

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

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Project Title: Complete Archeological Inventories at Rocky Mountain National Park

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Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education

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Other Partners/Cooperators: Colorado State University

Student Participation: NA

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Project Abstract:

Project goals: The goal of this project is to conduct archeological inventories in collaboration with associated Indian Tribes at Rocky Mountain National Park (park). The ultimate goal is to understand how humans traversed the rugged mountain terrain and used plant and animal resources. This project is focused on archeological resources located at high elevation areas within the park. The work will be done in collaboration with affiliated tribes in hopes to continue fostering relationships with descendent communities.

Project objectives: At the end of this project the park will have a greater understanding of how humans in the past travelled through the rugged landscape in search of plant and animal resources. The project will result in data collection, and analysis of select high-elevation archeological resources for the purpose of understanding pre-contact and historical use of the park. This information will be gathered and analyzed in collaboration with affiliated tribes and will be used to develop interpretive and educational media to inform the public about how people in the past lived within the park.