

Progress Report – RM CESU Small projects Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)

Project Title: *Testing and Assessment of Archaeological Sites at Bent's Old Fort and Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Sites*

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Type of Project (Research, Technical Assistance or Education): Technical Assistance

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Partner University: Colorado State University

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Start Date of Project: March 15, 2011

End Date of Project: February 28, 2012

Funding Amount: \$10,177 (\$5,000 RM-CESU / \$5,177 Park Base)

Project Summary:

Archeological crews shall visit each of four previously recorded prehistoric archeological sites at BEOL that require boundary and depth definition, dating, site type evaluation, National Register assessment, condition assessment and management recommendations. These sites include 5OT141, 5OT534, 5OT536, and 5OT537

The SAND trash dump will require a similar approach as above to define the site boundaries, document the site, and make eligibility and management recommendations. The large modern pieces of trash that the park plans to remove will be recorded photographically before they are removed, and the other artifacts will be recorded in the field before they are covered by the layer of weed-free fill.

The fieldwork for this project was conducted from July 18 – July 27, 2011. A draft report of the findings was submitted to the park in late October and park staff provided comments to CSU on 11/14/2011. The draft was very thorough and the only elements that need attention are the maps which were somewhat difficult to read. We expect the final report at any time

Number of students participating in this project: undergraduates, graduate students, degrees conferred.

One graduate student served as the fieldwork crew leader; he was assisted by (2) undergraduate students.