

**Project Summary**  
**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title: Understanding the Longterm Effects of Climatic and Environmental Changes on Plant Distributions in the Western United States**

**Discipline:** Natural

**Type of Project:** Research

**Funding Agency:** USGS

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Colorado Boulder

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**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** The objective of this research is to develop climate and ecological evaluations of the past and future in order to help policy makers and to provide the scientific community with data for analysis of the linkages among vegetation and climate change.

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