



GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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To: Managers & Members, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

From: Rick Hotaling, GYCC Chair

Subject: FY 2017 GYCC Project Selection

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2017. The GYCC received 28 proposals for a total funding request of approximately \$451,000. Fourteen projects were selected to receive from \$5,000 to \$33,000, for a total pool of \$252,000. 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 2017 budgets.

David Diamond, GYCC Coordinator, (EODing on October 17, 2016) 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, 2018 for all 2017 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 and liaison check-ins. I look forward to the results of the 2017 GYCC projects.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard "Rick" Hotaling
Chair, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

Submitted by	Project Title	Funding
Tier 1 Aquatic Invasive Species - \$33,600		
AIS Committee	Quantifying the Invasion Risk of GYA Waters	\$23,600
AIS Committee	Drain, Clean, Dry – AIS Movie Trailer	\$10,000
AIS Committee	GYA Whitewater Outreach	\$0
AIS Committee	eDNA Monitoring for Non-pristine (high recreational use)Lakes	\$0
Terrestrial Invasive Species (TIS) - \$26,950		
TIS Committee	Developing Weed Susceptibility Models for a More Strategic Approach to GYC Management	\$21,950
TIS Committee	GYCC Invasive Species Pocket Guide Update and Reprint	\$5,000
TIS Committee	Data Collection Equipment and Data Manipulation	\$0
Native Fish - \$15,000		
Native Fish SC	Using Beaver to Restore Ecological Function	\$15,000
Wildlife - \$56,100		
Wildlife Committee	GYE-wide Bear Management – USFS Campground Infrastructure	\$25,000
Wildlife Committee	Effects of Human Activities on Grizzly Bear Use of Moth Feeding Sites in Eastern GYE	\$20,000
BTNF, GTNP, S NF	Status / Distribution of Rare Mesocarnivores in Wyoming& Southern GYE	\$11,100
BTNF	Improving Amphibian eDNA Monitoring Techniques and Conservation Efforts on the Bridger-Teton NF & NW Wyoming	\$0
Shoshone NF	Boreal Toad Chytrid Infection in Relation to Habitat Condition & Selection	\$0
Whitebark Pine - \$59,600		
Whitebark Pine SC	Whitebark Pine Genetic Tree Improvement and Restoration Program Activities in the Greater Yellowstone/Grand Teton Seed Zone	\$15,600
Whitebark Pine SC	Whitebark Pine Planting in the GYA	\$20,000
Whitebark Pine SC	Operational Cone Collection – Greater Yellowstone/Grand Teton Seed Zone	\$24,000
Whitebark Pine SC	Whitebark Pine Strategy Data Management Database Est. & Support	\$0
Custer Gallatin NF	North Hebgen Whitebark Pine Daylighting	\$0
Healthy Water Quality and Flow - \$10,000		
Hydro Committee	Implement Watershed action plans for priority watersheds in the GYA.	\$10,000
Sustainable Operations - \$5,600		
SOS Committee	Installation of Electric Vehicle Plug-in Hybrid Charging Stations	\$5,600
Shoshone NF/SOS	Dubois Residence Xeriscape Implementation – Phase II	\$0
Bridger Teton NF/Grand Teton NP	Reduction in Plastic Bottle Use and Waste by Use of Water Filling Stations in 2 High –Use Buildings	\$0
Ecosystem Health: Species on the Brink - \$0		
Yellowstone NP	Genetic and Demographic Monitoring of the Yellowstone Sand Verbena (Abronia ammophila), a Park Endemic From the Shores of Yellowstone	\$0
Connecting People to the Land - \$10,000		
Fire Mgmt. Team	TAWPC Cohesive Strategy and "Living with Fire" Videos	\$10,000
Tier 2 Climate Change Adaptation - \$33,000		
Climate Change SC	Analysis of Glacial Locations for Proposed Benchmark Glaciers in the GYE	\$33,000
Climate Change SC	Melting Snow and Ice at the Crossroads of Culture and Climate Change, Phase III; Monitoring and Managing Climate Change Across the GYA through Repeat Aerial Photography of Known Critical Ice Resources	\$0
Shoshone NF	GLORIA Monitoring in the Beartooth Mountains	\$0
Caribou-Targhee NF	Winegar Hole Wetland Diversity: Fen Botany Baseline	\$0