**PROJECT ABSTRACT**

**Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**(Cooperative Agreement # H1200-004-0002)**

**Park:** *Zion National Park*

Project Title: *Identification and Cataloging of Specimens Collected from 1976 Grapevine Springs at Zion National Park*

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**CPCESU Partner Institution:** *Northern Arizona University*

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**Abstract:**

# This project will identify and catalog specimens collected from Grapevine Springs in 1976 as part of the Ecological Reconnaissance conducted by biologist, Alice Lindahl, other additional specimens (see attached list), and a small amount of archival documents from these associated records. Other work to be accomplished includes re-cataloguing and updating catalog records for previously catalogued specimens, numbers ZION 1071 to ZION 1078, ZION 1086 to ZION 1089, and ZION 12044 to ZION 12046.

Grapevine Springs Specimens are currently being housed in the Colorado Plateau Museum of Arthropod Biodiversity at Northern Arizona University. Other additional specimens are housed in National Park Service collections. Upon completion of this project, a formal loan agreement will be completed by the park to formalize the relationship between the park and Northern Arizona University.

A small portion of the specimens collected have been previously identified and catalogued. Fifteen vials of specimens have been identified and catalogued in the Park’s database; however, verification of these labels is requested.

Information obtained from this project will be shared with the public and scientific community through various mediums including the World Wide Web via Northern Arizona University’s online catalog database. Information will also be made available as appropriate to Zion National Park through *Automated National Catalog System Plus* and Northern Arizona University.

**Keywords:**

**Catalog, specimens, entomology, fauna**