



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

Red Rock Lakes
National Wildlife Refuge

Bureau of Land Management

Idaho, Montana, Wyoming

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Forest Service

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Caribou-Targhee NF

Custer Gallatin National Forest

Shoshone National Forest

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To: Managers, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

From: Joe Alexander, GYCC Chair

Subject: FY 2016 GYCC Project Selection

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2016. The GYCC received 35 proposals for a total funding request of about \$529,000. Twenty projects were selected to receive from \$3,000 to \$25,000, for a total pool of about \$236,900. Many more excellent projects were submitted than could be funded, and I thank all who prepared a proposal.

The subcommittee "Programs of Work" were approved. Additional selected projects were typically ranked highly both by the respective subcommittees and the GYCC Coordinator. Subcommittees used the criteria published in the call letter and the GYCC Coordinator used the criteria of:

- *Strategic fit:* How well does the project meet GYCC priorities?
- *Scope:* To what extent does the project result in internal partnerships between units or result in wide-scale benefits for the Greater Yellowstone Area?
- *Leverage resources:* To what extent does the project build external partnerships and leverage funds?

Given uncertainties with future budgets, actual GYCC project budgets will depend on 2016 budgets.

The GYCC Coordinator will work with your staff to prepare agreements and other necessary documentation needed to make funds available for each project. Project reports are due to the GYCC Coordinator by February 1, 2016 for 2016 projects.

Once again, I thank all who prepared a proposal. I also extend my sincere thanks to all who participated in the subcommittee review of proposals. I look forward to the results of the 2016 GYCC projects.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH G. ALEXANDER
Chair, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee



Submitted by	Project Title	Funding
Tier 1	Aquatic Invasive Species - \$40,000	
AIS Committee	GYCC AIS Pocket-guide Update and Reprint	\$6,000
AIS Committee	GYA Boot Wash Station Evaluation	\$6,000
AIS Committee	AIS Train the Trainer (pilot project)	\$3,000
AIS Committee	Rapid Response Table-Top Exercise	\$15,000
AIS Committee	Montana High Risk Waters Survey	\$10,000
AIS Committee	Control Aquatic Invasive Species in Kelly Warm Springs.	\$0
	Terrestrial Invasive Species (TIS) - \$22,500	
TIS Committee	GYA weed mapping, EDRR database support. Purchase GPS units	\$5,000
TIS Committee	EDRR Prioritization and Cooperative Surveys in the GYE	\$4,500
TIS Committee	Coordinated Weed Action Days: Gros Ventre - NER, BTNF and GTNP	\$10,000
TIS Committee	Weed Bio Control Presence/ Absence Monitoring & Distribution Mapping	\$3,000
TIS Committee	All Taxa Invasive Species Outreach and Education Campaign	\$0
Custer Gallatin NF	Stillwater Valley Watershed Small Acreage Weed Control Program	\$0
Shoshone NF	Portable Noxious Weed Wash-down Station	\$0
	Native Fish - \$0	\$0
Custer Gallatin NF	Shields River Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Restoration/ Monitoring	\$0
	Wildlife - \$73,000	
Wildlife Committee	Campground Wildlife Mitigation. Purchase grizzly bear infrastructure	\$15,000
Wildlife Committee	GYA pilot bear aware education coordinator	\$0
Caribou-Targhee	GYE-wide bear-management; Forest Service campground infrastructure	\$25,000
BTNF, GTNP, S NF	Status / Distribution of Rare Mesocarnivores in Wyoming& Southern GYE	\$18,000
Shoshone NF	Ecology of Mountain Ungulates in the Greater Yellowstone Area	\$15,000
Yellowstone NP	Northern Yellowstone Moose Population Study	\$0
Shoshone NF	Re-discovering the GYE elk migrations a project of science and outreach	\$0
	Whitebark Pine - \$49,400	
WbPine Committee	GYGT Tree Improvement: Collect plus tree pollen, scion, aeciospores	\$14,400
WbPine Committee	Whitebark Pine Planting in the GYA on 4 Forests	\$20,000
WbPine Committee	Operational seed collection across GYA	\$15,000
WbPine Committee	Whitebark Pine Strategy Data Support	\$0
WbPine Committee	Assessing Whitebark Pine Regeneration	\$0
Shoshone NF	Sow and Grow about 20,000 whitebark pine seedlings for 2018 planting	\$0
	Healthy Water Quality and Flow - \$15,000	
Hydro Committee	Implement Watershed action plans for priority watersheds in the GYA.	\$15,000
Custer Gallatin NF	South Fork Sixteenmile Creek Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Culverts	\$0
BLM Idaho	Henry's Lake Livestock Exclosure Replacement Fencing	\$0
	Sustainable Operations - \$0	
SOS Committee	Conduct Fleet Management Study for the Bridger Teton National Forest	\$0
CTNF	Windshield Covers for Snow & Ice	\$0
Tier 2	Air Quality - \$25,000	
Air Quality Comm.	Tracing pollution sources and pollution hotspots with nitrogen isotopes	\$25,000
	Climate Change Adaptation - \$12,000	
Climate Change Cmte	Climate & water balance pivot points identify shifts in non-forested lands productivity	0
Climate Change Cmte	GYA Climate Change Indicators	\$12,000