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To: GYCC Executives and Subcommittee Chairs

From: Tami Blackford, Acting GYCC Executive Coordinator

Subject: FY 2023 GYCC Project Selections

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2023. Five projects were submitted and are approved for funding in amounts ranging from \$6,000 to \$89,000, for a total of \$172,000. One additional project, a GYE resource assessment, will be funded at \$75,000, for a total of \$247,000 in project support this year. These awards are contingent on actual FY23 agency budgets.

In FY23, the GYCC executives made final decisions after reviewing proposals using the following criteria:

- How well does the project address GYCC priorities (see below)?
- To what extent does the project build external partnerships and leverage funds?
- To what extent does the project result in internal partnerships between units or result in wide-scale benefits for the Greater Yellowstone Area?
- How well does this project increase public awareness of the cross-boundary coordination of the GYCC and subcommittees?

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

GYCC Strategic Priorities

1. Maintain Resilient Landscapes within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

- Understanding and Responding to Climate Change
- Combatting Nonnative Species
- Improving and Maintaining Ecosystem and Wildlife Health

2. Responding to Increased Visitor Use

- Understanding and Responding to Impacts of Increasing Visitation
- Developing Cross-Boundary Solutions that Improve Recreational and Visitor Experiences
- Sharing Best Practices

3. Strengthen Coalitions, Partnerships and Communications

- Strengthening Public Communication and Support
- Improving Communication and Support within the GYCC

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

Thank you to all who prepared submissions this year on short notice as we shift to a new project proposal process. We look forward to the results of the 2023 GYCC projects.

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

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Enclosure

GYCC FY23 Project Selection

GYCC Subcommittees	Project Title	Awarded Amount
Fire Management Clean Air Partnership Whitebark Pine (visitor use)	Greater Yellowstone Fire Action Network and Smoke Ready Community	\$89,000
Climate Change Adaptation Terrestrial Invasive Species	Detecting Early Season Invasive Plants Using Remote Sensing to Inform Monitoring and Incorporating Climate Understanding to Improve Control and Restoration; Year 2	\$27,000
Wildlife (visitor use)	Using Smartphone GPS Locations to Map Visitation and Minimize Impacts on Wildlife in the GYA	\$40,000
Wildlife (visitor use)	30-year Human Use Trends in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness in Relationship to Grizzly Bear Range Expansion and Habitat Use Patterns	\$10,000
Wildlife	Multi-model Inference to Support RAD-based Decision Making for Aspen Management on the Greys River Ranger District	\$6,000
GYCC	GYE Resource Assessment	\$75,000
	Total:	\$247,000