

**Project Summary**  
**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** Youth Development and Urban Outreach: Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance/Education  
**Discipline:** Interdisciplinary  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Utah  
**Student Involvement:** yes, graduate student  
**Effective Dates:** 5/1/2016 - 9/30/2017  
**Funding Amount:** \$23,030

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** The "RTCA Student Developmental Position" was created through a partnership between RTCA and the recipient. The joint purpose is provide a learning experience to a graduate student by exposing them to a variety of projects, engaging them with project stakeholders, and supporting the NPS RTCA Program mission goals. Individual growth will be reinforced through NPS mentorship by providing the student with knowledge about opportunities in conservation and ways they can apply their newly developed skills and knowledge gained through the experience.

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