

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Utah Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program - Technical Assistance

Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State University
Effective Dates: 9/21/2009 - 12/31/2015
Funding Amount: \$52,648 [FY11: \$21,365; FY10: \$25,283; FY09: \$6,000]

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Abstract: The National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) provides technical assistance to community groups and nonprofit organizations, community groups, tribes or tribal governments, and local, State, or federal government agencies so they can conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. The RTCA program implements the natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation mission of the National Park Service in communities across America.

USU students will assist NPS-RTCA professional planners in the development of plans to enhance community conservation and recreation planning in the State of Utah. The technical assistance will consist of a variety of tasks in planning projects and will be selected to provide the students with training and on-the-job experience in methods, procedures, and techniques relevant to conservation and outdoor recreation planning; an orientation to the National Park Service and the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program; and a basis for assignments.

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