

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

**Project Title:** Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area visitor study

**Discipline:** Social  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Washington State University  
**Students Involvement:** Yes  
**Effective Dates:** 6/30/2015 - 6/30/2017  
**Funding Amount:** \$87,110

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area (LARO) encompasses 130-mile long lake created when the Grand Coulee Dam was built on the Columbia River. The park provides many recreation and education opportunities that would help engage visitors, youth groups and local communities to environmental and cultural stewardship activities. A comprehensive visitor study about visitors to the park, their recreation behavior and preferences is needed to provide park manager with scientific information to develop educational interpretive programs and planning for facilities. NPS staff at LARO will work collaboratively with SESRC to develop study objectives, study instrument and other technical aspect of the project to achieve the research goals. The information, products and/or services identified or developed by this project will be shared through a variety of strategies to increase public awareness, knowledge and support for historic preservation and stewardship of the nation's cultural and historical heritage.

**Keywords:** Visitor study, visitor preference, behavior, Grand Coulee Dam, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, Washington State University