

Summary

NPS Winter Use Roving Team Meeting with Park County, WY

Date: 09/15/05

Location: County Commission Chambers, Cody, WY

Present: Tim French, John Sacklin, Kevin Schneider, Denice Swanke, Gary Pollock

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

An opportunity for dialogue about the Winter Use Plan and EIS process.

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

- Cadence will follow up with Tim regarding MOU finalization and any questions about the public participation plan.

3. Points raised:

- There is a lot of fatigue towards this process, especially related to time and money spent in the past.
- Don't restrict or eliminate the east entrance allocations based on one or two previous operators.
- Personal observation/opinion that snowmobile use doesn't appear to harass bison.

4. Questions asked:

- How did Yellowstone go from an allocation of 950 snowmobiles per day (which the county agreed to) to the current level of 720 per day?
- How are snowmobile allocations distributed among entrances, i.e. what is the allocation process and how many are currently allocated?

5. Parting comments/reflections:

- Valuable discussion.
- Better understanding of the legal status and history of the process.
- Need to maintain open communications.