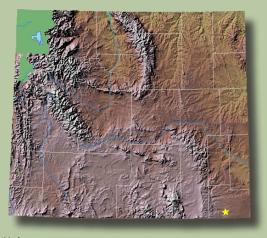




Wyoming youth at the Second Wyoming Youth Congress.

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#### WYOMING PROJECTS

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is looking for new opportunities to work with communities in Wyoming. We can work with towns, counties, non-profits, and other agencies that want to collaboratively strive towards creating great outdoor recreation and conservation projects for the people of Wyoming.

For other RTCA projects go to: www.nps.gov/rtca

### **Recent Successes**

# Wyoming Youth Congress makes stronger connections between youth & families and the great outdoors

The second Wyoming Youth Congress was held in Jackson with great results. The event brought together kids from around the State to examine ways to create stronger connections between Wyoming's youth and families with the incredible natural and cultural resources that are found throughout the State. The Congress was again hosted by the Teton Science Schools with support and assistance from members of the WY Outside group that was created with the help of the Rivers and Trails program. The RTCA program will continue to work with WY Outside investigating opportunities to hire a young person to coordinate the group's activities and help implement more on-the-ground successes.

#### **ABOUT US**

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.

#### We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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#### 2010 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,251 Miles of Trail Developed

1,694 Miles of River Conserved

25,370 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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## Apply for RTCA Assistance

RTCA staff help with partnershipbuilding to achieve community-set goals, organizational development, assessing resources, developing concept plans, public education and participation, and identifying potential sources of funding. The project applicant may be a state or local agency, tribe, non-profit organization, or citizens' group. Federal agencies, including the National Park Service, may apply only in collaboration with a non-federal partner. RTCA does not provide financial assistance to support project implementation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their project with RTCA staff before sending in an application. It can be helpful to schedule an advance field visit by our staff to best understand how RTCA can be of assistance.

For application details, please contact Alan Ragins, Program Leader, Intermountain Region, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program at (303) 969-2855 alan\_ragins@nps.gov.

For further information about RTCA and the work we are doing around the country with nearly 300 communities, please visit our national web site at http://www.nps.gov/rtca.



Youth enjoying the outdoors. Photo credit: Teton Science School.



Young navigators. Photo credit: Teton Science School.

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

- John Burroughs



Young hikers in Teton country. Photo credit: Teton Science School.