

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Redwood National Park Archives Project

Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education
Discipline: Cultural
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Boulder
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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract: Redwood National Park, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area and Lassen Volcanic National Park Museum collections are all housed at the South Operations Center curation facility at REDW in Orick, CA. The REDW Curator manages collections from all three National Park units. The collections include a number of independent archival collections several of which await surveying, acquisition and research. A lack of indices, finding aids, facility guides and public access hinders public access to both existing collections and materials awaiting processing, arrangement and description. This project aims to: 1) create manuscript collection finding aids and catalog records. Second, we will improve storage conditions by rehousing, scanning and arranging these Parks' collections. Third, we will assist staff with collection acquisition in order to increase accountability and access to known archival materials. All tasks will be accomplished according to NPS, regional, and park policies and under the supervision and guidance of park museum staff.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: December 31, 2014

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