

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Historic Resource Studies - Fur Trade in Rocky Mountain NP
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Project Abstract: There are little or no data available that documents fur trade history and its effects on furbearing species of mammals and the general ecology of present Rocky Mountain National Park. The goal of this project is to provide a study based on a careful search of historical data. Historians cannot know what archives will yield, but the objective of this study is to assemble a range of historical accounts for fur trade history in the areas and compose from them a chronology and interpretation of fur trade impacts. Historical research at a variety of relevant archival sites, include the Missouri State Historical Association in St. Louis, the Museum of Fur Trade in Chadron, Nebraska and the Regional Federal Records Center in Denver.
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