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To Troyer, Jack G.:R01F08A

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From: J. S., Tixier:R04A

Rostmark: den 25.91 5:12 PM Delivered: Jan 28,91 6:49 AM

Subject: Reply To: Cong Stalling request

Reply text:

From: S. S. Tixier:R04A

Date: Jan 25.91 5:43 PM

I AGREE WITH TOUR RECOMMENDATION.

Preceding message:

From: Troyer, Jack G.:R01F08A

Date: Jan 25.91 5:43 PM

I have a letter addressed to me from Idaho Cong Stallings—just arrived & needs quick reply—asking that a request from the Biue

Ribbon Coalition be honored to extend the Jan 31 comment period. I recommend I simply reply that we have allowed ample time from Aug 14, have extended once, but will be happy to accept late comments into early Feb since the content analysis will still be going on. I could if you wish phone a reply to his Pocatello office and followup with a letter on your behalf. What do you prefer? Jack (Terry-For Lorraine)

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GYCC2

From: Troyer, Jack G.:R01F08A Postmark: Jan 25,91 4:51 PM

Delivered: Jan 25,91 4:43 PM

Subject: Bozeman Workshop

Message:
A quick summary of the Bozeman workshop FYI. It was indeed the grand finale the interest groups wanted to create. Going over the sign in registers and flip charts...42 attended the afternoon workshop, 667 attended the evening workshop, 217 signed up to speak of which 146 actually spoke. The folks upstairs quickly went over the flip charts and categorized the speakers as 57 clearly against the document, 58 for the document or wanting to make it have more teeth, and 30 in somewhat of a neutral category. The comment began with Senator Burns staffer Denny Rehberg reading a statement which we'll send out to you. He then, however, asked the audience to stand up FOR and AGAINST. It was hard for me to tell but I'd guess 2-3 of the audience considered themselves in opposition (yellow ribbon time again). Betty did make a point of explaining our public comment process & that it was not simply vote counting. We'll send out press coverage. Now I have to figure out how to live my life without an upcoming GYA workshop-I'll probably manage OK. Jack

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SUMMARY OF GYA VISION DOCUMENT-COORDINATION PROCESS MYLLLE TO 1-22-

Enclosure 1 is an up to date chronology of events. It is especially useful in pointing out the many meetings, briefings, and other public involvement steps that have occurred throughout the process.

Enclosure 2 is a summary of the seven workshops now complete. An important point in this summary is the general success and usefulness of the afternoon workshops in helping us communicate with our constituencies as compared to the evening "hearing" format.

GYCC direction at this time is to complete the content analysis during February which is now under way and on schedule. About 1200 letters have been received over half of which are form letters from the Wyoming Multiple Use Coalition. over half of which are form letters from the Wyowing Multiple Use Coalition. In March the Supervisors, Superintendents, & Team Leader staff are scheduled to meet to rewrite the document bosed on public comment. During that time they will each consult with their interest groups & share draft material if necessary to avoid surprises. Regional review would occur in April. There will not be another draft. Final agreement on document content in order to send to the printer is scheduled for May 1, Expectations based on current direction and comment lead to a final document no longer than 15 pages, one that absolutely states the separateness of agency missions, even more clearly disclaims the relationship to private lands, and replaces the words sense of haturalness.

Interest groups are vigorously campaigning at this time to get lots of members out for the last workshop in Bozeman on January 24 as well as to influence the future course of the process. An important letter is expected that will be signed by the three Governors expressing the state's positions on the draft and how the overall GYA coordination issue should proceed.

### STATUS REPORT GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA VISION STATEMENT WORKSHOPS

Seven of the eight local GYA workshops are now complete. included a two hour afternoon session focused on small discussion groups facilitated by agency personnel. Each session was productive and met the objective of enhancing understanding of the process and producing excellent useable suggested changes to the document. Attendance varied from 20-100 people and averaged about 50 individuals.

### EVENING MEETINGS

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Each of the seven evening meetings followed a similar format. The local Forest

Supervisor introduced the meeting and in conjunction with the National Park

Service Superintendent presented a short program on the objectives of the

coordination process. The remainder of the evening was designed for formal

oublic comment. Each individual who wished to make a statement did so.

Recorders summarized the comment on flip charts and allowed each speaker to

check the content for accuracy. After a closing statement, agency personnel

remained afterward to allow opportunity for individuals to ask furthur

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ENNIS, MONTANA. Attendance 150. Speakers 40. Again the comment received was very critical including that from Congressman Marlennee. Many of the speakers were concerned about livestock issues some of which were outside the Greater Yellowstone Area.

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The seven meetings taken together produced oral statements from 327 individuals and organizations. They were split fairly evenly in their general but opposing viewpoints on the document. A substantial majority seem to favor the completion of the process to a final document but many of those people do not like the document as now written. Following are a few of the comments being vived that reflect the diversity of input.

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THE DOCUMENT IS AN INFRINGEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.

THE DOCUMENT AND PROCESS IS UNNECESSARY AND SHOULD NOT PROCEED.

THE PROCESS DID NOT ALLOW ENOUGH PARTICIPATION BY THE STATES AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.

THE DOCUMENT CALLS FOR RESPONSIBLE LIVESTOCK GRAZING, MINERAL DEVELOPMENT, TIMB ER HARVEST ETC AND IS INDEED SUPPORTIVE OF CONTINUED MULTIPLE USE.

### A RECENT CHRONOLOGY

1. June 1988 - The GYCC creates the "Team Leader" office to provide the staff work necessary to implement the needed coordination.

- 2. October 1988 First GYCC discussion of the proposed coordination process. About 40 members of the public were in the audience. (October 20, Jackson, WY).
- 3. January 1989 The process was discussed an approved during an open GYCC meeting in Billings (January 9). Representatives of Wyoming commodity groups attended and presented their concerns orally and in writing.
- 4. April 1989 The public participation plan was approved during GYCC meeting in Cheyenne, WY. The meeting also included a panel discussion with Wyoming cabinet officers and presentation of a paper for the governor.
- 5. Summer 1989 GYCC staff met with interest groups and received some written comment.
- 6. September 1989 Supervisors and Superintendents draft preliminary goals utilizing public comment to date. Proposed Federal Register Notice is drafted to notify national publics of proposed process.
- 7. September 26-28, 1989 Team Leader staff Jack Troyer and Sandra Key brief Forest Service Chief and Staff, NPS Deputy Director and Staff, 10 national interest groups at an open meeting, and Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana delegation staff and other committee staff prior to release of Federal Register notice.
- 8. November 1989 The draft preliminary goals are approved by GYCC and written in form of a small booklet designed for mail out to publics seeking comment.
- 9. December 5-6, 1989 Team Leader staff brief Chief and Staff, NPS Directors Staff, and Congressional Staff on goal booklet prior to release for comment.
  - 10. December 15, 1989 Release of goal booklet seeking public comment.
- 11. January, March 1990 About 4800 booklets were mailed out resulting in 590 letters and 4850 specific comments sent to the GYCC. Intensive public participation included 15 public meetings, 20 public speaking engagements, 6 press releases, 20 State and Federal agency briefings, and numerous media interviews. On March 9, the GYCC Co-chairs met specifically with a group of wYoming commodity group representatives.
- 12. March, July 1990 The agency prepare the draft Vision utilizing analysis of public comment and staff from all levels of both agencies.
- 13. July 11, 1990 Team Leader staff brief Chief, Associate Chief, and some staff and frontline NPS staff on draft Vision prior to release of document. The document with cover letter and briefing package sent to Assistant Secretary's Office.
- 14. July 16, 1990 The Vision (pre-release printing because main printing not available) delivered to appropriate Congressional Offices.

- 15. July 17, 1990 The Vision released to the media and limited copies as requested by agencies, interest groups etc.
- 16. August 14, 1990 The large mailing of draft goes to public with ter asking for comment within 60 days (October 14). GYCC meeting in Helena draws some press coverage and includes discussion with Governor Stephens and his cabinet officers. Concern continues to build among Myoming commodity groups about possible negative effects on multiple use of the National Forents.
- 17. September 6, 1990 The GYCC responds to requests to extend the comment period and allow more notice for proposed GYA workshops. The comment period is extended to January 31, 1991 and the 8 GYA workshops are rescheduled. Seven are now complete.

The extension allowed three additional months for public participation and individual communication with GYCC managers. At that time the GYCC will analyze information received, incorporate into a draft, and prepare the final document. The publication of the goal booklet (almost a pre-draft) and now this document in draft form has hopefully allowed ample time for a thorough airing of this important process. It is important to note that this is indeed a draft designed to seek public participation before completion.

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- i. The letter that went out from the National Inholders Asso stating that this was a grave threat to private property rights has generated well over 1000 equests for the document this week. All signs indicate the special interests increase January 24.
- i. We've mailed you press coverage of each meeting except Billings which was not covered by the press. It will give you a pretty accurate picture of what secured. JACK

### MESSAGE DISPLAY



To GYCC2

om: Troyer, Jack G.:R01F08A . stmark: Dec 17,90 1:18 PM Del Status: Confidential Previously read Subject: Vision Mtg Summary Delivered: Dec 17,90 1:13 PM

COMMENTS: Enclosed FYI is a one page summary of the six local GYA workshops on the Vision as we saw it. Jack

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ATT: WACK TROYER

# Residents have mixed views on 'Vision' document



# )fficials explain vision' concept

Montana Standard,

> December 14, 1990



# Marlenee out West slams park plan

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-5002

December 10, 1990

ALAN K. SIMPSON

James Mosely Assistant Secretary Environment and Natural Resources Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C.

I want to take this belated opportunity to thank you for your time on October 4th when you met with the Wyoming Congressional delegation and a number of our constituents regarding the draft Vision Statement for the future management of the greater Yellowstone area.

I am deeply concerned that a document of this potential magnitude was so near final publication without having your full attention, awareness — and approval! I trust that upon hearing of the real and valid opposition from some of our constituents during the many scheduled town meetings this month and next month, as well as the opposition from certain other government officials, you will give any future drafts of this document your full personal attention and review.

As the employees of your agency continue to work on this document, I urge you to ensure that they work and act in a wholly professional manner; that they do not show preference to certain special interest groups on either side of the issue; that they follow existing land management laws; that they do not act in any manner which will curtail the activities or rights of private land owners on the private property in this area; and that they remain wholly focused on ensuring that Americans from all walks of life can use and enjoy our forests.

I appreciate your personal attention to this matter. It is so very important to Myoming and it would have such a tramendous impact on future land management decisions. I would appreciate a status report on each town meeting and to be kept fully informed of the progress of future drafts of a vision Statement.

With kind personal regards,

Nited States Senator

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### MESSAGE SCAN

To gycc

From: Gregory Smith:R04F03A
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Comments:

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Please find attacted a copy of the comments on the vision document taken by Barry Davis and Brian Stout during the week of October 14, 1990. Please call if you have any questions or if I can be of any help. Thanks GCS.

### GYC VISION DOCUMENT COMMENTS

These comments were obtained during the week of October 14, 1990 by Brian Stout, Forest Supervisor of the Bridger-Teton National Forest, and Barry Davis, Forest Supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest.

The comments were taken from various groups and individuals throughout the State of Wyoming.

JIM MAGAGNA - Wool Growers and Public Lands Committee:

-Spent a great deal of time reviewing the document in detail and found the document unacceptable.

-Initial repsonse was to drop the entire effort.

- -Would oppose amendment of the current document and proceeding further with it.
- -Perceived as a management philosophy (Forest Service moving toward Park Service preservation policy and away from multiple use concept).
  -Seen as a defensive move to ward off buffer zone and Park expansion.
- -Concerned about Vision Document. Cannot fight because it is a philosophy

statement as opposed to something concrete.

-If committee is willing to sit down and discuss, could come up with something shorter and some common guidelines. This does not mean that the current document is acceptable in any way.

MARLENE SIMONS - State Representative, Crook County (Chair-State House Agriculture Committee):

- -Far too extensive and too long.
- -Some information not well defined and confusing.
- -Noxious weeds effort was an A-plus.
  -Pages 3-14 of document poses a management problem.
- -Forest Service and Park Service doing a poor job with environmental groups.
- -Jack Troyer and Sandra Keyes were not reponsive to input; asked to participate and then told no. On the other hand, Soil and Water Conservation groups were allowed to participate.
- -Should not address minerals in the document.

### Summary:

- -Too much and too difficult to interpret.
- -Need to stay with document that defines common goals.
- -The current system is not adequate for public involvement.
- -Lack of recognition of private lands in the area.
- -Must include the Governments of the States of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho in the decisionsaking process.

# DON ROLLINS - Wyoming Department of Agriculture:

- Questions whether there is a need for the Vision Document and whether the document should go forth.
- -Concerned that the document will be misinterpreted and become a policy document.
  - -Concerned about the availability of public lands and resources. Views the Forest Service and BLM as partners in this effort, not the Park Service.

- -Noxious weeds coordination effort was excellent.
- -Did not feel that the State's comments were taken into account when the document was put together.

# ROD MILLER - Office of the Governor:

- -Governor has asked that multiple use policy be considered in the document. -Need to maintain the differences between the Forest Service and the Park Service. Must come out with process of doing the job in development of the document.
- -Ecological system management may be 15 years premature.
- -Mandatory that State counterparts (Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho) be given input on the Vision Document.
- -Should define the process rather than the product in the documents
- -State's perception is that Forest Service is moving toward the Park Service rather than the two coming together. This could affect the partnership between the two.
- -Concerned about provisions on the use of commodities in the document. No where in the document does it define where and what these conditions are.

# HOWARD SCHRINAR - Director, State Landa

- -Concerned that policy will spread to adjacent state lands and private
- -Concerned about the effect on Wyoming State Trust Lands dealing with values.

# KAREN BUDD - Cattlemen's Association:

- -Public partcipation was sadly lacking.
- -No information shared on how comments would be used.
- -Concerned about what is compatible with other uses.
- -Problems with torms and definitions.
- -No economic analysis done. It is an equal consideration.
- Document affects the economy of Sublette and Fremont Counties.
- -Cooperation not attrituted to the customary meaning of equal bargaining. -Makeup of the GYCC needs to be changed. -Confirmed that BLM has expressed a concern and unwillingness to support
- unless they are included in the GYCC.
- -Recommends that the Committee start over and build a set of considerations or guidelines rather than goals.
  -Current document is "either-or" rather than "how to".

# DIEMER TRUE - President of the Wyoming State Senate:

- -The term multiple use is a buzz word in the Wyoming Legislature. Multiple use in Wyoming means jobs and tax base (commodity utilization and tax bases).
- -There has been talk in the Wyoming Legislature of introducing a bill for the State to take over administration of all federal lands, except Park Service.

- -Economic growth in the State of Wyoming is a key and critical issue in the State. The State is trying to hang onto the Cowboy myth versus economic change.
- -The document will not survive without the assistance of a very strong Governor.
- -Commodity groups feel beholden to the State. Environmental groups do not. Recommendations:
  - -GYCC needs to involve the State agencies and the Governor in the Vision Document.
  - -Involvement of the State Legislature in the process is mandatory. He would volunteer to help.
  - -The document is a major undertaking, but need to continue efforts on the project.

### DENNIS KNIGHT - University of Wyoming (Botany Department):

-Has not seen the document. Will read and provide written comment.

### BILL SCHILLING - Director, Wyoming Heritage Society:

-Concerned about the State's economy, the lack of emphasis on multiple use in the document, and the impact it would have on a changing the State.
-Expressed a need for balance and consensus on these issues.

### JACK TURNELL - Public Lands Council:

- -Sould continue with multiple use sensitive to environmental concerns if clearly spelled out in the document.
- -Document leaves too much room for interpretation and confusion.

### CAROLYN PASSINEAUX - Director, Public Lands Council:

-Document does not accomplish its purpose and does not coordinate management.

### CHERYL FERAUD - Wyoming Petroleum Association:

- -Concerned that other agencies were not involved.
- -Vision Document is nothing more than a vision of environmental ethics.
- -Existing law provide adequate direction, no need for vision document.

### KEN HAMILTON - Wyoming Farm Bureau:

- -Document has no value and should be dropped.
- -Coordination should continue under existing laws.
- -GYCC should be expanded to include others  $\bar{\mbox{(Governors of surrounding states).}}$

### BOB BUDD - Wyoming Stockgrowers Association:

- -Only thing acceptable in the current document is the cover.
- -Entire coalition expressed concern over the lack of public involvement.
- -Coalition agreed that existing document is totally unacceptable, but would not object to something shorter that they could live with.

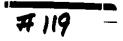
# ' MICHAEL SCOTT - Wilderness Society:

- -Concerned about the various interests and outcomes in the document.

  -A major concern is the ambiguity in terms and phrases in the document; there is too much room for interpretation. Supportive of the project, but feel the need for greater public involvement.

  -Document should decide how commodity resources will be managed.
- SCOTT GARLAND Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning:
  - -Supportive of the project.
  - -Concerned about the lack of specificity and lack of definitions in certain areas of the document.
  - -Expressed interest in what the Alliance might do to bring interest groups together.

MANAGERS MEETING Billings, MT - November 26, 1990



Those attending the meeting were: Bob Barbee, Jack Stark, Bob Gibson, Jim Caswell, Mark Petroni, Brian Stout, Curt Bates, Barry Davis, Jack Troyer, Sandra Key & Betty Schmitt. Sherry Milburn attended part of the meeting.

### MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- -Discuss the format for the 8 local meetings.
- -Recommend strategy to proceed with Vision process between draft and final.
- -List frequent asked questions and discuss common answers.

### MEETING FORMAT (Wyoming meetings)

Afternoon open house - (this is the format that worked for us)

- -Have people sign in for the record
- -Provide name tags for people
  -Have agency people at tables around the room & have the public join a
  table for discussion on the vision & to ask questions. We encouraged
  people to rotate between tables.

### **Evening Meeting**

Have 2 sign in one for the meeting attendance & one for those who want to speak.

Have copies of the Vision available.

### Objectives:

- -To provide background information on the Vision.
- -To hear your comments.

### AGENDA

Welcome

Barry Davis

5 min.

Objectives/Agenda Betty Schmitt
(gives ground rules when going over objectives & agenda)

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Vision Information Barry Davis & Bob Barbee or Marshall Gingery 15 min. (what the vision is/isn't & what the Vision is to the Agencies, use slides)

Public Comment Betty facilitated take up time to 8:55 (Have people sign in to speak, read name of speaker & they come to the mic & talk for 2 to 5 min. depending on how many were speaking - divide the time up)

Wrap-up - Betty 2 min.

(Ask if they would like to break in discussion groups after the meeting - if not the managers will be available to visit & answer questions.)

Closing

Marshall Gingery

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# WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS

CODY - NOV. 26 Barry Davis Bob Barbee Jack Troyer Sandra Key Betty Schmitt (Also several of Barry's	RIVERTON - NOV. 27 Barry Davis Marshall Gingery Jack Troyer Sandra Key Betty Schmitt Staff attended to help in the	CHEYENNE - NOV. 28 Barry Davis Marshall Gingery Jack Troyer Sandra Key Betty Schmitt afternoon sessions)
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BOZEMAN - JAN. 14
Jim Caswell
Bob Barbee
Jack Troyer
Sandra Key
Ron DesJardins
John Humma
Betty Schmitt

# RECOMMENDED STRATEGY ON VISION:

- 1. Comment period over on January 31, 1991
- 2. Content analysis of public comment be completed by March 15, 1991, Including validation of some comments.
- 3. Managers rewrite the Vision (include Bureau of Mines as an Ad-Hoc member)
  - -Shorten the document
  - -Make it a picture
  - -Retain substantive issues
  - -As the document is being rewritten have contact with key public (40-50 people) and have them review the areas that are of concern to them.

# RECOMMENDATIONS ON GYCC MEMBERSHIP:

GYCC membership should be increased to include:

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  -BLM (?), I person from each Governor's Office, & U.S. Fish & Wildlife
  Service there should be a probation period.
  -U.S. Bureau of Mines would be an Ad-Hoc member for rewriting the Vision.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEETINGS:

- -More of the meetings should be with just the Supervisors & Superintendents. -Have full GYCC meeting only once a year. -Don't have public meetings & executive meetings the same day.

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To:

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Director, Office of Environmental Affairs

From:

Subject: Bureau Responses to Forest Service, Re: "Vision for the Future, A Framework for Coordination in the Greater Yellowstons Area"

The attached file contains copies of bureau comments that we have received to date on the subject Forest Service conceptual document. Some bureaus, i.e., Bill and NRS have not prepared comments as yet because of the recent Forest Service extension of the due date. These comments will be forwarded to you as they are received.

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DATE: October 12, 1990

TO: Multiple Use Coalition

Bob Budd, Cheryl Feraud, Ken Hamilton, Carolyn Paseneaux and Bill Schilling TROM:

October 18, 1990 meeting with Brian Stout, RE:

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Enclosed is a letter sent to Brian Stout confirming a Vision document discussion meeting with Brian and Barry Davis of the Shoshone National Forest on October 18, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Wyoming Heritage Society office, 139 W. Second, Suite 3E, Casper, Wyoming.

As you know, several members of the Multiple Use Coalition met with the Wyoming Congressional Delegation and representatives from the Forest Service and Park Service in Mashington last week to discuss the Vision document. As a result of that meeting, Brian Stout has asked individual members of the Coalition to meet with him on a one-to-one basis.

During a conference call on October 11, it was agreed by those contacted that a series of private meetings would be counterproductive. It was the consensus that anything said individually would be reiterated as a group and that only one meeting should be scheduled.

Your attendance on October 18 is extremely important. The Multiple Use Coalition will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. in order to discuss our strategy before meeting with Brian and Barry at 10:00

If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Feraud, 234-5333; Carolyn Paseneaux, 265-5250; or Bill Schilling, 577-8000.

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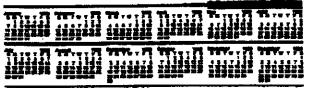
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### United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6150

September 10, 1990

Lorraine Mintsmyer National Park Service Regional Director P.O. Box 25287 Denver, Colorado 80225



#### Dear Lorraine:

In August we wrote to Secretary Lujan and Secretary Yeutter to express our concern regarding the management direction for the Greater Yellowstone Area as embodied in the draft yersion of the "Vision for the Future" prepared by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC).

Considering the broad consequences that may result from the implementation of such a document, we feel it prudent to extend the public comment period to assure a more thorough and thoughtful review.

This delegation respectfully requests that you extend the current October public comment period deadline until January 31, 1991. Additionally, we understand that the scheduled local workshop dates conflict with several previously set meetings. We urge the rescheduling of the workshops to accommodate a greater number of interested parties.

Singerely

Thank you for your cooperation.

Malcolm Wallop U/S. Senator

Al Simpson U.S. Senator Craig Thomas Member of Congress

cc: Jack Troyer Sandra Key

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TASKING PROFILE

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SUBJECT TEXT: Concerned about the management direction for the Greater Yellowstone Area as embodied in the draft version of the "vision for the Future" prepared by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee - Would like to meet with you to discuss this matter

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### United States Senate

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August 22, 1990

The Honorable Manuel Lujan Secretary Department of the Interior 1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are concerned about the management direction for the Greater Yellowstone Area as embodied in the draft version of the "Vision for the Future" prepared by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GTCC).

As you know, the GYCC is composed of managers from the Forest Service and the Mational Park Service whose major goal is improving administrative cooperation and coordination between federal agencies in the Greater Yellowstone Area. We support a well-balanced approach toward accomplishing this goal.

However, after reading the "Vision for the Future," we have concluded that this document goes much further than administrative streamlining and coordination and, in fact, may be quite disruptive to communities and private landowners in the Greater Yellowstone area.

The crux of our concerns rests with the worry that this document will ultimately be used as a "master" management plan and will result in the wholesale amending of the individual forest management plans. We never anticipated such a scenario when this process began. We were told the GYCC effort was undertaken to facilitate better coordination — not create a system-wide decision document that could undermine the concept of multiple-use on public lands.

Our concerns with the "Vision for the Future" are too numerous to outline in this letter. Thus, we would like to personally meet with you this fall to explore ways this report can strike a better balance.

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NUTES FROM THE GYCC MEETING HELENA, NT. AUGUST 13-14, 1990



All GYCC members were in attendance, GYA Staff, Dave Anderson, Marshall Gingery, Al Burke, Wayne Thorton, Forest Service limison in the Washington Office and several Regional Staff (attached is a list of public who attended)

Topics presented at the meeting were discussed in more depth at the Executive sessions and agreements that were reached. Copies of the Executive Session are attached.

Monday
Gary Cargill welcowed everyone and introduced John Spinks, US Fish & Wildlife
Service and Jim Murkin, BLM who are liaisons to the GYCC from their respective

The CYCC Information Management Committee presented their findings on needs for GIS in the GYCC and alternatives on how to proceed. The 4 alternatives presented were:

1. Ad hoc - continue as we currently are

2. Staffed In-house - have a manager and Forest Service and Park Service liaison.

3. Contract out
4. Preferred alternative - combination of 2 & 3.
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- Recommendations by the data committee:
  1. Adopt the Preferred alternative.
  2. Delay initiating the preferred alternative until later in FY after the release of the Vision.
  - During FT91 accomplish the above objectives with the goal to prototype a potential process, and make a final recommendation for process and associated resource needs.

A presentation was made my Ralph Never, District Ranger, West Yellowstone, and 2 members of the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce on the proposed joint VIS Center. It is proposed that the State of Montana, Targhee and Gallatin National Forests, Yellowstone National Park and the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce enter into a pertnership to fund the construction and operation of a joint Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone. The Center has been selected as one of six VIS Centers for Montana. Their objective was to present 2 opportunities to the GYCC:

- 1. An opportunity to join in the partnership with the State of Montana and the City of West Yellowstone.
- They would like a letter of support by August 31. (not a letter of commitment, but of interest) However they would design the building to accommodate anticipate occupancy by participants.

Brian Stout and Jack Stark presented information on the proposed VIS Center in Jackson. The Center will be a partnership with US Fish & Wildlife Service. Forest Service and Park Service.

GYA Travel Map - Ron Prichard gave an update on maps and the proposed GYA Travel Map.

GYCC had lunch with Governor Stephens and Montana Department heads. The governor made herief comments followed by discussion on the "Vision". One statement the Governor made about the "Vision" was it is general enough so that: "The line between the Forest Service and the Park Service could be blurred to affect the manage of the National Forest (Forest managed more like the Park)" or "There will be better coordination between the Forest Service and the Park Service". (A copy of the Governor's speech will be sent hard copy)

Open discussion with the Montana State Department heads. The discussion covered many topics including: concern for lock up of the forests, recognition or the large and growing role of tourism, how will local communities benefit from the "Vision", coordination with the States, impact of noxious weeds (MOU was discussed) and clean water standards. It was also stated the Montana would coordinate with the State Department heads of Idaho and Wyoming.

Ron Haag, R-1 and Brian Kahn, Montana State Director of the Nature Conservancy presented information on projects that were coordinated between R-1 and the Conservancy. Brain encouraged development of a MOU between the GYCC and the Nature Conservancy. He identified four areas the partnership would work:

1. Establishment of a Greater Yellowstone Natural Heritage Program

- 2. Further development and completion of a Greater Yellowstone natural areas system
- Exchange of information on lands of particular importance in the Greater Yellowstone
- 4. Monitoring natural areas

Bill Schilling presented the "Economic Blueprint for Wyoming". He discussed the economic situation in Wyoming. Wyoming is 50% federal lands, the state is not growing and only a 1% growth rate is predicted. It is important for Wyoming to keep the jobs they have and to create more jobs to maintain and increase their population.

Gary Langley, Montana Mining Association presented how new mining technology is designed to protect the environment. There are currently two mines within the GYA that have received awards from the Forest Service for their "Showcase" mining.

Kara Ricketts, GYA Association of Conservation Districts explained the purpose of the Association. The 26 Conservations Districts in the GYA belong to the Association and support multiple use and local approach to me

Ron Cooper presented where the Wilderness Society is with the GYA Economic Study. The study is looking at sustainable activities that will not preclude future activities. It is also looking at future threats to the GYA. Michael Scott talked about how he works with Ron Cooper.

#### TUESDAY

Brian Stout talked about O&G & GYA Wildlands Meeting. He presented the recommendations of those committees(these have been circulated earlier) He cautioned managers not to make work commitments they can't keep.

Kemmper McMaster made a presentation on Wolf Restoration Activities. He stated that it wasn't if a but when and how the Wolf would be in the GYA since natural expansion of their range is presently occurring including the North Cascades. He also talked about the Wolf Study report that was recently released.

- Jack and Sandra presented 3 alternative for implementing the Vision.

  1. Each Forest & Park would utilize the final Vision directly in their individual unit planning.

  2. Each agency would individually produce a "guideline" document that would display consistant measurement presentations.
  - display consistent management prescriptions.

    3. Utilize the Alternative #2 approach, but combine them into an interagency process.

Sandra and Jack presented three alternatives for accommodating the non-planning items contained in the Vision. Sandra pointed out that about 90% of the Vision is not appropriate to the planning process but rather is "action items". She also reminded the group that how we deal with those action items will directly effect the credibility of the entire Vision process and both agencies standing.

Park Winter Use Plan, Bob Barbee - The purpose of the Winter Use Plan is to evaluate winter use in the Parks. Issues that have been identified are: wildlife areas, noise, and carrying capacity.

Forest Service Centennial - Barry Davis reported on the scheduled celebration in Cody in late June. RFAD meeting will be in Cody on June 26-27/91, on the 28th there will be ribbon cutting for the Museum and dedication of the Wapiti Station. President Bush has been invited. There is also a reunion for Forest Service employees next summer, a symposium in Missoula and several other

Lorraine Mintzmeyer report on the 75 anniversary of the Park Service in 1991. Barbara Bush has accepted the position of Honorary chair of this celebration. There are several things going on in 1991, a major symposium in Vail, Coloredo (Lorraine & Gary may attend and talk about GYA); a TV documentary; TV spots; and a logo has been designed that will be used by the Park Service during 1991.

Sandra Key reported on the Soil Scientist Neeting. It was a very effective meeting with good coordination. Some times we fail to recognize these positive

Jack Troyer reported that the noxious weed document is ready for review.

Jim Caswell talked about the threat to the trumpeter swam in the Henry's Fork area. The swans have eaten aquatic life out of the water and now have no winter food. This will be a real challenge to explain the situation to the public.

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#### EXECUTIVE MERTINGS HELENA, MT - AUGUST 13-14, 1990

#### MONDAY MORNING

None of the topics that were on the agenda for this session were addressed. Instead there was a lengthy discussion of the need for the GYCC managers to have more time at GYCC meetings to truly work together and discuss issues.

#### TUESDAY MORNING

Jack and Sandra discussed what had been accomplished on the Public Information Plan. They each gave a short update on the State briefings and the feedback they have been receiving from the interest groups.

It was agreed to stay with the current public comment period. If an extension is requested it will be considered at that time.

#### Public Meetings:

It was suggested to have meetings during the month of September. The meeting will be arranged by the PAOs and the Managers. Betty Schmitt will contact PAOs for dates and locations.

The kind of meetings to have was discussed. Open houses and and the nominal group process which Stan Tixier suggested were discussed. Stan suggested the nominal group process as it allows for presenting information and also receiving comments from the public in an organized manner (the audience breaks into small work groups with a facilitator who leads the discussion and records issues and concerns, the facilitators report back to the whole group the comments from the small groups). Betty has worked with the process and can help set up meetings if needed.

Where possible have a Park Service and Porest Service manager at the meeting. Jack & Sandra will be available for some of the meetings.

Towns identified for the meetings: Idaho Falls, Cody, Riverton, Cheyenne, Jackson, Bozeman, & Billings. Ennis is already set for September 12. (When the meetings are confirmed a note will be sent to all managers.)

There was discussion about having meetings with key individuals from the interest groups to develop communication between them and to identify areas of agreement. No action was suggested.

Discussed the need to print more draft Visions. GYA staff is to determine if and how many are needed and advise Lorraine and Gary.

GYA Staff is to draft a letter thanking the people who made presentations at the GYCC meeting.

#### TUESDAY NOON

#### Discussion on process:

Forest Service standardized prescriptions were discussed. It was agreed that it was important for the Park Service to be involved at least initially as some prescriptions will affect both Parks and Forests.

It was agreed that there will be a meeting with the four Regional Planning Directors, unit planners and the managers to discuss standardizing prescriptions.

#### Action Plan:

The Action Plan will not be part of the Vision document. It will be one page describing short and long term priorities. The Action Plan will be presented at the next GYCC meeting. It was agreed that it would be done and released shortly after the Vision is completed.

#### Vision Final:

- 1. Public comment will be received and analyzed.
- 2. GYCC are to identify all items including issues, words and phrases that the ID team will work on. Gary, representing John and Stan, will work with Lorraine using the public comment and will do this before the ID team is brought back. (Time commitments from the ID team will depend on the number of issues reopened and the number of new issues).
- 3. ID Team using public input will do the first draft of the Final.
- ${\bf 4}$  . Managers will meet in January, February, or March to review the draft Final after the ID Team has revised using public comment.
- After the managers comments have been incorporated, the Final will be sent to the four Regional Offices.
- Each Regional Porester and Park Director will facilitate the review of the draft Final by their Directors.
- 7. The three Regional Poresters will seet and reach consensus for the Forest Service on the draft final.
- 8. Lorraine will have the consensus of the Park Service
- 9. Gary and Lorraine will meet and reach consensus for Final

GIS:

Agreed to accept the recommendation of the data management committee but deferred implementing it until after completion of the Vision.

The committee was released.

There was general discussion and agreement that postponement of doing data management should not mean that all units and regions would just continue to go their own way in data management.

Agreed to explore development of a data dictionary now.

Agreed to have the 3 Forest Service regions get together before reconvening a data management committee to develop a common FS approach to data management in the GYA.

Sandra will draft a letter to the Nature Conservancy for Gary and Lorraine's signature. (Later note: Jack drafted this letter) The letter will state the GYCC is not making a commitment and Jack, Sandra and representatives of the 4 Regions would like to meet with them.

Agreed the GYCC Staff is funded through 1991 because of the workload.

Next GYCC meeting will be in Ideho Falls on May 21 & 22, 1991. First day will be an executive session and the second day will be for public comment. It was agreed that meetings will be facilitated.

#### ATTENDEES AT GYCC MEETING IN HELENA WHO SIGNED THE LIST ON 8/13

. August 13 - 14, 1990

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The Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr. Secretary of the Interior United States Department of the Interior Interior Building 18th and C Streets N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: USFS and MPS "Vision Document"

Dear Secretary Lujan:

A few weeks ago while you were in Billings, Montana, in support of Congressman Ron Marlenee, I asked if you were aware of the "Vision Document" being prepared by the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service. My reason for asking, of course, was at that time I felt this document was being quietly prepared with very little knowledge of industry or government.

In the ensuing time period, I believe my worst fears are being realized, and it appears that this truly is developing into a creation by an association, if not a conspiracy, of preservationist-minded individuals and groups, both inside and outside the U.S. Government. This document is essentially a management plan for an enormous de facto enlargement of Yellowstone Park and virtually excludes multiple use concepts mandated by the U.S. Congress. As near as I can tell, inputs from various industry groups including mining, logging, agriculture, and oil and gas have been rebuked, and I am told that repeated attempts by the Department of Interior's U.S. Bureau of Mines to participate in the mineral input in this document have been totally rejected.

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Now we are informed that the document will be presented in a meeting on August 13th and 14th in Helena, Montana, and that along with the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee which authored the document, there will be presentations by preservationist groups such as the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and the Wilderness Society; however, comments from any industry organization will not be accepted at the meeting, nor will comments from anyone else be allowed in Helena. I might also add that ten days prior to this public presentation of a very far-reaching proposal, copies of the document have not yet been made available to most interested parties, and a printed Agenda is yet to be circulated, although we understand that it is "cast in stone" and will not be altered.

Secretary Lujan, I am very concerned that the evolution of this far-reaching document has been kept very quiet with virtually no participation from the general public and state and federal agencies such as the U.S. Bureau of Mines and the U.S.G.S. which would logically be expected to provide significant input into the mineral section. Yet at the same time, there has been obvious and significant involvement from preservationist groups whose position must rightly be heard but should also be balanced with other equally important views.

I urge you to look into this matter at once, and further urge you to exert whatever influence you can to delay the presentation of this document, encourage the involvement of other Federal agencies, and open the Agenda, when the document is presented, to all interested parties.

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Thank you very much for your interest in Montana and support of our fine Congressman Marlenee, and I hope that you will be able to help us with a very serious problem facing Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho.

Very truly yours,

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# GREATER YELLOWSTONE GOALS ARE NATURALNESS. SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WHERE HUMAN ACTIVITY IS TO HARMOHIZE WITH LANDSCAPE

Conserving a sense of naturalness and maintaining ecosystem integrity while providing for human activities that are biologically and economically sustainable are the major thrusts of a document released today by the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee.

The committee, composed of the managers of the area's six national forests and two national parks, is asking for public comment on the document, called a "Vision for the Future." It is the third and final round of comment on a Congressionally-inspired effort to have federal managers develop common goals to protect the unique resources of what has been described as the largest essentially intact ecosystem in the earth's temperate zones.

"These goals will emphasize conservation of the sense of naturalness and ecosystem integrity in the Greater Yellowstone Area while continuing to provide a diversity of livelihoods," according to Committee co-cheirs Lorraine Mintzmyer of the Department of the Interior's National Park Service and Gary Cargill of the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. "The goals introduce principles and processes that will establish the Greater Yellowstone Area as a world class model of multiple use and preservation of a complex resource base. Human activities are carried out so that they harmonize with, rather than intrude upon, the landscape."

The goals were distilled from an analysis of public comment on several draft goals that were released in December, 1989.

They strive to maintain the quality of the area's air, water and soils, maintain or improve biological diversity, manage historic and cultural resources for their scientific values, retain the world-renowned fish and wildlife values, protect wilderness values and ensure the integrity of geothermal systems.

At the same time, they would strive to provide quality recreational opportunities, a continuous supply of timber, improved range conditions for grazing and agriculture, and appropriate oil and gas and mineral development.

"The current draft document charts a new future for the Greater Yellowstone Area," said Cargill and Mintzmyer. "While honoring our traditional legislative mandates and principles, we are cooperating and communicating to an extent not previously experienced in our long histories."

Cargill and Mintsmyer emphasized that the vision document is a statement of principles, and does not make specific land allocation decisions, nor does it seek to change the separate missions of the national forests and national parks.

The managers said the principles provided by the completed vision document will be used as guidance in the creation of amendments to park and forest plans and provide a focus for action items carried in the vision document. The amendments will be documented under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, so that actual decision-making will occur under existing authorities and processes that govern each park and forest.

The draft document, "Vision for the Future, A Framework for Coordination in the Greater Yellowstone Area," may be obtained by writing Team Leader's Office, P.O. Box 2556, Billings, Montana, 59103. Comments will be accepted until October 14, 1990.

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