



## GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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**To:** GYCC Executives, Subcommittee Chairs, and Project Leads

**From:** Chip Jenkins, GYCC Chair

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2025 GYCC Project Selections

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2025. Seven projects were submitted and are approved for funding in amounts ranging from \$3,500 to \$66,000, for a total of \$250,000 in project support. These awards are contingent on actual FY25 agency budgets, and funds are not expected to be available until January–March 2025.

The GYCC executives made final decisions after reviewing proposals using the following criteria:

- **Importance:** How significant is the resource or issue?
- **Strategic Fit:** How well does this project address GYCC Strategic Priorities?
- **Urgency:** How critical is the threat or need, and what is its extent?
- **Coordination:** To what extent does this project integrate the work and meet the needs of multiple GYCC subcommittees/resources/units?
- **Outcome:** Does this project result in wide-scale benefits to the GYE? Does this project assist in increasing or synthesizing data for decision-making at the unit management level?
- **Leverage Resources:** To what extent does this project build partnerships and leverage resources?
- **GYCC Awareness:** How well does this project increase public awareness of the cross-boundary coordination of the GYCC and subcommittees?
- **Subcommittee Planning and Support (Subcommittee Proposals Only):** Will this project help your subcommittee develop a new strategic plan, assist in needed data coordination between units/resources, or support communication needs that are beyond the capacity of the subcommittee?

Proposals were considered for their relevance to the GYCC Strategic Priorities:

### GYCC Strategic Priorities

#### Maintain Resilient Landscapes within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

- Understand and Respond to Climate Change
- Combat Nonnative Species
- Improve and Maintain Ecosystem and Wildlife Health

**Respond to Increased Visitor Use**

- Understand and Respond to Impacts of Increasing Visitation
- Develop Cross-Boundary Solutions that Improve Recreational and Visitor Experiences
- Share Best Practices

**Strengthen Coalitions, Partnerships, and Communications**

- Strengthen Public Communication and Support
- Improve Communication and Support within the GYCC

The Coordinator will work with subcommittee chairs and project leads to facilitate fund transfers, agreements, and other documentation needed to make funds available for each project.

Thank you to all who prepared submissions this year. We look forward to the results of the FY25 GYCC projects.

If you have any questions, please call Tami at 307-578-7051.

Sincerely,

*Chip Jenkins*

Chip Jenkins  
Chair, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee  
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## GYCC FY25 Project Selection

<b>GYCC Subcommittees/Units</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Awarded Amount</b>
Wildland Fire Management Clean Air Partnership Climate Change Adaptation Whitebark Pine	<b>Greater Yellowstone Fire Action Network: Expanding Partners</b>	\$66,000
Wildlife GYCC/GYE National Forests	<b>Strategic Attractant Storage Infrastructure Additions on 5 GYE National Forests - Response to More People and More Bears</b>	\$60,000
Wildlife Bridger-Teton National Forest Hydrology, Native Fish, Climate Change Adaptation	<b>Assessing and Prioritizing Riparian Areas for Long-term Conservation and Restoration in the GYE</b>	\$47,000
GYCC / Greater Yellowstone Network	<b>GYE Assessment &amp; Science Communication Support</b>	\$33,500
Terrestrial Invasive Species Climate Change Adaptation	<b>Workshop to Assess the Threat of Cheatgrass and Other Invasive Annual Grasses in the GYE</b>	\$25,000
Whitebark Pine	<b>Whitebark Pine Coordination in the GYE</b>	\$15,000
Climate Change Adaptation Native Fish Supports: Wildlife, Hydrology, Wildland Fire Management	<b>Fisheries Checklist Presentation to GYE Units</b>	\$3,500
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>