



# GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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**To:** GYCC Executives, Subcommittee Chairs, and Project Leads  
**From:** Mary Erickson, GYCC Chair  
**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2024 GYCC Project Selections

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2024. Seven projects were submitted and are approved for funding in amounts ranging from \$15,000 to \$85,000, for a total of \$250,000 in project support. These awards are contingent on actual FY24 agency budgets.

In FY24, 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**

- 1. Maintain Resilient Landscapes within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem**
  - Understanding and Responding to Climate Change
  - Combating 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

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 FY24 GYCC projects.

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

Sincerely,

*Mary Erickson*

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**GYCC FY24 Project Selection**

<b>GYCC Subcommittees/Units</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Awarded Amount</b>
Wildlife Climate Change Adaptation	<b>Assessing the Ecological Health of Birds in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem</b>	\$85,000
Fire Management Clean Air Partnership	<b>Greater Yellowstone Fire Action Network and Smoke Ready Community</b>	\$70,000
Hydrology Fisheries Shoshone National Forest	<b>Wapiti Ranger Station Stream and Habitat Restoration Project</b>	\$30,000
Invasive Species Action Network Aquatic Invasive Species Terrestrial Invasive Species	<b>Know Before You Go Invasive Species Prevention and Outreach Campaign</b>	\$20,000
Custer Gallatin National Forest Shoshone National Forest Wildlife	<b>Long-term Whitebark Pine Monitoring in the Northern GYE</b>	\$15,000
Whitebark Pine GYCC Units	<b>Whitebark Pine Subcommittee Annual Work</b>	\$15,000
Greater Yellowstone Inventory and Monitoring Network GYCC Units	<b>GYE Resource Assessment</b>	\$15,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>