

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: GYCC Public Meeting Planning

Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming
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Project Abstract: Organize and manage a public meeting, referred to as a "public conversation" for the GYCC. The purpose of this process will be to: 1) improve existing relationships and create new relationships between the GYCC and the public and stakeholders; 2) enhance the management effectiveness of the GYCC (capacity, collaboration, communication, cooperation, strategic thinking) on GYE-scale issues; and 3) focus national attention on the issues, solutions, importance, and function of the GYE. This event will be a one-day meeting in Bozeman Montana involving non-profit organizations, state and local government officials, and private citizens. An additional meeting may be scheduled in spring 2015 in Cody WY.

The Ruckelshaus Institute proposes to carry out two tasks toward the objective of designing and facilitating the public conversation event. These are:

1. Process Design. Working with federal agency staff tasked on this project, the Ruckelshaus Institute will propose a meeting format and discussion process and create a meeting agenda for the Bozeman meeting. .
2. Organize and Facilitate Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings. The Ruckelshaus Institute will assist federal agency staff to plan and coordinate the meeting, and will take the lead role in meeting facilitation. Specific tasks include: (a) organizing and preparing for the meeting; (b) training and assisting small-group facilitators; (c) helping the group stay on task and on process; (d) balancing discussion; (d) facilitating whole-group discussion; and (e) moderating question/answer periods.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: September 30, 2016

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