#### CHAPTER III: CALENDAR OF CONTACT

#### INTRODUCTION

The calendar of contact provides a chronological listing of hundreds of documented encounters involving Indians and trail travelers, some of whom were Indians themselves. Drawn both from the primary and secondary sources found in the annotated bibliography, these entries provide a context for comprehending the different types of interaction that transpired from 1821 to 1878. Relevant developments such as landmark court decisions, congressional statutes, and presidential decrees have been included so as to offer a view of what was happening locally, regionally, and nationally, and internationally regarding the trail’s history.

Several terms used to characterize the context of the meetings. These terms and their meanings are as follows:

* Friendly a meeting involving sociable interaction, although underlying tensions and suspicious may have been present
* Cooperation a meeting or situation in which Indians or non-Indians provided help of some type or assistance to the other
* Sighting a visual contact from afar
* Signs a sighting Indian tracks, petroglyphs, and abandoned campsites
* Grave looting the looting of burials
* Anecdotal a reflection about some past imagined or real historical event
* False alarm an erroneous perception of imminent danger in which a traveler believed that wolves, buffalo, or mounted horses were Indians
* Tension a meeting in which one or both parties felt a high level of wariness, mistrust, and fear that could potentially erupt in violence
* Conflict a meeting or action involving violence
* Warfare prolonged violent conflict
* Violence an incident usually involving a single act of violence
* Diplomacy acts involvement agreements or government-to-government interaction