



GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Yellowstone National Park

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Centennial-Jackson Valleys National
Wildlife Refuge Complex
-National Elk Refuge
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Bridger-Teton National Forest
Caribou-Targhee NF
Custer Gallatin National Forest
Shoshone National Forest

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To: GYCC Executives, Subcommittee Chairs, and Project Leads

From: Chip Jenkins, GYCC Chair

Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 GYCC Project Selections

I am pleased to announce the projects selected by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) to receive funding for fiscal year 2026. Fourteen projects were submitted and eight are approved for funding in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$95,000, for a total of \$250,000 in project support.

The GYCC executives made final decisions after reviewing proposals using the following criteria:

- **Importance:** How significant is the resource or issue?
- **Strategic Fit:** How well does this project address GYCC Strategic Priorities?
- **Urgency:** How critical is the threat or need, and what is its extent?
- **Coordination:** To what extent does this project integrate the work and meet the needs of multiple GYCC subcommittees/resources/units? To what, if any, extent does this project align with the work of the GYE Assessment?
- **Outcomes:** Does this project result in wide-scale benefits to the GYE? How does this project address a need identified during the development of the GYE Assessment? Does this project assist in increasing or synthesizing data for decision-making at the unit management level?
- **Leverage Resources:** To what extent does this project build partnerships and leverage resources?
- **GYCC Awareness:** How well does this project increase public awareness of the cross-boundary coordination of the GYCC and subcommittees?
- **Subcommittee Planning and Support (Subcommittee Proposals Only):** Will this project help your subcommittee develop a new strategic plan, assist in needed data coordination between units/resources, or support communication needs that are beyond the capacity of the subcommittee?

Proposals were considered for their relevance to the GYCC Strategic Priorities:

GYCC Strategic Priorities

1. Maintain Resilient Landscapes within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
2. Respond to Changing Visitation
3. Strengthen Coalitions, Partnerships, and Communications

The Coordinator is working with subcommittee chairs and project leads to facilitate fund transfers, agreements, and other documentation needed to make funds available for each project.

Thank you to all who prepared submissions this year. We look forward to the results of the FY26 GYCC projects.

If you have any questions, please call Tami at 307-578-7051.

Sincerely,

Chip Jenkins

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Chair, Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee
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GYCC FY26 Project Selection

GYCC Subcommittees/Units	Project Title	Awarded Amount
GYE National Forests	Strategic Attractant Storage Infrastructure Additions on 5 GYE National Forests - Response to more people and more bears: public safety and bear conservation	\$95,000
Wildland Fire Management Clean Air Partnership	Greater Yellowstone Fire Action Network: Expanding Partners Phase 2	\$70,000
Custer Gallatin NF Shoshone NF	Concluding and Summarizing Long-term (30-year) Whitebark Pine Monitoring in the Northern GYE	\$30,000
Whitebark Pine	Whitebark Pine Coordination in the GYE	\$15,000
GYE Assessment Team	GYE Assessment	\$15,000
Aquatic Invasive Species Terrestrial Invasive Species	Reaching the Next Generation of GYE Stewards with Don't Let It Loose	\$12,000
Aquatic Invasive Species Terrestrial Invasive Species	Know Before You Go Invasive Species Prevention and Outreach Campaign	\$8,000
Terrestrial Invasive Species	Invasive Plant Pocket Guide Reprint	\$5,000
	Total:	\$250,000