

KLGO - My Green Park Video - Transcript

Narrator:

What is as cool as Glaciers? Electric vehicles powered by glaciers

The hydroelectric power plants in Skagway primarily use gravity rather than large man made reservoirs to generate electricity, resulting in highly sustainable electric power throughout the year with very little environmental impact and minimal greenhouse gas emissions.

Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park has been able to utilize this clean, green electricity to move forward with the goals set forth by the green parks plan to reduce the use of petroleum and lower greenhouse gas emissions through the use of electric vehicles

The Park currently owns 5 electric vehicles in its fleet including an electric step van, 4 Global Electric Motorcars or GEM's and one hybrid vehicle.

By replacing petroleum fueled vehicles with electric varieties the Park has reduced its consumption of gasoline by approximately 1480 gallons per year and cut CO₂ emissions by 28,955 lbs annually.

The greatest beauty of electric vehicles in Skagway is they are essentially powered by rain melting snow, and the surrounding glaciers of the coastal temperate rainforest in which Skagway is located

The presence of electric vehicles alone engage visitors in the efforts of the National Park Service to lower its environmental impact by reducing the use of fossil fuels and Park employees take every opportunity to answer visitor questions regarding the electric vehicle fleet.

Each GEM is also outfitted with placards posted clearly in the windows that answer the most commonly asked questions about these unique vehicles. These placards also provide information regarding Skagway's renewable source of energy and the savings in money, fossil fuel use and CO₂ emissions through by using electric vehicles

The hope of Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park is each visitor who has the opportunity to learn about our electric vehicles will walk away with the belief that this mode of transportation is truly as cool as the glaciers and waterfalls that power them.