Rocky Mountains CESU Fall Meeting at Colorado State University and USGS Fort Collins Science Center, November 14-15, 2018

Schedule:

**Wednesday, November 14**, Conifer Conference Room (rm 402), Michael Smith Natural Resources Building, Colorado State University

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**Working Session with Offices of Sponsored Programs**

8:30 AM  Welcome to CSU – John Hayes, Dean, Warner College of Natural Resources

CESU Welcome and Introductions – Tom DeLuca, RM-CESU Chair and Dean, WA Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana

8:45 CESU 101 – Lisa Gerloff, RM-CESU Executive Coordinator

8:55 Coordinating CESU Activity: Perspective from the Agency, the PI, and the University Sponsored Programs Office

Panel: Brendan Moynahan/Kelly Adams, NPS; David Cooper, CSU, and Judy Fredenberg, UM-ORSP)

9:45 RM-CESU Student Award and Presentation: Jesse Grace, Colorado State University, National Park Service Outside Science (inside parks) web video series, June 2017-July 2018

10:15 Break

10:30 The Thorny Issues

- USACE and DOD use of the CESU agreement – university concerns
- Cooperative Agreements vs Contracts – Protecting the Spirit of the CESU?
- Other concerns

Noon  Lunch (will be provided)

12:40 RM-CESU Student Award and Presentation: Greg Chorak, Montana State University, Investigations into Water Chestnut - Genetics and Ecology

1:15 RM-CESU Host Support Proposal

All RM-CESU partners benefit from the administrative and coordination efforts of the University of Montana. An appropriate way to fund the host is by usage. We propose a
CESU Administrative Fee (@ 1 percent on TDC - Total Direct Costs) be charged as a direct cost on all task agreements.

- Input on feasibility from OSPs and Agencies
- Other options?

3:00 Break

3:30 Tour of the USDA Plant and Animal Genetic Resource Preservation Lab

Thursday, November 15 – Main Conference Room, USGS Fort Collins Science Center, 2150 Centre Ave., Building C, Fort Collins, CO

RM-CESU Executive Business Meeting

8:30 AM Welcome and Tour of USGS Facility/Research

9:15 Greetings and Introductions
Preliminary Report on FY19 activity
Updates
  - Host support – where we stand for FY19
  - Re-cap of Nov 14th discussion with OSPs
  - Forest Service and the CESU
  - News from the Network/National Office (Tom Fish)
  - State of the NPS – update on master agreements (Brendan Moynahan)

10:45 Break

11:00 Membership Application: Center for Large Landscape Conservation*

Noon Lunch

1:15 Celebrations for the 20th Anniversary of the Rocky Mountains CESU
5-year renewal coming up – what we will need from the partners
Searchable project database
Annual Work Plan
Partner Round Robin

3:00 Adjourn

*vote required or potential for vote