Project Report Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

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Project Abstract:

This work identified errors and inconsistencies in the NPSpecies Vascular Plant Database for five of the six Rocky Mountain Inventory & Monitoring parks. Nomenclature for all vascular plant species was brought into alignment with recent treatments in the *Flora of North America North of Mexico* (Flora of North America Editorial Committee, eds. 1993+. 7+ vols.), and the *Synthesis of the North American Flora, version 1.0* (Kartesz & Meacham 1999). Distributions of infraspecific taxa (subspecies and varieties) were noted when appropriate and information regarding rarity or noxious weed status was added. In all, reports of 2,582 taxa were verified from ROMO, GRSA, FLFO, GRKO, and LIBI (details below).

Outcomes with completion dates:

Certified NPSpecies lists were submitted in December 2003 to David Pillmore, Manager of the NPSpecies database at Rocky Mountain National Park. As of 12/22/03, all names were integrated in the database.

Rocky Mountain National Park (ROMO):

Great Sand Dunes National Monument (GRSA):

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (FLFO):

Grant-Kohrs Ranch (GRKO):

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (LIBI):

1034 (from 1069 in original report)

520 (from 540 in original report)

482 (from 513 in original report)

344 (from 410 in original report)

201 (from 211 in original report)

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