Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Livestock in National Park Units: A Contemporary and Historical Assessment for Improved Resources Management - Continuation of USU 15

Type of Project: Technical Assistance

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Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State - Tehabi

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Project Abstract:

Historical data on grazing in national park units have been gathered non-systematically over the last 15 years (approximately 12 linear feet of files) and modest progress in resources protection has resulted from the dedication of individual efforts that have used this information. From a national perspective, however, progress has been minimal and many of the grazing issues today are the same as years ago.

We will select park archives for investigation, with the following priorities: 1) Rocky Mountain Cluster Parks 2) Rocky Mountain CESU footprint and I&M parks different then #1 and 3) Intermountain Region Parks (contemporary information only).

The following tasks will be performed:

- 1. Archive 2 linear feet of historical and administrative documents
- 2. Assess the presence of historical grazing in Rocky Mountain Cluster Parks; acquire a copy or original of key documents (information may include but not be limited to: kind, distribution, number of livestock, key documentation, historical accounts)
- 3. Assess the contemporary grazing practices in the Intermountain Parks with primary emphasis on those known to have grazing; acquire a copy or original of key documents (information may include but not be limited to: kind, distribution, number of livestock, key documentation, acres grazed etc.)
- 4. Populate the data base with the acquired information and develop a "finding tool" to allow other ready access to the archives.

Outcomes with completion dates:

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