



Wyoming News



Grand Teton Sunset

Current Projects

1. Working Together to Get Wyoming Kids to State and National Parks

Location: Statewide

Partner: National Park Service; Wyoming Division of State Parks, Historic Sites, and Trails; Wyoming Game and Fish Department, USDA Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, and the Wyoming Department of Education
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Boys fishing

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THE RTCA PROGRAM

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

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Project Description

Several state and federal agencies across Wyoming are coming together to get more kids out to the beautiful state and federal parks in the state. In response to concerns about increasing levels of obesity and diabetes in young people, these groups are cooperating with the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program of the National Park Service to develop a template to help make the parks more a part of kids' lives.

Partners will be comparing notes on what programs are existing and available for reaching out to kids and getting them outdoors. They'll be coming up with new programs and strategies to connect with the youth of Wyoming. The project will also involve sitting down and talking with the kids who live near the parks to find out what does or would interest them and get them to the parks for an experience in the natural and historical resources there.

The project partners intend for this effort to meet the challenges of the nature-deficit disorder described in Richard Louv's book, "Last Child in the Woods" and other health effects by getting more kids out into nature more often and for longer times. The programs and policies that may come out of this

project will encourage a stronger connection between the youth who live in and visit Wyoming and the many natural, cultural, and historic treasures that can be found in the Cowboy State.



Learning on the trail



Wyoming youth enjoying the outdoors

"I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order."

- John Burroughs



Horseback riding