

## Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

**Project Title:** Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem- a Centennial Challenge Project

**Discipline:** Interdisciplinary  
**Type of Project:** Education  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Calgary  
**Effective Dates:** 7/1/2008- 5/30/2010  
**Funding Amount:** \$50,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** In 2001, managers of twenty-two land management agencies in the Crown of the Continent ecosystem formed the Crown Managers Partnership (CMP). This project will enable the 22 members of the international Crown Manager's Partnership, which includes Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park to more effectively carry out its mission to cooperate in managing the worldwide significant and unique shared resources of the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem and engage the public. The two national parks form the core of the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem that includes the area where Montana, British Columbia and Alberta share common boundaries. Activities of the CMP are organized by a steering committee that develops and presents a work plan to the full CMP for discussion and approval annually. The Crown Managers Partnership is being coordinated by the University of Calgary. The tasks that the University of Calgary and the Miistakis Institute of the Rockies will undertake as part of this centennial challenge project will include:

- November 28, 2008 - Convene a workshop of Crown of the Continent agencies to confirm appropriate landscape metrics (as they relate to large carnivores).
- December 31, 2008 - Examination of large carnivore movements and associated changes in human use patterns in the northern (i.e. Canadian) Crown of the Continent
- August 29, 2008 - Revamp CMP website
- March 28, 2009 - CMP annual forum meeting planning, financial management and general support
- November 28, 2008 - Initial phase of Crown of the Continent video
- March 27, 2009 - Host 2009 CMP Forum
- August 29, 2008 - Continue building metadata framework and coordinating data across the crown of the continent ecosystem.
- December 31, 2008 - Develop strategic communications plan to improve internal and external communication.
- October 31, 2008 - Develop membership strategy and protocols for appropriately engaging agency partners and Steering Committee members.
- July 31, 2008 - Develop logo and letterhead for CMP.
- December, 31, 2009 - Produce a State of the Crown Report.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Final report and other products due by May 30, 2010

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