



GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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To: Managers, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

From: Rebecca Aus, GYCC Chair

Subject: FY 2009 GYCC Project Funding

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2009. The GYCC received a total of 67 proposals from ten GYCC units for a total funding request of almost \$840,000. Twenty-five projects were selected to receive from \$3,000 to \$38,000 from the available \$265,000. In addition, \$23,000 is not being allocated at this time. A final decision to allocate these funds is expected by April 2009. Many more excellent projects were submitted than could be funded, and I thank all who prepared a proposal.

As in the past, projects were ranked and received a quantitative score based on the following project criteria. Committee ratings were also considered in project selection.

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

- Strong fit with GYCC priorities:
 - Ecosystem Health; particularly terrestrial/aquatic invasive species, disease, air quality, “species on the brink”, and ecosystem climate change effects.
 - Sustainable Operations; e.g. reducing operational footprint.
 - Protect GYA Landscape Integrity; e.g. land patterns, preserve open space.
 - Connect People to the Land; e.g. public lands relevancy and constituency;
- Fits within GYCC priorities, but not a strong fit.

Scope: To what extent does the project result in internal partnerships between units or result in wide-scale benefits for the Greater Yellowstone Area?

- Benefits span the entire ecosystem;
- Benefits three or more units;
- Benefits two units;
- Primarily benefits one unit.



Leverage resources: To what extent does the project build external partnerships and leverage funds?

- Project funds are leveraged at greater than or equal to 2:1 match;
- Project funds are leveraged at greater than or equal to 1:1 match;
- Project funds are leveraged at less than 1:1 match or only potential partners noted;
- Project funds are not leveraged.

The selected projects are listed below by project type:

Project Type	Amount	Submitted by	Key Contact
Air Quality			
GYA Air Quality Data Analysis and Report	\$10,000	Air Quality Committee	Mark Story
Air Pollution Critical Load Development and Coordination for Parts of the GYA	\$5,000	Air Quality Committee	Terry Svalberg
Aquatic Nuisance Species			
GYA ANS Public Education/Marketing Campaign	\$9,000	ANS Committee	Jeanette Langston
ANS Prevention and Outreach Activities	\$38,000	ANS Committee	Clint Sestrich
ANS Risk Assessment	\$5,000	ANS Committee	Jim Capurso
Connect People to Land			
After the Fire: Place-based Learning about Fire's Role in the GYA Ecosystem	\$12,000	GYA Fire Team	Traci Weaver
Student leaders-Yellowstone Ecology Program	\$3,000	Gallatin NF	Marion Cherry
Landscape Integrity			
Rural Land Use Planning and Wildlife Conservation in the Madison Valley, MT.	\$5,000	BD NF	Jay Fredrick
Reeb Estate – Acquisition and Protection of Critical Private Inholdings	\$8,000	Gallatin NF	Bob Dennee
Native Fisheries (Species on the Brink)			
Yellowstone Cutthroat Stronghold 10-Year Survey	\$14,000	CT NF	Jim Capurso
Sustainable Operations			
Save 1.5 gallons of water or more per flush in GYA	\$7,500	SOS Committee	Deidre Witsen
GYA Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goal Setting and Implementation	\$12,000	SOS Committee	Anna Jones Crabtree
Plastic Recycling Pilot and Education: PH 1	\$12,000	BD NF	Sue Heald

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Terrestrial Invasives			
GYA Weed Mapping Support	\$6,000	Weed Committee	Kent Houston
GYA Sand and Gravel Pit Inspection Program	\$4,000	Weed Committee	Craig McClure
Monitoring for Improved Efficiencies in Terrestrial Invasive Species Management	\$10,000	BD NF	Craig McClure
Continental Divide Invasive Weed Barrier Zone	\$5,000	Red Rock Lakes NWR	Suzanne Beauchaine

Whitebark Pine (Species on the Brink)			
Whitebark Pine Operational Cone Collection	\$10,900	WB Pine Committee	Cathey Hardin
Whitebark Pine Multi-year Cone Collection - plus trees and operational cone collection	\$25,750	WB Pine Committee	Cathey Hardin
GYE Whitebark Pine Monitoring	\$10,000	WB Pine Committee	Cathie Jean
GYA Whitebark Pine Restoration Strategy	\$3,000	WB Pine Committee	Liz Davy

Wildlife (Species on the Brink)			
Teton Range Bighorn Sheep Project, Winter Use Component	\$10,000	BT NF	Terry Hershey
Jackson Hole Greater Sage-Grouse Population Demographics, Distribution and Critical Habitat	\$9,000	BT NF	Terry Hershey
Ecosystem-wide assessment of "Species on the Brink"	\$5,000	Shoshone NF	Lynette Otto
Pika Occupancy and Distribution in Grant Teton and Yellowstone NPs	\$3,000	Grand Teton NP	Susan Wolff

Project funds will be distributed to the units as soon as arrangements are finalized with budget and finance staff and budget advice for FY 2009 is provided. The GYCC Executive Coordinator will work with your staff to prepare the agreements and other necessary documentation needed to make funds available for each unit. Project reports are due February 1, 2009 to the Executive Coordinator.

Once again, I thank all who prepared a proposal. I extend my sincere thanks to all who participated in subcommittee review of projects. I look forward to the results of the 2009 GYCC projects.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rebecca Aus

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Chair, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee