

# Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

## Project Completion Report

FY 2007

<b>Unit:</b> The Sustainable Operations Subcommittee (SOS) of the GYCC.
<b>Project Name:</b> Expansion of small propane cylinder recycling opportunities within the GYA.
<b>Project Description:</b> In 2005, Yellowstone National Park instituted an innovative program to address thousands of small propane cylinders being generated within the park every year. That first year, over 4,000 cylinders were collected and recycled. In 2006, over 8,000 cylinders were processed. It is estimated that over 10,000 cylinders will be collected in 2007. The SOS members unanimously agreed to expand the cylinder recycling program into the GYA. During 2007, both private contracting and in-house labor fabricated nine small collection bins and five larger bins. The bins were specifically designed to adhere to all safety issues, GYA design standards and to be grizzly bear proof. All funds allocated to the SOS in 2007 were expended on the fabrication of these bins.
<b>GYCC Funding Received:</b> \$10,000.00 <b>Partner Funding/In-Kind Received:</b> In-kind-\$5,100.00 (YNP, USFS estimated day labor costs)
<b>Status of the Project:</b> Phase one of the implementation plan has been completed. In the spring of 2008, the fabricated bins will be distributed to various public land locations throughout the GYA. Appropriate signage will be finalized, as well as developing educational messages for public land managers, as well as the visitor. It will be proposed that the second (and last) series of bins be fabricated in 2008.
<b>Products that can be shared across the GYA:</b> This project has very tangible results. By the end of 2008, propane cylinder collection points will be located on all federal land units of the GYA.
<b>Project results:</b> This Initiative will result in an ecosystem wide approach to an enormous issue that will ultimately serve as a model for other protected public lands across the United States. The small one lb. non-refillable propane cylinders are currently ending up in landfills, with most cylinders containing some level of propane, which eventually is released into the atmosphere. One of the primary goals of the SOS is to promote and advance sound environmental stewardship practices, region wide. By the end of 2008, an estimated 15,000 cylinders are anticipated to be diverted away from landfills.
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