

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** Science Communication Assistance

**Discipline:** Interdisciplinary  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance/Education  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Utah State University  
**Effective Dates:** 8/1/2011 - 12/31/2012  
**Funding Amount:** \$10,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** Yellowstone National Park has a Science Communications Office that works to keep managers, researchers, and the public informed about the results of research taking place in the park. The three park units of the Greater Yellowstone Inventory and Monitoring Network (GRYN; Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area) have joined to create a Greater Yellowstone Science Learning Center that is currently focused on science communication for each unit using one website, and YELL currently manages the bulk of the workload for maintaining it. The Southern Plains Network (SOPN) has 11 NPS units working to disseminate science information through one website, the Learning Center of the American Southwest, which is still in development and in need of content from the parks. GRYN also needs assistance with layout of reports into the Natural Resource Technical Report series. Through this Task Agreement, YELL, SOPN, and GRYN seek 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.

In conjunction with YELL, SOPN, GRYN, and other NPS staff, Utah State University Research Associate, Emily Yost, will edit, write, and/or professionally design and layout science communication products including: Research Learning Center content, annual and other reports, quarterly magazines, and other documents.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Edited and professionally laid out science communication products for Yellowstone's Science Communications Office, the Southern Plains Network, and the Greater Yellowstone Network will be produced under this Task Agreement. 12/31/2012

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