Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Greater Yellowstone Inventory & Monitoring Network (GRYN): Phase 2 Report Collaboration

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Project Abstract:

The purpose of this project is to provide critical expertise and assistance to Dr. Glenn Plumb with the development and preparation of Chapter III of the Phase 2 GRYN Vital Signs Monitoring Plan. Chapter III is entitled "Conceptual Models" and is intended to explain the understanding of drivers, stressors and ecological effects of selected resource components of the GRYN parks and will provide a basis for identification and selection of appropriate ecological indicators for GRYN park health and integrity. Dr. Bob Hall is an acknowledged expert in Greater Yellowstone Area aquatic ecosystem structure and function and will contribute sections to Chapter 3 on lake, reservoir, and stream ecosystems.

Outcomes with completion dates:

Conceptual models as assigned - April 5, 2003

- Aquatic
- Overview of aquatic types, drivers, stressors, function, structure
- Relevant aquatic spatial and temporal scales, General aquatic schematic conceptual model
- Aquatic ecosystem types: Lakes, Rivers, Reservoirs, Streams

List of candidate vital signs - May 2, 2003

Dr. Hall will travel to Bozeman, MT and participate in a multi-day workshop
 @ Montana State University to participate in a group setting to identify
 and select ecological indicators and vital signs for GRYN parks.

Chapter 3 Report - May 15, 2003

■ Dr. Hall will ensure that ecosystem models and narrative contributions are submitted on schedule and will respond to editorial comment as Dr. Plumb compiles the multi-authored Chapter 3 Report.

Keywords: Greater Yellowstone Network; ecological indicators; inventory and monitoring; lake, reservoir, and stream ecosystems; conceptual models

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Date Annual Report Received:

Date Final Report Received:

Publications, etc. on file: