## Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: NPS, Intermountain Region Treaty Research Project (Phase II)

Discipline: Interdisciplinary Type of Project: Research Funding Agency: National Park Service Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado Law School Students Involvement: Yes Effective Dates: 8/1/2015 - 7/31/2016 Funding Amount: \$183,184

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**Project Abstract:** This four-year project will support professional academic legal and anthropological research to investigate American Indian treaty based associations with all Intermountain Region National Park Service units. The study will help the NPS fulfill its obligation to inventory and document critical information about resources and to make the information available to park managers, tribes, researchers, and visitors (as appropriate). The Recipient has unique expertise in the field of Federal Indian Law and will employ an interdisciplinary approach using methodologies ranging from archival and legal research to ethnographic field interviews. This task agreement is in support of Phase II of this project which will include continued archival and treaty research, as well as ethnographic fieldwork and tribal representative interviews (as appropriate).

## Outcomes with Completion Dates:

- Phase One (August 1, 2014 July 31, 2015) Literature Review and Archival Research
- Phase Two (August 1, 2015 July 31, 2016) Complete literature review, archival treaty research, and ethnographic archival research,
- Phase Three (August 1, 2016 July 31, 2017) Preliminary Report and database

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