Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Mountain-Dwelling Wildlife, Ecosystems they Inhabit, and Climate

Discipline: Natural Type of Project: Technical Assistance Funding Agency: USGS Other Partners/Cooperators: Montana State University Effective Dates: 9/15/2014 - 9/14/2019 Funding Amount: \$33,800

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Project Abstract: The overall goal of this research is to achieve updated understanding of the status and trends of montane mammals (e.g., American pikas) across landscapes of western North America, to contribute to: a) understanding how landscape context affects distribution and abundance of montane-mammal species such as *O. princeps*, and b) quantitatively assessing which of several mechanisms appear to most strongly constrain montane-mammal (e.g., pika) distribution and abundance.

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