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GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECORDS 1977-2009(bulk dates: 1985-1992)

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HISTORY

The Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) is an ongoing partnership between the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service that was formed in 1964. Through a signed Memorandum of Understanding, both agencies agreed to mutual collaboration and cooperation in the management of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). In the fifty years since the creation of the GYCC, the supervisors of the six National Forests and superintendents of the two National Parks in the GYE have been joined by representatives from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The six National Forests which protect land within the GYE are Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Bridger-Teton, Caribou-Targhee, Custer, Gallatin, and Shoshone. The two National Parks are Yellowstone and Grand Teton. The states of Montana and Wyoming are represented on the committee by the BLM. Within the USFWS, the National Elk Refuge and Red Rock Lake National Wildlife Refuge are part of the GYE.

In the 1980s, efforts to fully outline and combine the management plans of the National Forests and National Parks within the GYE began. In 1985, these efforts came to be known as Aggregation. The Aggregation Plan took the management plans and goals of the National Forests, Parks, and Refuges and combined them to illustrate the future of the GYE. As part of the Aggregation Plan, ideas and goals for the future of the GYE were outlined. One of these outlined goals, known as Phase II, was undertaken in 1988. The result of Phase II, renamed “Vision for the Future,” was a 60-page comprehensive management plan for the entire Greater Yellowstone Area. After a period of public commentary after the “Vision” draft was released in 1990, the document was pared down to its final release length of 14 pages and released in 1991 with a new title, “A Framework for Coordination.”

While members of the GYCC attempted to fully plan and outline the future of the GYE, they also had to deal with major disasters, including the 1988 Yellowstone Fires. The GYCC managed the responses to the fires through the Greater Yellowstone Unified Area Command during the summer of 1988. The GYCC also worked to outline future collaborative responses to fire emergencies and released an interagency planning and coordination guide in 1990. In addition to fire management, the GYCC has also done a significant amount of work in resource management in the GYE. By the mid-1990s, the GYCC had formed several working groups and subcommittees to focus on issues such as noxious weeds and the reintroduction of wolves into the GYE.

Today, the important work of the GYCC continues, as the committee works to manage the cooperative and collaborative efforts of the USFS, NPS, BLM and USFWS.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COMMITTEE 1977-2009 (bulk dates: 1985-1992)

<i>CATALOG NUMBER</i>	YELL
<i>VOLUME</i>	5.25 LF
<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<p>The records in this collection cover a relatively small period of the committee's history. Most of the records originated in the late 1980s and early 1990s. A few of the records were created in the 2000s. Most of the records pertain to the creation of the "Greater Yellowstone Area Aggregation of National Park and National Forest Management Plans" and the "Framework for Coordination of National Parks and National Forests in the Greater Yellowstone Area," which was originally known as "Vision for the Future." Most references in the material to the "Framework" document use the term "Vision." Also represented in these records are materials related to the Fires of 1988 and the GYCC's participation in coordinating responses and management to the disaster. The records also cover the committee's general operations during the late 1980s and early 1990s.</p>
<i>ORGANIZATION</i>	<p>The materials in this collection have been organized into three series: Series I: Operations and Resource Management; Series II: Aggregation; and Series III: "Vision for the Future". Within each series, the records are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.</p>
<i>PROVENANCE</i>	<p>The records in this collection had multiple origins. Most of the records were originally created in the offices of the GYCC, which have been managed largely by the Forest Service. These records were eventually accessioned as part of different field collections in the early 2000s. A small portion of the records in this collection originated in the office of Paul Schullery, who acted as chief of the Yellowstone Cultural Resources Division at different times and worked closely on the "Vision" project. He donated his records directly to the Archives in 2000.</p>
<i>RESTRICTIONS</i>	No

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MATERIALS*

- Yellowstone National Park Archives: Record Group 07, Yellowstone National Park Partnership Records; Record Group 10, Yellowstone National Park Management and Accountability Records.
- Official Copies of the "Greater Yellowstone Area Aggregation of National Park and National Forest Management Plans" and "A Framework for Coordination of National Parks and National Forests in the Greater Yellowstone Area", along with more information, can be found on the GYCC website, <http://fedgycc.org/index.html>.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Operations & Resource Management, 1982-2009 (bulk dates: 1985-1992)

The records in Series I are related to the operations of the GYCC and its management of resources within the GYE between 1982 and 2009. The records of operations include administrative matters; e.g., meetings notes and summaries, office correspondence, budgets, and reports. Records related to external relations, i.e., those interest groups and agencies with which the GYCC was often in contact during this period, are included in this series as well. In addition to records covering the GYCC's work during and following the Fires of 1988, other records related to resource management can be found in this series. Due to the close relationship between the offices of the GYCC and the Targhee National Forest offices, some records related to Targhee's work in the GYE are located in this series.

II. Aggregation, 1977-1988 (bulk dates: 1985-1987)

Records specifically related to the Greater Yellowstone Aggregation project are located in Series II. The Aggregation project required a large amount of input from each National Forest and Park in the GYE. This input included data, maps, management narratives, and commentary. At the same time the Aggregation Project was underway, the GYCC was working on a series of related projects for the House Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs. Because the work undertaken by the GYCC for Aggregation and the work done for the House Subcommittee were related and often combined, the records pertaining to the House Subcommittee are contained in this series.

III. Vision for the Future, 1988-1993 (bulk dates: 1989-1991)

Records specifically related to the "Vision for the Future" project are located in Series III. The "Vision" project, later to be referred to as "A Framework for Coordination," forced issues of conservation and public land access to the surface. The original drafts, released in late 1989 and 1990, drew an extreme amount of criticism from multiple use advocates. After a period of public commentary, the original "Vision" document was edited down from roughly 60 pages to 14. It was at this time, early 1991, that "Vision" was removed from the project title. In addition to the administrative records, public correspondence, and multiple drafts of "Vision" publication from this contentious period, records related to a 1991 Congressional investigation related to the "Vision" project are also located in this series. This investigation focused on alleged misconduct by senior government officials after Lorraine Mintzmeyer of the National Park Service and John Mumma of the United States Forest Service were allegedly forced out of their positions because of their participation in the "Vision" project.

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