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There is an increased emphasis being placed on making science-based decisions and then monitoring the results. At the same time, budgets are flat or decreasing in several of our major resource programs. The Applications of Science Initiative represents an important funding source for projects that will help us to make, implement and monitor the results of our decisions.

The Applications of Science Initiative was initially funded for \$1 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003. Twenty-three projects were funded that year. Project selection for FY 2004 is pending. We expect a Washington Office data call in the near future asking for projects for FY 2005 to be input into the Budget Planning System (BPS), ranked, and state-submitted by March 2004.

In anticipation of that data call, Field Offices should start writing and/or refining their 2005 Applications of Science BPS projects. We are encouraged to partner with universities, non-governmental organizations and other research institutions. Assistance Agreements through the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) and United States Geological Survey (USGS) are two good avenues for pursuing science projects. A brochure for the USGS Fort Collins Science Center is attached for your reference, and gives details on what services this USGS office can provide.

For questions and assistance, contact William Volk at (406) 896-5029.

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Brochure from USGS Fort Collins Science Center (in its entirety)

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