Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

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Project Abstract:

Mining in Rocky Mountain National Park was a significant part of the history of the Park and the surrounding communities, but the location, extent, and history of mining is difficult to locate in any one place. By knowing the locations and details about old mining operations, Park Resource and Management staff can be alert to potential sources of surface or groundwater pollution and locate potential bat habitat.

A local historian, Mr. John Gubbins, grew up in the park and has done considerable research on the history of mining in the area. He has been working on a manuscript documenting 28 mines and related structures in the Kawuneeche Valley on the west side of the park. The manuscript is nearly complete but the entire document needs to be edited. This project will provide editorial support for the manuscript.

Mr. Gubbins has provided Ms. McKalip with draft copies of his document. Ms. McKalip will read, edit, and work with Mr. Gubbins to produce a finished, polished manuscript which will be ready for publication by the Park Service. She will work closely with Mr. Gubbins and Bill Butler to meet the needs of both the author and the Park.

Outcomes with completion dates:

Draft manuscript of mining book.

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