



GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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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 Rocks Lake NWR

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To: GYCC Unit Managers

Subject: FY 2004 GYCC Project Funding

I am pleased to announce the selection of projects to receive GYCC funding in FY 2004. We received 69 project proposals and at least one project from each of your units. Thirty-six projects will receive funding from the GYCC pool of \$288,500 available this year (FY 04).

Projects were ranked based on the criteria listed below, with additional non-quantifiable consideration such as balancing funding across units and projects. Additional effort will be made to refine goals and objectives for each GYCC priority. This will allow the applicants and those selecting projects to better assess the relationship between proposed projects and the conservation fit to a priority. Selected projects typically ranked high in at least 2 of the 3 criteria:

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

- Strong fit with GYCC priorities (lands, water, native trout, weeds);
- Meets second tier priorities (data mgmt, whitebark, T&E species, public info/rec);
- Important but not on priority list.

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

- Benefits span the entire ecosystem; internal partnerships;
- Benefits more than 1 unit; internal partnerships;
- Primarily benefits 1 unit;

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

- Project funds are leveraged greater than 1:1 match;
- Project funds are leveraged but less than 1:1 match;
- Project funds are not leveraged.



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A list of approved projects by unit follows.

Unit	Project	Amount	Key Contact
B-D NF	Winter Range Weed Control	\$4,000	Kevin Suzuki
B-D NF	Gravelly Mt. Bear Conservation	\$7,000	Mark Petroni
B-D NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	\$4,000	Dale Ragain
B-T NF	Front Line Assist. Program	\$5,000	Geoffrey Anderson
B-T NF	Snake/Yellowstone River Trout Distribution Mapping	\$10,000	Mark Novak
B-T NF	Confluence Information Center	\$5,000	Charlene Gentry
B-T NF	Salt Site Compliance	\$4,000	Rob Saint John
B-T NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	\$6,000	Susan Marsh
C-T NF	Burns Cr. Trout Passage	\$6,500	James Carpuso
C-T NF	Sawtell Cr. Habitat Impro./Restor.	\$10,000	Lee Mabey
C-T NF	Fish Cr. Grazing Exclosures	\$2,500	Dusty Hincks
C-T NF	Winter Rec. Education/Signing/LE	\$5,000	Megan Bogle
C-T NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	\$6,000	Lisa Klinger
C NF	Whitebark Pine Inventory - AB Wilderness	\$4,000	Jeff DiBenedetto
C NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	\$2,000	Jeff Gildehaus
G NF	Beartooth WCMA Development	\$6,000	Patrick Hoppe
G NF	Weed Control in A-B Wilderness	\$3,000	Dan Tyers
G NF	Human use/Campsite Trends AB Wilderness	\$5,000	Kimberly Schlenker
G NF	Duck Creek Land Acquisition	\$10,000	Bob Dennee
G NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	\$6,000	Kimberly Schlenker
S NF	Invasive Species Program – WMA	\$7,500	Kent Houston
S NF	Togwotee Hwy Movement Study Food Storage Implementation	\$10,000	Lynette Otto
S NF	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Mapping Distribution	\$6,500	Ray Zubik
S NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	\$6,000	Gary Reynolds
NER	Elk, People and Plants: A Century of change National Elk Refuge	\$5,000	Bruce Smith



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GT NP	Grizzly, Black Bear – Human Interactions in the Park	\$7,500	Steve Cain
GT NP	Pronghorn Population Estimate Summering in JH area	\$2,500	Sarah Dewey
GT NP	Visitor Use Assessment in Webb Owl, and Berry Canyons	\$5,000	Steve Cain
Y NP	Whitebark Pine Plus Tree Program	\$5,000	Dan Reinhart
Y NP	Yellowstone/Snake River Cutthroat Inventory in the Upper Snake River	\$7,500	Todd Koel
Y NP	Assessment of Native Cutthroat Trout in the Upper Yellowstone River	\$10,000	Todd Koel
GYA	Recreation Assessment	\$68,000	GYCC
GYA	FARSITE Data Project	\$20,000	Terri Seth
GYA	Weed Map	\$5,000	Kent Houston
GYCC	Project Summary Report	\$10,000	GYCC
GYCC	GIS Support	\$2,000	GYCC

Project funds will be distributed to the forests, parks and refuge as soon as arrangements are finalized with budget offices. Interagency agreements will be necessary to transfer funds between units. Mary Maj will prepare the necessary interagency agreements for approval. 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.

Our ability to compete for funds depends upon our ability to demonstrate results and accomplishments. A year-end report that summarizes project objectives, methods accomplishments and status is requested by November 30, 2004. Photos, reports, news clippings or other items of interest are appreciated. Reports should be sent to Mary Maj.

Feedback on this year's process and scheduling, advice for next year, and questions regarding fund allocation should be directed to Mary Maj at 406-522-8575.

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