Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Project Summary

Project Title: Complete Determination of Eligibility Forms for Park Buildings and Structures, Rocky Mountain National Park

Discipline: Cultural

Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University

Student Involvement: Yes

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Project Abstract: The collaborative project of this agreement between Colorado State University (CSU) and National Park Service (NPS) will provide practical, applied experience for CSU Public Lands History Center (PHLC) graduate students and assist Rocky Mountain National Park (ROMO) with documenting 22 historic buildings and preparing Determinations of Eligibility (DOE) for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). At present, ROMO plans to undertake necessary maintenance on certain park buildings, many of which date from the Mission 66 period. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires the park to determine if these buildings are eligible for the NRHP, and if so, take steps to identify and mitigate possible effects to eligible properties. The Colorado Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) stipulates that DOEs follow its guidelines for intensive level of historical and architectural survey and result in a completed OAHP Form 1403 for each structure. These forms generally follow the organization of a NRHP nomination and include four principal sections: an architectural description, an architectural/construction history, a history of use and people associated with the structure, and a statement of historic significance and eligibility to the NRHP. Maps and photographs accompany each 1403 form. The outcome of this project will be completed OAHP 1403 forms for all 22 buildings.

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