

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Amphibian and Invertebrate Community Responses to Wetland Mitigation in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

Discipline: Natural
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Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana
Students Involvement:
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Project Abstract: The goal of this study is to quantify the effects of recent wetland mitigation efforts in the GYE on amphibian and invertebrate communities. Will compare natural, relatively pristine wetlands to recently constructed wetlands and to wetlands that sustained impacts from road construction activity. Focus on two main objectives:

1. Compare species richness and community composition of amphibians and aquatic invertebrates among constructed, impacted, and natural wetlands.
2. Compare amphibian recruitment in constructed wetlands and natural wetlands to determine if the former act as ecological traps.

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