

The UW-NPS small grant steering committee consisting of Nick Fuzessery, Ronald Marrs, Ronald Beiswenger, and Fred Lindzey, from the University of Wyoming, and Sue Consolo Murphy from Grand Teton National Park, met to review proposals for 2006-2007. We had an outstanding response to our RFP with high caliber proposals. The committee did a fine job at rigorously evaluating, discussing and ranking these studies. I'm in debt to my colleagues for their enthusiasm toward this program. The following is a list of names, their host institution and financial award given. I was very pleased the University of Wyoming faculty have progressively increased the number and caliber of proposals submitted to our program. This year we proudly support 5 UW faculty working in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

- Ronald Hartman. University Of Wyoming. "Floristic survey of northern Grand Teton National Park and vicinity range expansion in the southern Tetons" \$4,000
- Daniel B. Tinker. University of Wyoming. "Bark beetle and wildfire interactions in subalpine forests: susceptibility to insect activity and high-severity fire in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem" \$4,000
- Mary Ann Harlow. University of Wyoming. "Digitization of the Grand Teton National Herbarium" \$3,500
- William Gribb. University of Wyoming. "The use of geo-informatics in the construction of a beaver (*Castor canadensis*) habitat suitability model for Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming" \$3,000
- Robert Hall. University of Wyoming. "Linking exotic snails to organic and inorganic carbon cycling in Kelly Warm Springs, Grand Teton National Park" \$4,000
- Clayton B. Marlow. Montana State University. "Impact of irrigation cessation on wetland communities in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming" \$4,000
- Helga Van Miegroet. Utah State University. "Effect of N deposition and edaphic conditions on microbial activity in the alpine zone" \$4,000
- Susan Wolff. Grand Teton National Park. "How are Brewer's Sparrows affected by the encroachment of the exotic grass species, smooth brome (*Bromus inermis* Leyss.)?" \$3,500
- Daniel B. Tinker. University of Wyoming. "Bark beetle and wildfire interactions in subalpine forests: Susceptibility to insect activity and high-severity fire in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem" \$4,000
- Daniel B. Tinker. University of Wyoming. "Non-native plant influences on ecosystem structure, Function and susceptibility to invasion" Housing wavier

Sincerely

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