National Park Service Project Completion Report Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)

Project Title: Develop Outreach and Interpretive Materials to Communicate Best

Management Practices for Confronting Illegal Marijuana Cultivation in Parks

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Project Summary

To accomplish this project, Emily Yost provided the following deliverables:

- Held calls to maintain progress on projects with National Park Service cooperators
- Provided substantive editing and copy editing assistance for drafts of Best Management Practices
- Drafted and edited proposed communication plan for Pacific West Region national parks affected by marijuana cultivation, including directing Yosemite National Park social science intern contributions
- Drafted organization and content of proposed National Park Service subject website
- Provided editing assistance for drafts of communications tools including safety checklist, employee training materials, and white paper. Provided assistance with gaining approval for distribution.

- Worked with park researcher to draft outline of possible Park Science article related to effects of illegal marijuana cultivation on wildlife
- Delivered electronic project files to park staff, helped maintain project Google site.

<u>Number of students participating in this project</u>: undergraduates, graduate students, degrees conferred. None.

Other RM-CESU agencies or research partners who participated in this project: N/A