

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Fire Management Plan and Environmental Analysis for Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/natural resources
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Other Collaborators: Colorado State University, Colorado Plateau CESU
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Project Abstract: The National Park Service (NPS) requires most parks to have fire management plan to guide a fire management program that is responsive to the park's natural and cultural resource objectives and to safety considerations for park visitors, employees, and developed facilities. In response to this high need, the NPS allocated funds to assist parks prepare plans. Parks would apply for the funds through the regional fire management officer and provide details for completion. In December 2003, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison/Curecanti NRA received notification that funding was available to complete the fire management plan and/or environmental analysis. Steps to complete the fire management plan include: initial scoping exercises, alternative plan development, public notification and meeting process, alternative selection, and final decision determination. BLCA/CURE contacted researchers at both University of Wyoming and Colorado State University to help with the planning. The single objective of this project is to prepare an environmental analysis and fire management plan for BLCA/CURE that fulfills agency policies and requirements and allows the park to initiate an active fire program.
Outcomes with completion dates: Final Products include: 1) Final Environmental Analysis and FONSI documents; 2) Final Fire Management Plan; and 3) Quarterly Updates of Accomplishments.
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