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To: Beth Johnson/Boston/NPS@NPS
cc: Mary Foley/Boston/NPS@NPS, Greg Shriver/MABI/NPS@NPS
Subject: update on ACAD flora project

I thought I should update you on the status of the Revision of Acadia NP Flora Project, initiated via cooperative agreement between the NPS and College of the Atlantic on 9/27/00 (#1443CA4520-A-0024), that you provided funding for. We have made great progress! You should have received from David Manski the completely updated NPSpecies flora section. I think I emailed you a few weeks ago to make sure you had gotten a disk, but never got a confirmation.

Our tasks were to:

- 1) review the existing ACAD flora database, update nomenclature and synonymy, and confirm identity and presence of problematic species,
- 2) provide abundance rankings for each species,
- 3) conduct floristic field surveys of recently acquired park properties and easements
- 4) Update NPSpecies, ANCS+, Natural Resources Bibliography, and dataset catalog with flora data.

To date, we have completed updating the nomenclature and synonymy (part of 1), providing a relative abundance rank for each taxon (item 2), and updating the plant section of the NPSpecies database (part of 4). We have included recent easement surveys in the updated NPSpecies database (item 3). Bill Gawley has just created an access database for 1 on easement properties that will have the ability to link into the easement database of NPSpecies. The plan will be as these surveys are completed the data will be put into the easement database and will be accessible to the NPSpecies database.

Left to complete are confirming identity of problematic species (last portion of 1), updating ANCS+, and updating the 18 dataset catalog (remaining portions of 4). In order to finish the task of identifying problematic species and confirming historic records we had budgeted and planned for travel to several herbaria (University of New Hampshire, Boston, Philadelphia) where we know historic vouchers exist.

As I think you know, Craig Greene, principal investigator, is fighting a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer and is undergoing another major round of treatment. He is currently very sick, but we are hoping that this treatment will be effective and he'll be feeling better after its over (mid January). I am planning to talk with Craig about this project later January when he is feeling better and able to focus. Hopefully we can plan to complete the remainder of tasks. I will make sure the dataset catalog and ANCS+ updates are completed. I am also hoping to take a larger role in the project see it through to completion. Craig's role is a bit up in the air right now and I wanted to alert you to that fact. I just saw him this past weekend and I can tell now is not the right time to discuss the project.

It was originally forecasted as a two year project ending November 30, 2002. But as per above, there are several tasks to complete. The cooperative agreement expires November 2003, so I would like to ask for an extension until the November expiration date. Once Craig and I talk I will fill you in on our plan. I am glad that NPSpecies flora section is completed as I know that was the major task. Hopefully with a lot of luck and grace Craig will be able to help complete this. If not Beth, we will work something out. I am not sure what yet, but I think its important to complete this and if we could publish it it would be really great. The only remaining item would be to actually publish a Flora of Acadia; that was budgeted and we'll have to figure out how to accomplish this when we are fully through with the work.

So in summary, the project is largely completed, we are asking for an extension to the current expiration of the cooperative agreement which is Nov 27, 2003.

Beth Johnson

02/26/2002 01:04 PM

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Subject: Re: Purple Sandpipers-Sole Source

Mary/Beth/Bruce

Yes, The account number is

- 1) Determine the Abundance of Wintering Purple Sandpipers 1700-1002-NNZ

Carol Daye

Mary Foley

Carol

This is a NRPP Block Grant project. Have account numbers been assigned yet?

I (we) have drafted a Sole Source contract agreement for Coastal Biological Research Station (GMittelhauser) and almost ready to forward it to our purchasing and contracting specialist. But before I do, I need an account number to complete all of the necessary blanks on the DI-1.

I hope David had informed you that we were going this payment route after he tried several other approaches with no luck.

If you have any questions, send me a note or call me (288-5463) or David on Monday. Thanks for the help.

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Sara -
return for
budget files .

Beth Johnson

06/15/2001 04:35 PM
EDT

To: David Manski

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cc: Beth Johnson/Boston/NPS

Subject: Re: Account Number

David,

you are authorized to bill account 4525-6661-NII up to \$2000 to develop a scope of work to clean up ACAD data in the NPSpecies database.

Beth Johnson
Northeast Region
I&M Coordinator

I hope that you can reach agreement on a budget for the second project for ACAD NPSpecies before August 15 so that the funds can be obligated this fiscal year. The proposal can be later.

NPSpecies Database Update for Acadia National Park

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The NPSpecies database was designed to document the occurrence of vertebrates and vascular plants in national parks. This database has the capabilities to document supporting evidence for each species (using standard nomenclature) including bibliographic references, voucher specimens, details of observations for each species, and the quality of the existing information. Although portions of this database has been developed for Acadia National Park (ANP), the current database has many errors and does not fully document the supporting evidence. I propose to begin the update this NPSpecies database for ANP by documenting current conditions of the existing database, documenting the format of existing supporting evidence, and developing recommendations, methods, and timelines for the completion of this database.

PROPOSED METHODS

1. Consult with NPS personnel & biologists to determine known errors in the current NPSpecies database for ANP.
2. Examine the existing NPSpecies database for ANP in detail to document the extent of additional errors or omissions from the current database.
3. Document the format of existing supporting evidence such as computerized databases of museum and herbarium voucher specimens and other supporting evidence.
4. Determine the process for documenting locational data from existing reports and incorporating this into the database.

PRODUCTS AND TIMELINE

By August 15, 2001, I will develop a manual detailing the extent of errors in the NPSpecies database, the format and location of existing supporting evidence pertinent to ANP, and standard methods for how to update each field in the database. I will also estimate the amount of time required to fully update the NPSpecies database for ANP. At the same time, I will also submit an additional proposal to update the NPSpecies database for ANP as outlined in the manual.

BUDGET

Amount Requested from ANP: \$2,000

Bills and products will be submitted as follows:

July 1, 2001	Written summary of progress and details	\$1,500
August 15, 2001	Final report	\$500