

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** Northwest Colorado Paleoindian Study

**Type of Project:** Research  
**Discipline:** Cultural Resources  
**Funding Agency:** Bureau of Land Management  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Northern Colorado  
**Effective Dates:** 9/21/2009 - 10/1/2013  
**Funding Amount:** \$27,000 [FY12: \$10,000; FY10: \$7000; FY09: \$10,000]

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**Project Abstract:** The purpose of this project is expand Paleoindian site studies on BLM-administered lands in Northwest Colorado to better understand and document Paleoindian cultural and natural landscapes from ca. 11,200-7,500 years ago. Initial efforts will involve archaeological and geological investigations at two known Paleoindian sites; Kib-Ridge and G Wash, survey up to 300 acres in local areas associated with those sites, and eventually expand investigations in consultation and collaboration with BLM archaeological staff members. University of Northern Colorado faculty will use data from the project for professional publications and professional and public presentations. University students and public volunteers will be involved in the field research and students will be encouraged to develop collateral undergraduate and graduate projects and thesis/dissertation studies. The project will foster university-federal agency-and public engagement opportunities and collaborations for better understanding of Colorado cultural resources and histories of the state's earliest populations. At the same time, it will contribute to more informed management of cultural heritage resources on BLM-administered lands in Northwestern Colorado.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Due Date for Final Report and/or Other Products: October 1, 2013

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