

Summary

NPS Winter Use Roving Team Meeting with Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance

Date: February 27, 2006

Location: JHCA Conference Room, Jackson, WY

Present: Gary Pollock, Denice Swanke, Jim Bellamy, Fred Smith, Tom Darin, Franz Cammenzind, Maria (intern)

1) Purpose agency/group or NPS gave for wanting a visit at this time:

- share information about modeling scenarios
- answer questions about the planning process and review project history as needed
- opportunity for dialogue

2) Results of this meeting and/or next steps:

NPS will return to Jackson for a previously scheduled Open House on March 16. JHCA remains interested in the winter use issue and process.

3) Points raised:

- The temporary plan seems to be working well.
- It is better to consider emissions per vehicle than per passenger mile.

4) Questions asked:

- What future monitoring does the NPS anticipate, i.e. after plan implementation?
- Are there increased monitoring needs in GRTE because of the lack of a commercial guiding requirement?
- Has there been analysis of social effects of various user groups, i.e. skiers/snowmobiles?
- Could NPS make the temporary plan permanent?
- Where does CDST use occur, and how much use?
- Is there data showing a reduction in snowmobile speeds under temporary plan?
- Is there a discrepancy between NPS employee perspectives and Secretary Norton's statements from her visit last winter? Or pressure to conform to her statement?
- What level of administrative use would be allowed under Scenario D?
- How would unguided use be allocated and administered?
- How would bison use of plowed roads effect vehicle traffic in Scenario I?

5) Parting Comments

This was a good opportunity to share information.