



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: Rick Hotaling, GYCC Chair

Subject: FY 2018 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. For FY18, 21 project proposals were submitted, for a total funding request of about \$384,000. Sixteen projects are recommended for funding in amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$49,000, for a total pool of \$250,000. Given uncertainties with future budgets, actual GYCC project budgets will depend on 2018 budgets. Many more excellent projects were submitted than could be funded, and I thank all who prepared a proposal.

The GYCC has established long term strategic goals of *Ecosystem Health*, and *Connecting People to the Land*, with near term focus areas of *visitor and community use*, and *wildlife migration*.

The GYCC executives made final decisions after reviewing evaluations from the subcommittees and the GYCC Coordinator, using the following criteria:

- **Strategic fit:** How well does the project address GYCC priorities?
- **Scope:** To what extent does the project build external partnerships and leverage funds?
- **Leverage resources:** To what extent does the project result in internal partnerships between units or result in wide-scale benefits for the Greater Yellowstone Area?
- **Awareness:** How well does this project increase public awareness of the cross-boundary coordination of the GYCC and subcommittees?

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, 2018 for 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. I look forward to the results of the 2017 GYCC projects.

Sincerely,

Richard "Rick" Hotaling
Chair, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee



18-#	Subcommittee	Project Title	Funding
Aquatic Invasive Species - \$45,777			
18-1	Aquatic Invasive Species/Fire	Information Stickers for Wildfire AIS Prevention	\$2,000
18-2	Aquatic Invasive Species	Non-Motorized Boater Outreach	\$12,210
18-3	Aquatic Invasive Species	Training Resource Professionals to Teach about Invasive Species	\$7,567
18-4	Aquatic Invasive Species	GYA Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response Exercise - Yellowstone NP	\$24,000
Terrestrial Invasive Species (TIS) - \$16,000			
18-5	Terrestrial Invasive Species	Early Detection Remote Sensing and UAVs	\$16,000
Air Quality - \$24,723			
18-6	Air Quality	High Elevation Lake Nitrogen Deposition	\$24,723
Climate Change Adaptation - \$18,000			
18-7	Climate Change	Putting Adaptation Principles into Practice	\$18,000
Healthy Water Quality and Flow - \$49,000			
18-8	Hydrology/ Fisheries/Climate/ Wildlife	Beaver Restoration Assessment Tool (BRAT)	\$49,000
Whitebark Pine - \$47,000			
18-9	Whitebark Pine	Whitebark Pine Genetic Tree Improvement and Restoration Program	\$7,000
18-10	Whitebark Pine	GYGT Seed Zone Operational Cone Collection	\$7,000
18-11	Whitebark Pine	Whitebark Pine (Strategy) Map Updates - Current Canopy Damage and New Spatial Data	\$11,000
18-12	Whitebark Pine	Whitebark Pine Planting in the GYA	\$7,000
18-13	Whitebark Pine	Activity/Monitoring Database; Development to Production Testing	\$15,000
Wildlife - \$49,500			
18-14	Wildlife	Moth Migration and Management of GYA Grizzly bear/moth sites	\$20,000
18-15	Wildlife	Long distance mule deer migrations from Grand Teton NP	\$25,000
18-16	Wildlife	Status and Distribution of Mesocarnivores in the Southern GYE	\$4,500