

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Dust Flux Measurement in Western US

Type of Project: Research

Project Discipline: Natural

Funding Agency: USGS

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Boulder

Effective Dates: 9/1/2012 - 8/31/2013

Funding Amount: \$24,000

Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

The project objectives are:

- Measure fluxes of atmospheric dust at several locations and determine the compositions of the dust to evaluate the effects of dust on people and ecosystems exposed to dust disposition.
- Examine interactions among geologic, hydrologic, biologic, land use, and atmospheric processes in drylands to i) understand contemporary physical and ecological landscapes; ii) determine how physical and ecological processes interact to influence ecosystem dynamics; and iii) document how sediment (soil) erosion and deposition by wind and water over time are affected by climatic variability and by geologic, physiographic, and land-use setting.

Outcomes with completion dates: The final report shall be submitted within 90 days of the end of the project period.

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