## **Project Title:** Student designed Campground on Miller's Flat Road **Created by:** Andy Pollaehne **Class:** Price 2009

| Project Description   |   |
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|   | Student designed Campground on Miller's Flat Road   |
| Community Issue or<br>Problem Selected<br>-How project evolved? | This part of the Manti-LaSal Forest is heavily used both by locals<br>and people from the Wasatch Front. A certain amount of ecological<br>damage is occurring. With a Campground designed with hardened<br>roads and sites the most damaging part of the camper's experience<br>will be mitigated.<br>The Forest Service is deciding how to develop this area at this time.  |
| Community Partner(s)  | Bill Broadbear, Forest Supervisor in charge of recreation activities for the Manti-LaSal North Zone.  |
| Project Objectives  | <ul> <li>Students will map trees and obstacles in Campground proposal area.</li> <li>Students will propose possible roads and camp locations based on GPS and topographical data.</li> <li>Students will mitigate possible continued damage with proposed plan. Looking at biological and geological and archeological concerns.</li> </ul>   |
| Utah Core<br>Standards/Objectives                               | <ul> <li>9<sup>th</sup> Grade ESS Standard 4-1-e, Analyze how communities deal with water shortages, distribution, and quality in designing a long-term water use plan.</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> Grade ESS Standard 5-1-c, Interpret evidence suggesting that humans are influencing the carbon cycle.</li> <li>8th Grade IS Standard 2-2-d, Research multiple ways that different scientists have investigated the same ecosystem.</li> <li>8th Grade IS Standard 2-3-c, Infer the potential effects of humans on a specific food web.</li> <li>8th Grade IS Standard 3-4-d, Investigate and report possible reasons why the best engineering or ecological practices are not always followed in making decisions about building roads, dams, and other structures.</li> <li>ILO 1, Use Science Process and Thinking Skills         <ul> <li>a. Observe objects and events for patterns and record both qualitative and quantitative information.</li> <li>b. Sort and sequence data according to a given criterion.</li> <li>c. Develop and use categories to classify subjects studied.</li> <li>d. Select the appropriate instrument; measure, calculate, and record in metric units, length, volume, temperature and mass, to the accuracy of instruments used.</li> <li>e. When given a problem, plan and conduct experiments in which they:</li></ul></li></ul> |

|                              | to summarize data obtained.<br>• Analyze data and construct reasonable conclusions.<br>• Prepare written and oral reports of their investigation.                             |
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|                              | <ul> <li>f. Distinguish between factual statements and inferences.</li> <li>g. Use field guides or other keys to assist in the identification of subjects studied.</li> </ul> |
| Essential Question(s)        | What is a GPS?  |
| -Spatial Issue               | What is GIS ArcMap?   |
|                              | <ul> <li>What resources are available for your use as a student?</li> <li>What help is available from the Forest Service?</li> <li>What Makes a good campground?</li> </ul>   |
|                              | <ul> <li>What standards does the Forest Service expect for a good campground?</li> </ul>  |
|                              | <ul><li>How could a new campground be developed?</li><li>How will this project influence our community?</li></ul>   |
| Assessments (rubrics,        |   |
| scoring guides)              | Student will develop an ArcMap project that is ready for the Forest Service to evaluate.  |
| Project Products             | Student understanding of GPS-GIS use.   |
|                              | <ul> <li>Several well designed campground plans for the Forest<br/>Service to evaluate and possibly implement.</li> </ul>   |
| Project Timeline             | 2009-2010 School Year (General)   |
| (include a step by step      | Draft of plan by January  |
| Procedures)                  | <ul> <li>Detailed plan by February</li> <li>Final plan to Forest Service in early March</li> </ul>  |
| Resources Needed             | Classroom set of GPS  |
|                              | GIS software on school computers  |
|                              | Topographic maps of Miller's Flat Road<br>Aerial Maps of Area   |
| Skills Required              | • Form research questions.  |
|                              | <ul><li>Discuss possible outcomes of investigations.</li><li>Identify variables.</li></ul>  |
|                              | • Plan procedures to control independent variable(s).   |
|                              | • Collect data on the dependent variable(s).  |
|                              | • Select appropriate format (e.g., graph, chart, diagram) to summarize data obtained.   |
|                              | • Analyze data and construct reasonable conclusions.  |
|                              | • Prepare written and oral reports of their investigation.  |
| Project Team Member<br>Roles | Teacher(s): Andy Pollaehne (Science), Dean Stilson<br>(Geography), Curt Collard (Math)  |
|                              | Students: 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Students will be grouped together in teams of 3 or 4 students (3 preferred)   |
|                              | Partner(s): Forest Service  |

| Celebration/Presentation            | Ask Bill Broadbear from the Forest Service to come to the school<br>and see the presentations made by the students with their<br>campground proposals. |
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| Project Evaluation                  | Project Evaluation by the Forest Service partners.   |
| Project Bibliography                | Standards for Forest Service Campgrounds<br>A brief introduction to NEPA regulations<br>GIS ArcMap instruction manual                                  |
| Plans for Future CMaP<br>Activities | Students could incorporate future community input into plans for other campgrounds or Forest Service capital outlay projects.                          |

Optional: -Lesson Plans -Student Artifacts

-Publicity