

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Toward a Meteorological Early Warning System for Reducing the Transport and Deposition of Nitrogen in Rocky Mountain National Park

Discipline: Natural
Type of Project: Research
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Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University
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Project Abstract: The research will provide improved quantification and understanding of the weather systems that lead to large nitrogen transport and deposition events into Rocky Mountain National Park, which can then be applied into weather prediction models to identify potential periods of time when transport and deposition are likely. These forecasts can then be communicated to agricultural producers, who can implement practices to reduce ammonia emissions within these time frames, and ultimately reduce nitrogen deposition.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: The products of this effort will include the processed and analyzed weather dataset for past nitrogen deposition events, a website with these data and a summary of the findings, and a final report. Final Report - December 31, 2014

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