

## **Project Summary**

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

**Project Title:** UW-NPS Grand Teton Research Center, Small Grants 2010

**Discipline:** Interdisciplinary  
**Type of Project:** Education/Research  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Wyoming  
**Effective Dates:** 9/1/2009-12/30/2012  
**Funding Amount:** \$20,500

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** The UW-NPS Grand Teton Research Center cooperative research program includes a shared funding initiative between the University of Wyoming and the National Park Service which provides small research grants for projects conducted within the Greater Yellowstone Area to benefit science and understanding about the parks and surrounding areas. Grand Teton National Park annually provides a 'Research Needs' list on its website and through the UWNPS small grants call for proposals. In response and/or as unsolicited proposals, researchers propose projects to the University of Wyoming. These proposals are reviewed by a panel of University of Wyoming faculty as well as Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park personnel, and are ranked and selected for grants based on merit, contributions to science, and applicability to park and ecosystem needs. In 2009, the grants fund totaled \$41,000 of which the University of Wyoming provided \$15,000, Yellowstone NP provided \$6,000, and Grand Teton NP provided \$20,000. A similar level of funding is expected in 2010.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Annual progress reports must be submitted to the NPS web-based research permit and reporting system; final research reports are due by December 31, 2012.

**Keywords:** Grand Teton NP, University of Wyoming, small research grants, AMK Ranch