

Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

Project Completion Report

FY 2007

Unit: Shoshone National Forest
Project Name: North Fork Corridor Bear Jam Management
Project Description: The project that was funded was to partner with the Park County Sheriff's Department to more effectively manage bear jams on the North Fork highway. Between the time of this project submittal and project selection, changes within the Sheriff's Department resulted in a loss of that partnership opportunity. Our Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers' preferences were to use this money instead to fund an additional Forest Protection Officer (FPO) to be stationed on the North Fork Corridor.
GYCC Funding Received: \$10,000 Partner Funding/In-Kind Received: \$4500 (in-kind salary)
Status of the Project: In May of 2007, a seasonal was hired and then sent to FPO training. This individual worked closely with the Recreation crew on the North Fork 3 days a week for the summer, interacting with Forest visitors, enforcing the food storage order, and assisting in other bear related education. This seasonal spent 2 days a week giving grizzly bear presentations in the Draper Museum of Natural History of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody educating visitors about proper behavior in grizzly county. Museum staff trained this person in interpretive techniques to ensure successful and effective presentations.
Products that can be shared across the GYA: (GIS data layers, maps, new protocols and methods): We have tried We can report that the more interaction and presence Forest Service personnel have with Forest visitors, the better food storage compliance we have, and the smaller chance of grizzlies getting human food rewards.
Project results: (Information worth sharing on methods, results, partnerships, etc) Many more contacts with the visiting public were made as a result of this project. We strongly believe that our high level of compliance is attributed to the increased personnel. The interpretive presentations at the Museum were a big hit with the visitors there are over 3000 people were contacted with the messages about how to behavior in grizzly country.
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