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Yellowstone National Park

Non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program

Winter Use Draft Adaptive Management Plan

Public Meeting

West Yellowstone, Montana

August 10, 2015

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N-CGSAP Update

- Determine metrics of success for the Program to determine its impact on Yellowstone's resources
- Working group process
  - Met monthly for over a year

N-CGSAP Update

- Also discussed the “nuts and bolts” of implementing the program, including reservation and education systems
- Six indicators show how this program impacts park resources

What We're Already Monitoring

- The park already monitors snowmobile use through law enforcement indicators (citations and warnings)
- The final Rule stipulates that this program have no more impact on park resources than commercial groups

Suggested Metrics Goal 1:
Keeping Impacts Within the Range Predicted

- Monitor and compare these citations for commercial, administrative, and non-commercial snowmobile groups
  - Speed
  - Careless Operation
  - Leaving Designated Roads
  - Permit Violations
  - Impaired Driving
  - Wildlife Harassment

Suggested Metrics Goal 2:
Data Regarding Comparability

- This program focuses on comparing non-commercial vs. commercial vs. administrative travel

Suggested Metrics Goal 3:
Additional Social and Ecological Data

- There may be opportunities to gather further data using bison and social science data

Triggers and Mitigation Measures

- Too early to develop at this time

Winter 2014-2015 Results

- Currently analyzing law enforcement and course data
- Will release a first-year report on the program later this year