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The Ectoparasites of Rodents at Firebase Libby

This study will attempt to identify the ectoparasites of various rodent species at Firebase Libby. I will attempt to collect and categorize the different host species and their respective parasites. I also hope to identify patterns of hosts choice by looking at the prevalence of parasites on the different hosts species. A preliminary trial was conducted this fall using a pet dip solution, a total of 7 hosts were caught and dipped resulting in 1 ectoparasite being found. Future collections may require a different method of removing ectoparasites.