

# Winter Use Plan and EIS

## Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

### John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway



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#### PLANNING UPDATE

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a long-term plan for managing winter recreational use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. The initial public scoping phase of this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process closed on September 1, 2005. The next formal public comment opportunity will be when the Draft EIS (DEIS) is released in winter 2006-2007.

#### NEXT STEPS

Draft modeling reports for air quality, soundscapes, and socioeconomics are being finalized and posted to the winter use website. There will be a technical review period for each report before incorporation into the DEIS.

Also, draft monitoring reports are being posted to the website for technical review. These annual reports include the following subjects: wildlife, air quality, personal exposure, summer entrance employee air monitoring and soundscapes.

In late fall 2006, the NPS expects to have a preliminary DEIS available for technical review by cooperating agencies. The preliminary DEIS will be posted on the winter use website, and the NPS roving team may meet with the cooperating agencies. The roving team meeting(s) would allow cooperating agencies and stakeholders to hear from the NPS, and one another, about the preliminary Draft EIS and the overall winter use planning process and timeline.

Formal public review and comment of the DEIS is anticipated in winter 2006-2007.

#### Timeline

Draft EIS released with 60-day public comment.....	Winter 06/07
Proposed regulation with 60-day public comment.....	Winter 06/07
Final EIS.....	Fall 2007
Record of Decision.....	Fall 2007

#### INFORMATION ON WEBSITE

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/planvisit/winteruse/index.htm>

Recent website additions include both monitoring and modeling reports:

- A draft socioeconomics modeling report for technical review.
- A draft soundscapes monitoring report for technical review.
- Additional modeling and monitoring reports will be posted as they become available.

Please check the website regularly for updates.

**For more information, please visit:** [www.nps.gov/yell/winteruse.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/winteruse.htm)

You may also contact Yellowstone National Park at: 307-344-2019.