



GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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To: Managers, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

From: Mary Gibson Scott, GYCC Chair

Subject: FY 2008 GYCC Project Funding

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2008. The GYCC received a total of 56 proposals from eight GYCC units. Thirty-three projects were selected to receive from \$1,500 to \$20,000 from the available \$262,000. Many more excellent projects were submitted than could be funded, and I thank all who prepared a proposal.

As in the past, projects were ranked and received a quantitative score based on the following project criteria:

Strategic fit: How well does the project meet GYCC priorities?

- Strong fit with GYCC priorities:
 - Ecosystem Health; particularly terrestrial/aquatic invasive species, disease, air quality, “species on the brink”, and ecosystem climate change effects.
 - Sustainable Operations; e.g. reducing operational footprint.
 - Protect GYA Landscape Integrity; e.g. land patterns, preserve open space.
 - Connect People to the Land; e.g. public lands relevancy and constituency;
- Transition project from prior years;
- Important but not on priority list.

Scope: To what extent does the project result in internal partnerships between units or result in wide-scale benefits for the Greater Yellowstone Area?

- Benefits span the entire ecosystem;
- Benefits three or more units;
- Benefits two units;
- Primarily benefits one unit.



Leverage resources: To what extent does the project build external partnerships and leverage funds?

- Project funds are leveraged at greater than or equal to 2:1 match;
- Project funds are leveraged at greater than or equal to 1:1 match;
- Project funds are leveraged at less than 1:1 match or only potential partners noted;
- Project funds are not leveraged.

Subcommittee Involvement: Did a subcommittee develop or endorse a proposal?

In addition, the GYCC managers decided in December 2007 to fund winter use monitoring on five National Forests. The decision was made in December because the winter use monitoring season would be well advanced by the time 2008 project selection was expected.

The selected projects are listed below by unit:

Unit	Project	Amount	Key Contact
BD NF	Energy Conservation Green Plan Implementation	\$17,000	Kevin Suzuki
BD NF	Winter Use Monitoring	\$2,000	Jonathan Klein
BT NF	Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers, Education and Inspection	\$12,500	Jeanette Langston
BT NF	Colorado Cutthroat Trout Surveying	\$10,000	Joe Neal
BT NF	Jackson Hole Sage-Grouse Study	\$9,000	Terry Hershey
BT NF	Winter Use Monitoring	\$6,000	Susan Marsh
CT NF	CT NF Whitebark Pine Restoration Strategy	\$5,250	Melissa Jenkins
CT NF	Aspen Change Detection Mapping	\$5,000	Melissa Jenkins
CT NF	Grizzly Bear Food Storage Order Signing	\$5,000	Mark Orme
CT NF	Continental Divide – “No Weed Barrier Zone”	\$8,000	Shane Jacobson
CT NF	Winter Use Monitoring	\$6,000	Lisa Klinger
C NF	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Inventory	\$7,500	Darin Watschke
C NF	Sage Creek Cutthroat Reintroduction	\$5,000	Darin Watschke
C NF	Upper Stillwater Cooperative Weed Management	\$7,500	Terry Jones
G NF	Upper Yellowstone and Missouri Cutthroat Population Mapping, Monitoring, and Restoration	\$9,000	Scott Barndt
G NF	Whitebark Pine Regeneration post 1988 Fires.	\$5,000	Marion Cherry
G NF	Margaret Reeb Estate Land Acquisition	\$8,000	Bob Dennee
G NF	Gallatin Prehistory Study and Interpretation -Ice Patch Monitoring portion of project	\$1,500	Walt Allen
G NF	Mobile Invasive Species Vehicle Washer Crew	\$8,000	Clint Sestrich
G NF	Winter Use Monitoring	\$6,000	Kimberly Schlenker
S NF	Prescribed Fire Monitoring to Study Conversion to Invasive Species	\$20,000	Kent Houston
S NF	Floristic Study of Beartooth Mountains	\$3,000	Kent Houston
S NF	Winter Use Monitoring	\$2,500	Molly Puchlerz

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GT NP	Aquatic Nuisance Species Education and Inspection	\$10,000	Susan O'Ney
GT NP	Teton Range Bighorn Sheep Evaluation of Genetic Status and Parasite Loads	\$8,000	Sarah Dewey
Y NP	YNP Whitebark Pine; Inventory/Preservation of Native Mycorrhizal Fungi	\$5,000	Mary Hektner
Y NP	Soda Butte Cr Cutthroat Restoration Assessment	\$10,000	Todd Koel
GYA	GYA Weed Mapping Data Management Weed Publication Updates	\$7,000	Kent Houston
GYA	GYA Sand and Gravel Pit Inspection Program	\$6,000	Craig McClure
GYA	GYA Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory	\$12,000	Jim Evanoff
GYA	Propane Cylinder Recycling Phase II.	\$10,000	Jim Evanoff
GYA	GYA Monitoring Whitebark Pine (GYN)	\$15,000	Liz Davy, Cathie Jean
GYA	GYA Whitebark Pine Map Update, Risk Categories, Restoration Prioritization	\$10,000	Liz Davy

Project funds will be distributed to the Forests and Parks as soon as arrangements are finalized with budget and finance staff and budget advice for FY 2008 is provided. The GYCC Executive Coordinator will work with your staff to prepare the agreements and other necessary documentation needed to make funds available for each unit. Project reports are due February 1, 2009 to the Executive Coordinator.

Once again, I thank all who prepared a proposal, and I thank GYCC Coordinator Virginia Kelly for her staff work in the evaluation process. I look forward to the results of the 2008 GYCC projects.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary Gibson Scott

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Chair, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee