Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

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Project Abstract:

From October 6-8, 2003, the Seventh Biennial Scientific Conference on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, *Beyond the Arch: Community and Conservation in Greater Yellowstone and East Africa*, will be held at the Mammoth Hotel in Yellowstone National Park.

The goal of this conference is to generate, in non-technical language, a publicly-oriented discussion of issues that draw together national parks in the Greater Yellowstone and East Africa. We will make comparisons and foster dialogue across boundaries marking the intersections of global and local, private and public, natural and cultural, and scientific and social. Managers, scientists, policymakers, and the public will come together to discuss and consider the interdependence of both nature-society relations and natural and cultural history in local and global contexts. The conference will promote understanding of the ecological and social challenges facing parks in the Greater Yellowstone and East Africa, and initiate the development of useful strategies for sustaining the national park idea at the dawn of the 21st century.

Dr. Lisa Graumlich, Executive Director of the Big Sky Institute (BSI) at Montana State University, serves as co-chair of the Program Committee of the 7th Biennial Scientific Conference on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. In this capacity, the Big Sky Institute is working in close collaboration with the staff of the Yellowstone Center for Resources, Yellowstone National Park in the planning and development of a conference on community and conservation in Greater Yellowstone and East Africa from October 6-8, 2003. She will also assist in writing up the proceedings of the conference.

Outcomes with completion dates (reports, publications, workshops, videos, etc.):

Progress Report (Mid-Year) -September 15, 2003 Conference: Oct 6 - 8, 2003

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