



## GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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### Participating Agencies

U.S. Department of the  
Interior

National Park Service

Grand Teton National Park

Yellowstone National Park

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Elk Refuge

U.S. Department of  
Agriculture

Forest Service

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

Bridger-Teton NF

Caribou-Targhee NF

Custer National Forest

Gallatin National Forest

Shoshone National Forest

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TO: GYCC Unit Managers

Subject: FY 2001 GYCC Project Funding

I am pleased to announce the selection of GYCC projects to be funded in FY 2001. We received 56 proposals requesting more than \$700,000 in project funds. Unfortunately only \$300,000 was available to distribute, so some worthy projects were not funded. However, 34 projects will be supported with GYCC project funds.

Projects were ranked based on the criteria listed below. Selected projects typically ranked high in at least 2 of the 3 criteria:

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

- 3- strong fit with GYCC priorities (lands, water, native trout, weeds);
- 2- meets second tier priorities (data mgmt, whitebark, T&E species, public info/rec);
- 1- important but not on priority list.

**Application:** How well does the project advance goals for the entire GYA versus a single unit?

- 3- benefits span the entire ecosystem; internal partnerships;
- 2- benefits more than 1 unit; internal partnerships;
- 1- primarily benefits 1 unit;

**Leverage resources:** How well does the project incorporate partnerships and leverage resources?

- 3- project funds are leveraged greater than 1:1 match;
- 2- project funds are leveraged but less than 1:1 match;
- 1- project funds are not leveraged.

A list of approved projects by unit follows.



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Unit	Project	Amount	Fund	Key Contact
B-D NF	Madison Valley Weed Mgmt Plan	15,000	NFVW	Mark Petroni
B-D NF	Winter Use Monitoring	4,000	NFIM	Dale Ragain
B-D NF	IWWI Watershed Strategy	1,000	NFVW	Pete Bengueyfield
B-T NF	Teton Wilderness Salt Sites	5,000	NFRW	Linda Merigliano
		5,000	NFVW	
B-T NF	Purge Spurge	7,500	NFVW	Geoffory Anderson
B-T NF	Resort Naturalist Program	5,000	NFRW	Jan Langerman
B-T NF	Winter Use Monitoring	6,000	NFIM	Susan Marsh
B-T NF	IWWI Watershed Strategy	1,000	NFVW	Wesley Smith
CNF	Beartooth Highway Nox. Weeds	10,000	NFVW	Terry Jones
CNF	Beartooth Hwy Corridor Plan	10,000	NFRW	Rand Herzberg
CNF	Winter Use Monitoring	2,000	NFIM	Tom Hightberger
C-T NF	Pallisades WSA Noxious Weeds	7,000	NFVW	Dusty Hincks
		1,000	NFIM	
C-T NF	Black Canyon Leafy Spurge	7,500	NFVW	Paul Butler
C-T NF	Yellowstone Cutthroat Surveys	10,000	NFWF	James Capurso
C-T NF	Trumpeter Swan Nest Habitat	5,000	NFWF	Mark Orme
		2,500	NFVW	
C-T NF	Wolverine Denning Habitat Surveys	10,000	NFWF	Mark Orme
C-T NF	Winter Use Monitoring	6,000	NFIM	Jack Haddox
GNF	Duck Creek Wetlands Lands Work	5,000	NFLM	Bob Dennee
GNF	Slip & Slide Conservation Easement	5,000	NFLM	Bob Dennee
GNF	OTO Ranch Mgmt Plan	5,000	NFLM	John Logan
GNF	Upper Gallatin Invasive Species	10,000	NFVW	Reggie Clark
GNF	Effects of Rec Use on Grizzlies	10,000	NFWF	Dan Tyers
GNF	Upper Yellowstone WMA	5,000	NFVW	Mike Dettori
GNF	Gallatin R Westslope Cutthroat	5,000	NFWF	Wally McClure
GNF	Winter Use Monitoring	6,000	NFIM	Kimberly Schlenker
GNF	IWWI Watershed Strategy	2,000	NFVW	Mark Story
GTNP	Gros Ventre Knapweed Project	7,500	NFVW	Steve Haynes
GTNP	Effects of Irrigation/Cutthroat Trout	5,000	NFVW	Steve Haynes
		5,000	NPS Coop Ecosystems Studies	
GTNP	Jackson Hole WMA Weed Educ.	2,500	NFVW	Niki Tippetts
		2,500	NPS Coop Ecosystems Studies	
GYCC	Acquisition of data services	20,000	Multi	Larry Timchak
GYCC	Hyperspectral-whitebark pine	10,000	NFIM	Larry Timchak
GYCC	Weed Awareness Tools	4,000	NFVW	Larry Timchak
		2,500	NPS Coop Ecosystems Studies	
GYCC	GYA Watershed Vulnerability	18,000	NFVW	Henry Shovic
GYCC	Cutthroat Trout Documentary	5,000	NFWF	Bruce May
		2,000	NPS Coop Ecosystems Studies	
GYCC	Custer NF Support Costs	7,500	Multi	Larry Timchak



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SNF	Howard Land Exchange	5,000	NFLM	Jennifer Watson
SNF	Shoshone Invasive Species	15,000	NFVW	Kent Houston
SNF	Winter Use Monitoring	6,000	NFIM	Gary Reynolds
SNF	IWWI Watershed Strategy	1,000	NFVW	Greg Bevenger
YNP	SW Backcountry Weed Control	7,500	NPS GYCC	Craig McClure
YNP	Whirling Disease in Cutthroat	15,000	NFWF	Dan Mahoney
YNP	Lynx Distribution Surveys	5,000	NFWF	Kerry Murphy
YNP	Yellowstone Cutthroat Mapping	10,000	NPS GYCC	Ann Rodman

Project funds will be distributed to the forests and parks as soon as arrangements are finalized with regional budget offices. Interagency agreements will be necessary to transfer funds to the national parks. To simplify this process, the Shoshone NF will serve as the transfer point for Yellowstone National Park projects, and the Bridger Teton NF will help facilitate transfer of funds to Grand Teton NP. Larry Timchak will prepare the necessary interagency agreements for approval by the Forest Supervisors.

The National Park Service Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit provided assistance to 4 GYCC projects. Larry will work with Kathy Tonnessen to distribute these funds to selected projects. In lieu of transferring National Park Service funds to the Custer National Forest for support of the executive coordinators office, Forest Service funds will be used to cover the Custer office expenses and the GYCC National Park account will cover Yellowstone National Parks backcountry weed control project. This eliminates the need for additional interagency agreements.

We are working to secure project funds for future years. If funds are secured, we will initiate project requests early in the fiscal year to provide additional time for planning, partnership development, and project implementation.

Our ability to compete for funds depends upon our ability to demonstrate results and accomplishments. A year-end report that briefly summarizes the project status and accomplishments will be required. Photos, reports, news clippings or other items of interest will be appreciated.

Feedback on this year's process, advice for next year, and questions regarding fund allocation should be directed to Larry Timchak at 406-657-6900.

*/s/ Jerry B Reese*

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