

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Interpretive Booklet on Native American Tribes in Rocky Mountain National Park and a Long-term Plan in Support of Park Cultural-Environmental Interpretation Programs

Discipline: Cultural

Type of Project: Education

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Northern Colorado

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Project Abstract:

The objective of the project is to produce a draft interpretive booklet on Native American tribes in Rocky Mountain National Park. Investigators at UNC will use the experience of this booklet development to develop a report and a long-term plan for interpreting cultural and environmental history in Rocky Mountain NP.

The interpretive booklet on historic Native American tribes in Rocky Mountain National Park will use ethnohistoric and archeological research from the Park and other Rocky Mountain areas, and emphasize the above noted human ecosystems approach. A tentative outline of the booklet's contents includes the following sections: 1) Introduction: prehistoric and historic background on tribes who occupied the area; 2) Subsistence Patterns and Material Culture (e.g., hunting, gathering, tools, pottery, architecture); 3) Trails (many prehistoric and historic trails transverse RMNP landscapes); 4) Sacred and Spiritual Sites (Native peoples constructed spiritual features and utilized numerous locations in and around RMNP for prayer, visions quests, ritual offerings, etc.); 5) Myths, Stories, Legends (Ute and Arapaho have retained limited but significant stories relating to their occupations in and around RMNP); 6) 21st Century Native American Perspectives (memory, place, community, and loss will situate transition from historic occupations to the present locations and situations of tribes who once occupied the Park) and; 6) Epilogue (additional reading suggestions and significant websites).

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Due by December 31, 2007

1) Draft historic tribes booklet, and 2) Report on how to produce cultural resource reports, along with a long-term RMNP cultural-environmental interpretation support program plan.

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