

Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee
Clean Air Partnership Subcommittee
Charter
June 2020

Mission

The Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) is world renowned as one of the largest nearly intact temperate ecosystems known for its spectacular scenery, diverse natural resources and unique hydrothermal features. The estimated 22 million acres of the GYA include 8 federally designated Class I areas and several wilderness areas. Air pollution has the potential to adversely impact these resources. The mission of the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee - Clean Air Partnership (GYCC-CAP) subcommittee is to promote the protection and enhancement of air quality and air quality related values (AQRVs), and thus ecosystem health within the GYA.

Purpose

The purpose of GYCC-CAP subcommittee is to serve as a technical advisory group on air quality issues to the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee. The group functions to facilitate collaboration, efficacy, research, and information exchange on air resource issues affecting public lands within the GYA.

Objectives

The activities of the subcommittee will be guided by the following objectives:

- Facilitate interagency coordination on protocols and strategies for the protection and management of air resources on federal lands within the GYA,
- Facilitate the exchange of information, communication, and education between members, other agencies and organizations, and the public on air resources issues within the GYA, and
- Support monitoring, modeling, data collection, and research on air quality, AQRVs, and associated impacts on federal lands within the GYA.

Membership

Membership in the GYCC-CAP subcommittee consists of air and natural resource specialists and program managers from the federal land management agency units that manage public lands within the GYA. These agencies include the National Park Service, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management from the following units and their respective national air resource program offices:

- US Forest Service
 - Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
 - Bridger-Teton National Forest
 - Caribou-Targhee National Forest
 - Custer Gallatin National Forest
 - Shoshone National Forest

- Bureau of Land Management
 - BLM Idaho, Idaho Falls District
 - BLM Montana, Western Montana District
 - BLM Wyoming, Wind River/Big Horn District

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - National Elk Refuge
 - Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

- National Park Service
 - Grand Teton National Park
 - Yellowstone National Park

Additional ad hoc participants from local, state, and tribal agencies, other federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, industry and professional organizations, and the public may be invited to participate to enhance collaboration and information exchange on specific issues and processes.

Leadership and Activities

The subcommittee may elect a chair for a two-year term. The chair may serve unlimited number of terms. The subcommittee may also elect a vice-chair to serve a staggered term who may automatically assume the duties of chair at the conclusion of the chair’s term. A majority of the subcommittee members shall constitute a quorum. The subcommittee chair will maintain and a copy of meeting minutes and distribute them to members. The subcommittee chair may invite representatives from other agencies and organizations, experts or other advisors, or members of the public to participate in subcommittee meetings, but these individuals have no voting or decision making authority.

The subcommittee will conduct membership meetings via teleconference on a quarterly basis or as needed. Depending on available funding, the subcommittee may convene a biennial workshop for the purposes of information exchange, presentation of research findings, and review of the annual work plan. The biennial meeting may be open to members of other organizations and the public.

The subcommittee will work on Action Issues and complete an Annual Work Plan as described in the Plan of Action. The subcommittee will review grant proposals referred to the subcommittee and make recommendations to the GYCC Executive Committee when requested. The subcommittee will review its charter at least biennially and revise as needed.

This charter was approved by a majority of the subcommittee members on __June 26, 2020__.