## Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Testing Rockshelter at 5GN0001, Gunnison County, Colorado

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Type of Project: Research

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Other Partners/Cooperators: Utah State University

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Abstract: The purpose of this project is to conduct limited testing of a newly discovered rock shelter associated with site 5GN0001. Nearby sites have produced important information concerning the lifeways of the early inhabitants of Curecanti National Recreation Area. The sheltered nature of the cultural deposits within the rock shelter has provided better preservation of perishable artifacts and should augment the information collected by the earlier nearby excavations.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Due Date for Final Report and/or Other Products: 10 December 2011

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