Our Shared Place: The Present and Future of Recreation in Greater Yellowstone

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The goal of the State of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem session was to present the results of Greater Yellowstone Coalition's inventory of recreational use. Do you think this goal was met?

- Strongly agree: 32%
- Agree: 65%
- Disagree: 3%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
The goal of the Why We Go Outdoors session was to highlight unifying values around outdoor recreation from different perspectives through storytelling. Do you think this goal was met?

- Strongly agree: 41%
- Agree: 57%
- Disagree: 3%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
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- Strongly agree: 35%
- Agree: 62%
- Disagree: 4%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
4. Place-Based Collaborations
Working on Balanced Solutions
The goal of the Why We Go Outdoors session was to highlight unifying values around outdoor recreation from different perspectives through storytelling. Do you think this goal was met?

- Strongly agree: 56%
- Agree: 44%
- Disagree: 0%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

(1/5)

- Backcountry skiing: 50%
- Bicycling on paved roads: 46%
- Boating: 42%
- Camping: 96%
- Climbing: 29%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)
(2/5)

- Cross-country skiing: 50%
- Driving for pleasure: 46%
- Fishing: 54%
- Gathering: 25%
- Hiking: 92%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

(3/5)

Horseback riding
- 4%

Hunting
- 21%

Mountain biking (single track/gravel road)
- 38%

Nature study
- 33%

Off-highway vehicle travel (OHVs)
- 8%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

Photography 54%
Paddling 42%
Picnicking 38%
Running 50%
Snowmobiling 13%
Multiple-choice poll (Multiple answers)

How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)
(5/5)

- Snowshoeing: 29%
- Target shooting: 13%
- Wildlife watching: 75%
- Other: 13%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

(1/5)

- Backcountry skiing: 73%
- Bicycling on paved roads: 59%
- Boating: 64%
- Camping: 100%
- Climbing: 32%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

Cross-country skiing 77%
Driving for pleasure 50%
Fishing 50%
Gathering 41%
Hiking 91%
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How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

- Photography: 64%
- Paddling: 50%
- Picnicking: 36%
- Running: 59%
- Snowmobiling: 5%
Multiple-choice poll (Multiple answers)

How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

(5/5)

- Snowshoeing: 18%
- Target shooting: 18%
- Wildlife watching: 82%
- Other: 18%
5. Recreation and Wildlife
The goal of the panel discussion Recreation and Wildlife was to share knowledge about what is working and isn't working around recreational access and keeping the lands, waters and wildlife of the GYE in good shape. Do you think this goal was met?

- Strongly agree: 25%
- Agree: 58%
- Disagree: 17%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
The goal of the panel discussion Recreation and Wildlife was to share knowledge about what is working and isn't working around recreational access and keeping the lands, waters and wildlife of the GYE in good shape. Do you think this goal was met?

- **Strongly agree**: 30%
- **Agree**: 70%
- **Disagree**: 0%
- **Strongly disagree**: 0%
6. Helping Agencies Face Challenges
The goal of the panel discussion Helping Agencies Face Challenges was to share knowledge about what is working and isn't working around recreational access and keeping the lands, waters and wildlife of the GYE in good shape. Do you think this goal was met?

- Strongly agree: 29%
- Agree: 71%
- Disagree: 0%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
The goal of the panel discussion Helping Agencies Face Challenges was to share knowledge about what is working and isn't working around recreational access and keeping the lands, waters and wildlife of the GYE in good shape. Do you think this goal was met?

- Strongly agree: 50%
- Agree: 50%
- Disagree: 0%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
7. The Good News about the Future of Recreation in Greater Yellowstone
The overarching goal of Our Shared Place was to bring together diverse interests to share knowledge and identify next steps toward building a vision around recreation planning in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Do you think this goal was met?

- Strongly agree: 30%
- Agree: 55%
- Disagree: 10%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
8. Looking to the Future
Reflect on your expectations of the symposium and your planned contributions. Do you think your expectations and planned contributions were met?

- Strongly agree: 15%
- Agree: 69%
- Disagree: 15%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
Feedback - Our Shared Place
Multiple-choice poll

Survey - Our Shared Place (1/18)

Do you think increasing recreational demands in Greater Yellowstone poses a conservation challenge?

- Strongly agree: 73%
- Agree: 27%
- Disagree: 0%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
To balance increasing recreational demands with conservation values, diverse interests at which levels should help identify solutions. (Select all that apply.)

- Local level: 82%
- Regional level: 73%
- State level: 73%
- Multi-state or ecosystem level: 91%
Our Shared Place identified numerous solutions that balance recreation and conservation values. What do you think are other viable next steps worth exploring?

(1/3)

- Centering Indigenous voices and their knowledge to support them to lead the way on best conservation efforts.
- I don’t think any real solutions were presented, it did highlight the magnitude of the problem we are dealing with though.
- We discussed a lot of programs and projects that would help solve our problems, but we need funding to implement these ideas. If we propose a project, we also need to propose ways to fund it. I think the most important next step is to engage recreationists in funding the many programs and projects we want to see implemented.
- No solution is viable without funding but that
Our Shared Place identified numerous solutions that balance recreation and conservation values. What do you think are other viable next steps worth exploring?

(2/3)

was rarely brought to light during the program.

- I disagree that numerous solutions were identified and shared. Although I appreciate the effort to foster an inclusive and constructive conversation, it came at the cost of discussing real challenges and real solutions.

- Continuing this conversation.

- Allowing people to share problems, solutions, questions.

You’ve created a community, now how to you keep them connected?!

- Getting the data; getting adequate funding; getting to shared use and dedicated spaces for wildlife

- Implementing Strategies for people recreating to
Our Shared Place identified numerous solutions that balance recreation and conservation values. What do you think are other viable next steps worth exploring?

- pay for use-pay to play
- County taxes for trail maintenance.... Jefferson County Colorado outside of Denver has done this successfully....
- More symposiums. Maybe some documentaries to spread awareness.
Survey - Our Shared Place (4/18)

Do you feel that a diverse group of interests and perspectives were represented at the symposium?

- Strongly agree: 36%
- Agree: 36%
- Disagree: 27%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
Open text poll

Survey - Our Shared Place (5/18)

What viewpoints and perspectives were missing at the symposium? (1/2)

- Solutions are going to be difficult to arrive at, and I think that an annual symposium should occur to keep agencies and these passionate individuals accountable. Basically, a guaranteed follow up is what was missing to make it feel like my time and input were valued.
- Sportsmen and motorized users were underrepresented.
- Future generations. Not enough Native people.
- Realistic solutions with an understanding of tradeoffs and costs.
- A diversity of human interests were well represented. Strong conservation perspectives were missing.
- Ranching, mining, timber. These are users we share the land with. By communicating our shared called for the same land we
What viewpoints and perspectives were missing at the symposium?
(2/2)

- Hunter and Angler’s were missing from the program artwork, from all but one panel, and from the standpoint of their model of user pays, user benefits.
- Horse and guiding reps
- Anglers and boaters
- Perhaps more backcountry skiers perspectives.

recognize we are stronger together. It is scary to think of what happens when the ranchers/grazers stop renewing their leases and sell their lands. Our valley's of wildlife corridors and connectivity will be subdivided and developed.
Survey - Our Shared Place (6/18)

How did you hear about the symposium? (Select all that apply.)

(1/2)

- E-newsletter: 18%
- Newspaper: 9%
- Social media: 27%
- Radio: 0%
- Television: 9%
How did you hear about the symposium? (Select all that apply.)

- Posters and flyers: 18%
- Website: 36%
- Word of mouth: 27%
- Other: 9%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

- Backcountry skiing: 55%
- Bicycling on paved roads: 45%
- Boating: 55%
- Camping: 100%
- Climbing: 9%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

Cross-country skiing: 64%
Driving for pleasure: 55%
Fishing: 45%
Gathering mushrooms, berries, firewood, etc.: 36%
Hiking: 100%
Survey - Our Shared Place (7/18)

**How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)**

(3/5)

- Horseback riding: 27%
- Hunting: 36%
- Mountain biking (single track / gravel & dirt roads): 45%
- Nature study: 45%
- Off-highway vehicle travel (OHVs): 27%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

Photography 45%
Paddling 64%
Picnicking 45%
Running 55%
Snowmobiling 27%
How do you recreate in the GYE? (Select all that apply.)

- Snowshoeing: 9%
- Targeting shooting: 9%
- Wildlife watching: 64%
- Other: 9%
What do you value most about the Greater Yellowstone region? (Select all that apply.) (1/3)

Biodiversity
- 91%

Cultural opportunities
- 27%

Economic and employment opportunities
- 9%

Educational opportunities
- 27%

Friends and family residing in the GYE
- 18%
What do you value most about the Greater Yellowstone region? (Select all that apply.)

- Hunting and/or fishing opportunities: 18%
- Opportunities for civic engagement: 0%
- Recreational opportunities: 82%
- Scenic beauty: 73%
- Sense of community: 36%
### Survey - Our Shared Place (8/18)

**What do you value most about the Greater Yellowstone region? (Select all that apply.) (3/3)**

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How would you identify yourself as a citizen of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem? (Select all that apply.) (1/3)

Advocate for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem 55%
Concerned citizen 36%
Conservation organization representative 36%
Elected official 0%
Government agency staff 9%
How would you identify yourself as a citizen of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem? (Select all that apply.)

News media/journalist: 9%
Nonprofit donor/supporter: 9%
Nonprofit staff: 55%
Recreation organization representative: 18%
Recreational user: 64%
How would you identify yourself as a citizen of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem? (Select all that apply.)

- Scientist/academic: 36%
- Student: 27%
- Other: 9%
Multiple-choice poll

Survey - Our Shared Place (10/18)

The price of the symposium was:

Too expensive 18%

Just right 73%

A great deal 9%
After attending the symposium, are you more apt to: (Select all that apply.)

- Help leaders make decisions around recreation issues: 80%
- Stay in touch with people you met: 70%
- Spread the word about recreation in the GYE: 40%
- Get more involved with MSU: 10%
- Get more involved with GYC: 40%
Survey - Our Shared Place (12/18)

What part of the symposium was your favorite?

1. The State of Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Recreation - 9%
2. Why We Go Outdoors: Storytelling - 18%
3. Luncheon and Keynote Address by Governor Steve Bullock - 0%
4. Changes in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem - 9%
5. Place-Based Collaborations - 18%
What part of the symposium was your favorite?

- Recreation and Wildlife: 9%
- Helping Agencies Face Challenges: 45%
- Dinner and Keynote Address by Florence Williams: 0%
- The Good News about the Future of Recreation in Greater Yellowstone: 18%
- Looking to the Future: 45%
What part of the symposium was your least favorite?

The State of Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Recreation
0%

Why We Go Outdoors: Storytelling
67%

Luncheon and Keynote Address by Governor Steve Bullock
33%

Changes in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
0%

Place-Based Collaborations
0%
What part of the symposium was your least favorite?

- Recreation and Wildlife: 0%
- Helping Agencies Face Challenges: 0%
- Dinner and Keynote Address by Florence Williams: 17%
- The Good News about the Future of Recreation in Greater Yellowstone: 33%
- Looking to the Future: 0%
Survey - Our Shared Place (14/18)

Were able to participate in the way that you wanted to?

- Strongly agree: 10%
- Agree: 50%
- Disagree: 40%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
Multiple-choice poll

Survey - Our Shared Place (15/18)

**Did you use Slido to participate?**

- **Yes**: 100%
- **No**: 0%
Multiple-choice poll

Survey - Our Shared Place (16/18)

Do you think the venue served the symposium well?

Strongly agree 82%

Agree 18%

Disagree 0%

Strongly disagree 0%
Survey - Our Shared Place (17/18)

Plate rate the food and beverages:

- Terrific: 27%
- Good: 64%
- Mediocre: 9%
- Poor: 0%
I would like diversity to be at the forefront of discussion on the greater topic of recreation and conservation. Diversity, when used as a stand-alone concept, means racial or ethnic diversity. It is an act of erasure to classify diversity in terms of types of recreation, which was done extensively throughout this conference. It erases the notion that people of color even exist. I would like GYC to implement this reality into all of its language and respect the existence of racial minorities by using this word specifically in terms of race and ethnicity. I would like to see people of color, ESPECIALLY Indigenous people, to not only be given a seat at the table from the beginning, but to be heavily respected and desired as authorities on the subject. Ms. González-Aller, Ms. Kim, and their entire organization
brought an incredibly needed conversation to the table, and that conversation needs to be eagerly continued within the GYC post-symposium. This symposium would not have had the richness, meaningfulness, or multitude of vital information without them. I would also like GYC to include people of differing abilities in this discussion from the beginning. It’s time to take a more inclusive worldview and think outside the box, think outside our own cultural lenses when running this organization and planning this event in the future.

- This symposium focused a lot on bringing together the many diverse voices of the GYE. However, sportsmen, motorized users, and horseback riders were underrepresented. While I
I appreciate that racial diversity is lacking, it sometimes seemed like this area dominated the conversation and there were very few proposed solutions for how to deal with this challenge. In addition, there was a lot of discussion about the problems and challenges facing the GYE and it did not seem that there were a wide range of proposed solutions. I would have liked all panelists to be challenged to identify 3 potential specific actions that could help solve the challenges (other than more conversation). While not all audience members would agree on these proposed solutions, it would have at least moved the conversation more towards solutions rather than continuing to re-iterate the same problems.

- Perhaps I was not the target audience but
i was hoping for more discussion on realistic solutions and ways to ensure future funding to enhance and maintain recreation opportunities.

- Their needs to be more time for conversation. For example, after the breakout sessions instead of doing a Q&A have the speakers go to tables for conversations instead.
- Hoped for more but tangible actions, strategies to address increased pressure on out wild lands and how to fund
- This is the perfect place to start the conversation...we all need continue this, adapt it as things change
- Thank you for having our school, it was quite enriching!