

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Glen Canyon National Recreation Area visitor study

Discipline: Social
Type of Project: Research/Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Washington State University
Students Involvement: yes
Effective Dates: 6/15/2016 to 6/30/2020
Funding Amount: \$60,012

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: Glen Canyon National Recreation Area provides many recreation and education opportunities that would help engage visitors, youth groups and local communities to environmental and cultural stewardship activities. GLCA is one of the NPS units where the Social and Economic Monitoring system-wide survey will occur in summer 2016. While the SEM will provide important information, park visitors will have distinct characteristics between different seasons. A comprehensive visitor study about visitors to the park, their recreation behavior and preferences is needed in the fall to provide park manager with scientific information about different visitation patterns and visitors needs across seasons. NPS staff at GLCA 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, Social and Economic Monitoring, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Washington State University