In conjunction with ROMN staff and other NPS staff and using content (text, graphics, and photos) provided by them, edit, write, and/or professionally design and layout ROMN communication products including:

- 6 ROMN park-specific brochures/newsletters (Rocky Mountain and Glacier NPs, Great Sand Dunes NP and Pr, Florissant Fossil Beds and Little Bighorn Battlefield NMs, and Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS) - required
- 3 ROMN briefing statements/executive summaries describing key ROMN vital signs ecosystems, protocols and projects - required

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Final newsletters are due Oct. 31, 2009. Other products (protocol and/or resource briefs in final draft format) are due June 1, 2010.

**Keywords:** Utah State University, Rocky Mountain I&M Network, brochures, newsletters, briefing statements