

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Regional Economic Impact Analysis for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway Winter Use Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Discipline: Social science
Type of Project: Research
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Montana
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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

In support of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for winter use at Yellowstone, Grand Teton and JDR Parkway, the cooperator will perform a regional economic analysis. The regional economic impact analysis shall be conducted for three states (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), five counties (Fremont County in Idaho, Gallatin and Park Counties in Montana, and Park and Teton Counties in Wyoming), and three cities (Cody, WY, Jackson, WY, and West Yellowstone, MT). The tasks will include: (1) Prepare a regional economic impact analysis of the 6 action alternatives (one with 5 options) and 4 no-action alternatives to be addressed by the DEIS; (2) Compare the this analysis to not more than 10 other studies that also address the regional economic impacts of visitors to the Parks. Prepare a justification explaining any significant discrepancies between the inputs and assumptions used for the current analysis, compared to the other studies; (3) prepare a draft technical report, receive comments from NPS staff and then prepare the final report; and (4) provide responses to written comments from the cooperating agencies.

Outcomes with Completion Dates:

This work will be completed in seven months. A draft final report is due by July 15, 2006, and the final report, with responses to comments is due by September 1, 2006. The end date for the project is June 1, 2007.

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