Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Nomination for Rainbow Bridge National Monument

Type of Project: Research
Discipline: Cultural
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Denver
Effective Dates: 8/15/2012 – 12/31/2017
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Project Abstract: The purpose of this project is to identify tribal/traditional sites located within and associated with Rainbow Bridge National Monument. This base data will be used in ongoing and future planning and management of the park unit. The intent of this project is identification of historic/traditional sites and to evaluate these areas for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Specifically the project objectives are:

1. Describe thoroughly through a combination of narrative and graphics the general landscape changes to the Rainbow Bridge National Monument as it evolved from prehistoric times through the present day, particularly focusing on tribal use and perspectives of the landscape.

2. Analyze existing landscape features of the monument in terms of integrity and significance. The analysis should take tribal perspectives on integrity into consideration.

3. Identify contributing features that contribute to National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility and the historic integrity of the Monument; identify non-contributing features that do not contribute to NRHP eligibility.

4. Provide baseline documentation of the TCP/ethnographic landscape of Rainbow Bridge that can be used within a Cultural Landscape Inventory (CLI) for the monument. The CLI is NOT part of this scope.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:
Final Report – May 31, 2015

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