## Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Dillon Field Office Herpetology Baseline

Type of Project: Research Project Discipline: Natural

Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana

Effective Dates: 6/26/2009 - 6/14/2012

Funding Amount: \$21,342

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Project Abstract: Survey for reptiles, bats and selected amphibian species on lands administered by the BLM Dillon Field Office, This inventory will establish a baseline assessment of the status of these species so that changes in their distribution and status can be monitored over time in relation to land management practices. Western toads, northern leopard frogs, plains spadefoots, greater short-horned lizard, and pygmy short-horned lizards are a couple of species that will be surveyed for.

Outcomes with completion dates: June 14, 2012

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