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**Project Dates:**

**Start Date:** May 1, 2012

**Any Other Product Milestone Dates you need to include:** Student Internships will begin on May 15, 2012

**End Date:** October 31, 2012

**PROJECT ABSTRACT:**

This project develops youth internships to increase diversity, facilitate sustainability, and build long lasting partnerships with Native American communities. This project will move the specific parks further towards compliance with Executive Order 13514 "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, & Economic Performance" and Secretarial Order 3289, “Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change on America’s Water, Land, and Other Natural and Cultural Resources”. Programs involving sustainability, diversity, & collaboration will become increasingly valuable during the coming years, and as a region it is essential that we shift our focus to these areas while we still have the chance to organize and manage them according to our principles.

In a time of changing demographics, shifting cultural values, and diminishing resources it is important to begin communicating with youth in order to rejuvenate relevance, build capacity, increase efficiency, and encourage innovation with the National Park Service. This project strives to provide career ideas and experience to Native American youth, which in turn will foster new thinking, mutual respect, and tribal collaboration within the National Park Service.