

# Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

## Project Completion Report

FY 2007

<b>Unit:</b> Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest
<b>Project Name:</b> Mesa Falls aquatic invasive species and Yellowstone cutthroat education
<b>Project Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to provide educational displays regarding Yellowstone cutthroat and prevention of the spread of invasive aquatic species. Signs would be incorporated into the interpretive boardwalk at Mesa Falls, the most highly visited spot on the Forest each year. It provides a great opportunity to educate the public about the prevention of the spread of invasive species to or from the Henrys Fork. The consequences of zebra mussels becoming established in local lakes such as Henrys Lake would be devastating. The New Zealand mud snail and whirling disease would also be addressed. A public educated and appreciative of the native cutthroat are more likely to support cutthroat conservation. This education will serve to enhance and protect the GYA ecosystem.
<b>GYCC Funding Received:</b> \$3,000 <b>Partner Funding/In-Kind Received:</b> Snake River Cutthroats \$250, Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee \$3,000
<b>Status of the Project:</b> Wording of the signs and graphics has been decided upon. It has been decided to focus on cutthroat education at Mesa Falls and to use a different inexpensive sign or poster to be posted at focal areas throughout the forest at the interface of aquatic users and the resource such as at boat ramps, campgrounds and etc. to educate the public about preventing the spread of Aquatic Hitchhikers.
<b>Products that can be shared across the GYA: (GIS data layers, maps, new protocols and methods)</b> When permission or license for the artwork on the Aquatic Hitchhiker sign has been secured I will forward that draft on to GYCC. A draft of the wording and photos for the Mesa Falls cutthroat education sign has been attached.
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