

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** Ethnographic Overview of Colorado National Monument, Phase III

**Type of Project:** Research/Education  
**Discipline:** Cultural Resources  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Northern Colorado  
**Effective Dates:** August 3, 2009 - July 30, 2010  
**Funding Amount:** \$3350

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** In order to manage their cultural and natural resources in an effective, culturally informed manner, the National Park Service requires the documentation and analysis of ethnographic information regarding contemporary American Indians and other people with traditional ties to specific park areas. Among other applications, ethnographic projects identify culturally sensitive areas and/or issues in order to develop and implement culturally appropriate resource management strategies. Ethnographic information helps park managers evaluate requests for access to culturally significant resources (both natural and cultural), to identify ethnographic resources that require special treatment, and to assess potential impacts on these resources in the face of any proposed park actions. The collection of ethnographic data also helps to identify places within or near parks that may meet eligibility requirements to be listed with the National Register of Historic Places as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs). The project for Colorado National Monument is designed to address many of these needs.

**Project Study Area:** Although the major emphasis in this solicitation is primarily on the area within Colorado National Monument it is understood that it may be necessary to collect data covering areas outside the formal boundary of the monument in order to provide a meaningful cultural context for analysis. To provide this context, it may be necessary to collect data for areas that may or may not be visible from, or directly within the study areas but that can be shown to have a strong association with ethnographic resources within the monument. Consequently, the study area for this project is not necessarily confined to the boundaries of Colorado National Monument.

In addition, this study will be conducted in coordination with on-going ethno-botanical research supported by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. The focus of this Forest Service sponsored research will be to collect detailed information on Ute Indian uses of plant resources on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands near to and surrounding Colorado National Monument. The project described here, and the Forest Service project, are closely related and an effort will be made to coordinate these two projects to reduce potential confusion for tribal consultants and the three agencies involved.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:** Due Date for Final Report and/or Other Products: January 29, 2010

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