

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** Planning Meeting for "Advance Seminar to Identify, Define, and Characterize the Chaco Landscape and World Heritage Values"

**Discipline:** Cultural Resources  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Colorado at Boulder  
**Effective Dates:** 8/1/2014 - 12/31/2016  
**Funding Amount:** \$10,000

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** The region surrounding Chaco Culture National Historic Park is home to globally significant cultural resources, both tangible and intangible, that are protected by federal law and managed by various federal agencies. These irreplaceable cultural resources and values face immediate and critical impacts from large energy development projects, continual increases in development and associated transportation, and other activities. The NPS sees a critical need and a leadership opportunity to convene scientific researchers and other experts to assess the current state of our knowledge, identify data and stewardship gaps, and synthesize recommendations for protection and enhancement of this amazing area and the cultural resources and values it represents.

Tasks

CU Boulder shall conduct a preliminary meeting associated with the 2014 Pecos Conference to scope the logistics for an advanced seminar involving 15 to 20 major scholars who are researching Chaco culture, Chaco Landscapes, and the Chaco Phenomenon. Ultimately, the planned advance seminar will be conducted at a site appropriate for housing and feeding not more than 20 participants for a week, at a facility that supports advanced scholarship and research, preferably in the American Southwest.

This purpose of this agreement is to obligate funds to make the travel possible for stakeholders and meeting co-organizers, and support a graduate student to assist with the planning phase.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Final Report - March 30, 2015

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