

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit
Project Summary

Project Title: Parking Lot Usage in Rocky Mountain National Park

Discipline: Social

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University Of Colorado

Student Participation: Yes, graduate

Effective Dates: May 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

Funding Amount: \$15,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

Project Goals –This project strives to help the park understand turnover rates of various parking lots inside Rocky Mountain National Park. This information will aid the park in determining their transportation needs and busing schedules. This information will also aid in helping the park manage congestion in parking areas.

Project Objectives – The Recipient will determine the average parking lot dwell times and turnover rates for the peak visitor season (July-August) in the specified parking areas in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Bear Lake Corridor. The recipient will hire field techs to assist with data collection during summer 2020. This team will make observations of parking in each lot during weekday and weekends to determine if differences occur between days of the week.