Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: NPS Intermountain Region Grazing Workshop
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Project Abstract:
In 2006, the NPS Intermountain Region, in cooperation with Utah State University, will host a region-wide grazing workshop, tentatively scheduled for 2-3 days in January - March 2006. The goal of the workshop - which is being sponsored by the IMRO Resource Stewardship Advisory Team (RSAT), the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, the Rocky Mountains and Colorado Plateau CESUs, and Utah State University - is to bring together NPS staff and partners to address numerous natural and cultural resource issues associated with livestock grazing within NPS parks, and to focus on grazing as a prairie management tool within the context of the NPS preservation mission.

Originally initiated as a project by the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, this workshop is now being expanded to become a region-wide conference - as over 100 parks within the National Park System, including several within the Intermountain Region, also are involved with grazing. The Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site will serve as a case study and focus for many of the grazing issues discussed at the workshop.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:
1) A Detailed Scope of Work for the workshop project, to be developed through a series of planning sessions. The scope of work, which will be developed by a team including representatives of all the workshop sponsors, will: 1) identify key IMRO parks to be participants in the workshop; 2) establish a date and location for the meeting; 3) develop a workshop agenda; 4) identify specific workshop tasks/assignments to be completed.

2) The Grazing Workshop.

3) Workshop Proceedings, which will take the form of a printed transcript (or summary) of the proceedings that will be disseminated to the participants and to a larger audience, possibly through the Internet. This report will be designed to assist park managers in making decisions about the use of grazing as a management tool, and to help inform other agencies about grazing as an issue on NPS lands (due 06-01-2007).

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