

# **Project Completion Report Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)**

**Project Title:** Resource Projects at Devils Tower

**Project Code:** UWY-207, P15AC00909

**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Partner University:** University of Wyoming

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**Start Date of Project:** 6/22/2015

**End Date of Project:** 8/31/2015

**Funding Amount:** \$28,000

**Project Summary: The Wyoming Conservation Corp made two visits to DETO in summer 2015 to assist with resource projects:**

Devils Tower, Hitch 3, 2015 June 29th - 8th, 2015

- roughly 1 square mile of noxious weed removal (spray and manual extraction)
- cleared the corridor for the tower trail
- passive eviction of prairie dogs project
- split firewood for the campground

<https://wyoconservationcorps.org/2015/07/09/hitch-3/>

Devils Tower, Hitch 6, 2015 August 10th – 19th, 2015

This is the second time the WCC worked at DETO this summer. This time, the crew helped the NPS with bat telemetry which is to say, catching bats, putting a small GPS on the animals, and then tracking their movement and habits with sonar and GPS systems. When our crews were not staying up late working with bats, they restored archaeological areas damaged from human traffic, made and refurbished signs for the park, and split firewood for the camp guests and NPS staff housing.

<https://wyoconservationcorps.org/2015/09/01/hitch-6/>

**Number of students participating in this project: team of undergraduates**

**Lessons Learned from this project:** The project fulfills a public purpose by engaging youth in shared environmental stewardship. Crews work alongside DETO resource management staff to receive training, and were educated by NPS staff about the park and its resources, and they were provided with an introduction to careers in the NPS.