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MOUNTAINS  
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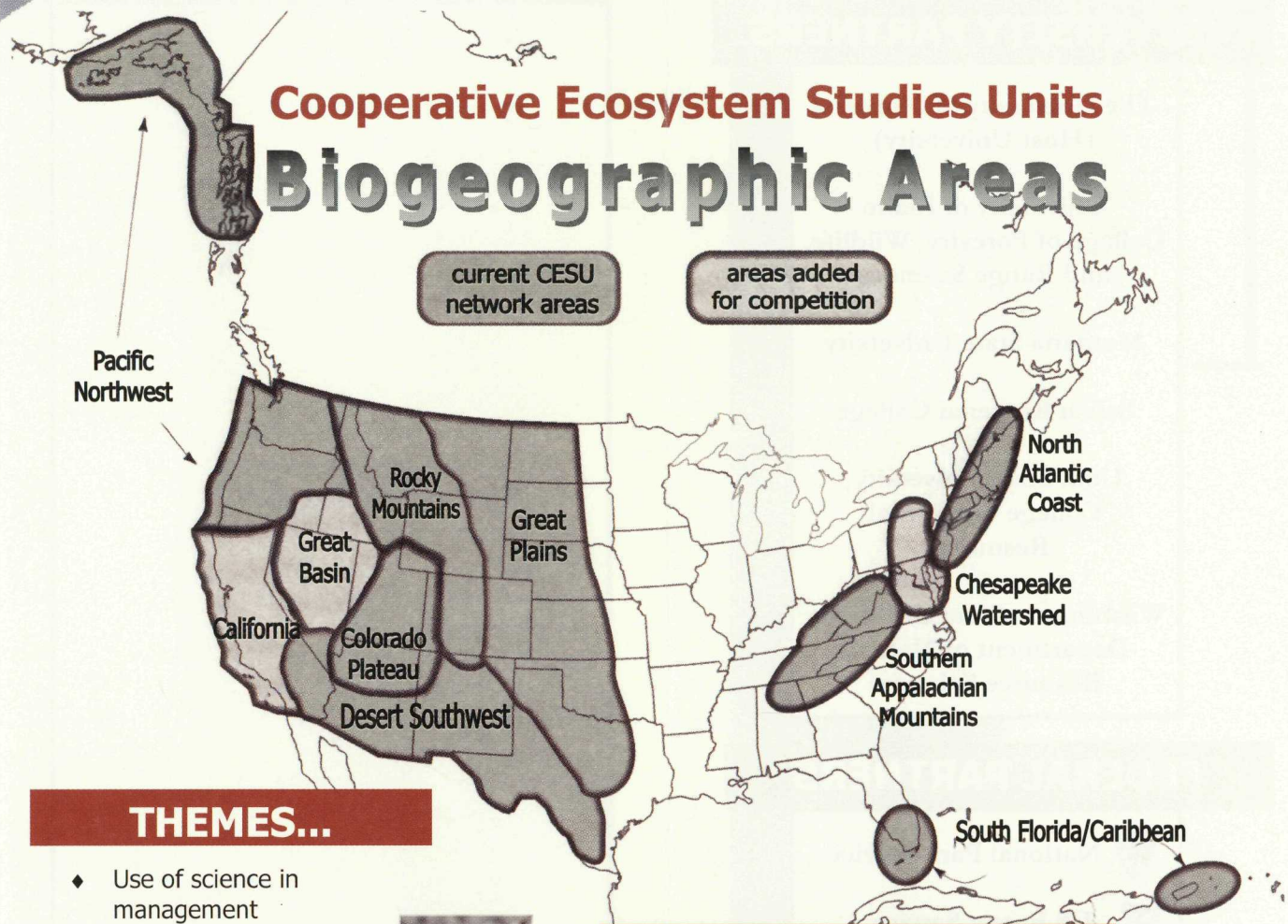


## Rocky Mountains CESU

### MISSION AND VISION

*The mission of the Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit is to improve the scientific base for managing ecosystems in the rapidly changing social, cultural, and environmental landscape of the Rocky Mountain Region, and to extend its expertise to national issues where appropriate.*

**The Rocky Mountains CESU** brings together over 300 university-based natural and cultural resource scientists who focus research and education on natural ecosystems and human dimensions. The CESU includes an impressive array of research libraries, experimental forests and ranches, information technology systems, and scientific equipment and laboratories. When combined with the federal scientists and facilities in the region, the RM-CESU is a virtual center of excellence regarding natural and cultural resources, with a focus on research, technical assistance and education.



### THEMES...

- ◆ Use of science in management decisions
- ◆ Legacy of the Rockies and the importance of wilderness
- ◆ Partnerships in planning and bioregional research initiatives
- ◆ Changes in land use, landscapes and community perceptions
- ◆ Training of effective resource managers
- ◆ Role of changing economics and demographics in land management



### RESEARCH PROJECTS...

In our first year the CESU agreement has been used to link university expertise with agency needs in the areas of fire ecology, snow hydrology, archeological surveys, control of exotic species, wildlife habitat evaluation and wetlands assessment.



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