Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Integrated Analysis Modeling, and Synthesis of the Impacts of Blister Rust and Mountain Pine Beetle Mortality to Whitebark Pine in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Project Discipline: Natural
Funding Agency: USGS
Other Partners/Cooperators: Montana State University
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Project Abstract:
The objectives of this project are to:

- Develop quantitative models that best explain the distribution and abundance of blister rust infection in WPB (Whitebark pine, *Pinus albicaulis*) in the GYE (Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem).
- Develop quantitative models that best explain the distribution and abundance of mountain pine beetle mortality in WPE in the GYE.
- Develop quantitative models that best explain recruitment rates of juvenile whitebark pine within existing stands of mature WBP and implication s for forest regeneration.

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