

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

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Project Abstract: With support from Rocky Mountain National Park, the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado will produce a lively and engaging twenty-four-page pamphlet on "The Struggle over Environmental Science in the American West." This pamphlet will harvest many of the ideas, perspectives, and examples explored at a workshop on this subject, held in Estes Park in May of 2002, and co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History. Additional research will enrich the material presented at Estes Park with further examples and illustrations. The text of the pamphlet will consist of summaries of basic findings, "sidebars" of poignant examples, telling quotations, thought-provoking reflections, and strategically placed visual material. Since the National Park Service itself is richly provided with examples of the role of science in environmental decision-making, a number of the contemporary examples could be drawn from the agency, if that is the agency's preference.
Outcomes with completion dates: A Final Draft copy of the pamphlet is due to the park by February 28, 2003.
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