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1920-Present
Bulk dates: 1940s-1990s

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HISTORY

Throughout its history Yellowstone National Park has partnered with a variety of organizations and government agencies. At the end of the 19th century, the Park assisted efforts to create and manage the Yellowstone Timberland Reserve. In 1933, the Yellowstone Museum and Library Association (now the Yellowstone Association) was established to assist the Park with educational efforts, a partnership that continues to this day. By 1940, it appears that these sporadic efforts had increased to the point where they required a more formal process. Today, partnerships are defined as cooperative agreements, usually managed by Memoranda of Agreement or Memoranda of Understanding.

Partnerships are distinct from the concessions contractual arrangements.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Partnerships
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DESCRIPTION This collection contains memorandums, contracts, communications, correspondence, meeting minutes, administrative records, photos, planning drafts, personnel lists, students and school documents, bills and invoices, permits, and Federal and State Acts relating to park. All documents are related to partnerships between government agencies and/or private organizations. The category of partnerships documents formal agreement or cooperative processes. Informal discussions, meetings, or visits between agencies or organizations are not part of this collection, but may be found elsewhere in the Archives.

Researchers may find these records valuable when studying the following topics: intergovernmental relationships; government-private relationships; perception and evaluation of park value and cultural meanings; fish, wildlife, and forestry use and regulations (both park and Forest Service); museum/park relationships; history of schools and national parks; environmental policy; history of unions and the park; energy policy; recreation history and policy; international communication and perception of NPS/Yellowstone; history of outfitters or guides and dude ranches; National Park Service and Department of Interior management and organization; Yellowstone Association history; Izaak Walton League and conservation history; postal history of the park; civil defense; Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem; Mission 66; outdoor recreation; bison management; and bear management.

ORGANIZATION This collection is organized alphabetically by the name of the organization/agencies and then by date.

PROVENANCE Transferred to the archives by various park offices and staff, primarily the park's Superintendent's Office, often as part of a larger group of records. This record group is accessioned by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and placed on deposit at its affiliated repository, the Yellowstone National Park Archives. These records correspond to the NARA Record Group 79, Records of the National Park Service.

RESTRICTIONS NO

ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

- Commercial Visitor Services, Yellowstone National Park Combined Archives
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Agencies and organizations included in this collection include (but are not limited to):

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Atomic Energy Commission
Automobile associations
Boy Scouts of America
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Industrial Operations
Chambers of commerce
Department of Agriculture
Department of Environmental Studies
Department of Transportation
Environmental Protection Coordination Committee
Federal Power Commission
Girl Scouts of America
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee
Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE)
Historical societies, Montana and Wyoming
Idaho Department of Energy
IMEAC (Interagency Motor Equipment Advisory Committee)
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Izaak Walton League
Kiwanis Club
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Montana Department of Livestock
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (formerly Fish and Game Commission)
Montana Outfitters and Dude Ranches Association
Montana Power Company
Museums (natural history)
Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement (formerly Bureau of Mines)
Outdoor recreation associations
Travel and motor associations, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming
Treasury Department
Unions
Federal and Forest employees
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Post Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
West Yellowstone (municipality)
West Yellowstone Association
Wyoming Civil Defense Association
Wyoming Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
Yellowstone and Mammoth School Districts
Yellowstone Association (formerly the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association)
YMCA (Young Men’s Christian Association)
YWCA (Young Women’s Christian Association)