

# **Project Completion Report, October 2010**

## **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)**

**Project Title:** PLC-FY10 Maintain Historic Railroad Grade and YCC – FY10 Preserve Historic Structures on the West Auto Tour

**Project Code:** USURM-88; USURM-89

**Type of Project (Research, Technical Assistance or Research):** Technical Assistance and Education

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Partner University:** Utah State University

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**Start Date of Project:** June 14 2010

**End Date of Project:** September 9 2010

**Funding Amount:** YCC- 20,800; PLC- 20,000

**Project Summary:**

Utah Conservation Corps youth crews assisted GOSP staff with vegetation control along portions of historic railroad grades and removed vegetation from culverts and other historic structures. Youth crews conducted trail repair along historic grade walking trails. Repair work included stabilization of erosional areas, removal of rock overburden, re-graveling portions of the trail and improving trail waysides and overlooks. Additional work included boundary fence repair and with the removal of brush around Engine House, Visitor Center and Maintenance Yard.

**Number of students participating in this project: undergraduates, graduate students, degrees conferred.**

High school students: 24

College: 4