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Q1 Name of your organization.

Grand Teton National Park Foundation

Q2 Grant #

20170377

Q3 Grant Period

August 1, 2017 - July 31, 2018

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Moose
State	Wyoming

Q5 Name and Title of person completing evaluation.

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

Grand Teton National Park's (GTNP) visitors (estimated close to 5 million by year-end 2017) and 22 youth participants in the Youth Conservation Program (YCP) were served through this funding. Overall park visitation shows 54% range in age from 40-65, and 20% are under the age of 15. 43% of visitors come from 8 neighboring states; international visitors comprise 10% of the total. 4.8 million people visited Grand Teton in 2016.

Q9 Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. Use the following format: State the Goal: State Objective 1: Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 1: State Objective 2 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 2: State Objective 3 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 3:

The project goal was to creatively address GTNP's increasing need to improve trails and historic sites for a growing number of visitors in a manner that also helps the park build meaningful relationships with young people in hopes of developing a new generation of national park supporters, employees, and visitors.

2017 marked the twelfth consecutive season that Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) hosted the Youth Conservation Program (YCP). Having grown in size since its 2006 inception, from 13 to a record 22 full time crew members, YCP continued to uphold its core mission of creating in its members a dedication to land conservation and an appreciation for America's National Parks. YCP also achieved many other goals, most importantly, instilling a strong work ethic in each one of its members while providing them with valuable job skills and knowledge about the cultural and natural resources within majestic Grand Teton National Park.

The in-depth application process yielded a highly motivated and driven crew. The members came from across the country representing California, Idaho, Virginia, Colorado, Georgia, New York, Texas and Wyoming. Each member brought a unique regional perspective. Six of this year's YCP crew returned from last season, five were younger siblings of YCP alumni, while two of last year's YCP members were hired to the GTNP Trail Crew.

YCP completed every major trail project and other activities assigned for the 2017 season through the following.

2017 Accomplishments:

- 22 participants
- 7,200 hours worked
- 2,000 feet of trail benched in Webb Canyon/Fire Damage Trail Rehabilitation
- 76,500 pounds of rock moved for the Jenny Lake Inspiring Journeys project
- 1,245 drains cleaned, including 100 Webb Canyon trails
- 2,500 feet of new trail cut at LSR- Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve
- 22' foot-bridge constructed at LSR-Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve
- 200 miles of trail hiked per member
- 300 Acres of invasive species removal
- 31 hours of strength/flexibility training per participant
- 14 steps installed at Blacktail Ponds overlook
- 28 downed trees removed with cross-cut saw
- 280 feet of logs peeled for projects
- 150 feet of fence rails repaired on Lower Berry horse corral
- 1,000 feet of tread cut for horse by-pass trail on west side of Jenny Lake

The YCP year-end video may be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/237212113>

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Q10 Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.

We had budgeted \$196,701.33 for 20 youth and 22 youth were ultimately accepted to the program, increasing the program budget to \$206,836.42

Q11 How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

The unexpected budget increase of \$11,849 was covered by a gift from a new Foundation board member.

Q12 Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

See question 13 for positive outcomes.

Q13 Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

The YCP's 22 members in 2017 bring the program's total to 188 alumni over 12 years. As in prior years, participants met challenges every day, and overcame them through perseverance and team work. Hikes that pushed members to their limits at the beginning of the season became cakewalks by the end; trail tools that were foreign became familiar; strangers became friends; new t-shirts became stained with sweat and dirt; and a large swath of unfamiliar western land became Grand Teton National Park. That is to say that for these 22 young people, the picture of Grand Teton National Park is now fuller and clearer, they now know: the story of the Park's inception; some of the invasive species that threaten riparian areas and grasslands; the woodworking techniques used in the construction of historic cabins; the way Menor's Ferry was kept afloat long before there was a bridge in Moose; how Jenny Lake Rangers rescue stranded and injured hikers; how White Bark pine trees fight for their survival high on the flanks of the range, and how individuals in the National Park Service try to help; how to pack for an overnight trip in the backcountry; how the GTNP management leaders work hard with partners, such as the Grand Teton National Park Foundation to keep the wheels greased; the way water runs down a trail carrying sediment during snow melt; the way Teewinot looks just after sunrise.

The biggest lesson they learned however is what they are capable of. Aside from the predictable learning curves of working and living in the backcountry, sustained effort for ten hours a day, forty hours a week, was a foreign challenge for many at the outset. The YCP staff facilitated a half-hour mid-season evaluation conversation with every individual participant, with the goal of improving work performance for the whole crew. These conversations were highly productive. The effect of each individual striving for improvement felt exponential. Each individual effort to push through discomfort or boredom encouraged the team member next to them to keep pushing. The reward of the collective accomplishments proved well worth the effort. The YCP staff, Grand Teton National Park and Grand Teton National Park Foundation is very proud of these 22 young men and women for dedicating themselves to this challenging job, and continuing the YCP legacy of strong and meaningful work.

Thank you for the S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund's generous grant that helped fund YCP 2017. The work the youth accomplished will continue to make a significant impact on visitors to Grand Teton for years to come.

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Q14 Please provide a budget expenditure report of the approved line items. Include a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

As the primary fundraising partner of GTNP, the Foundation provides private funds annually to the park to cover all aspects of YCP, one of the main Foundation fundraising priorities. The overall YCP budget covers crew wages, instructor wages, uniforms, video, tools, wilderness first aid, and program administration. The \$68,275 grant funds from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund were used to support the following line items from the 2017 YCP season budget.

YCP participants/combined personnel payroll expense for participants (social security/Medicare/worker's comp/state unemployment tax)
22 participants x 40 hours/week x \$12 per hour x 10 weeks = \$115,251.84 (Gimbel funds covered \$61,698.05).

Wilderness First Aid Training

22 participants x 191.99 = \$4,223.78 (Gimbel funds covered \$1,919.90).

Tools, Safety Equipment and Tools

22 participants x \$465 = \$10,230 (Gimbel funds covered \$1,657.55 that included the purchase of 5 axes \$403.30, 5 McLeod tools \$410.25, 5 shovels \$165.85, 5 loppers \$147.25, 7 folding saws \$180.95, and one water purifier \$349.95)

Vehicle Rental

22 participants x \$100 = \$4,400 (Gimbel funds covered \$2,000)

Year-End Video

\$2,000 (Gimbel funds covered \$1,000)

Total: \$68,275

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

"The Bear Trail" at the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve

In a good berry year, bears descend upon the bountiful crop that can be found on the popular Lake Creek Trail just a few hundred feet from the Laurance S. Rockefeller Visitor Center in Grand Teton National Park. This has caused inconvenient trail closures in past years, and the YCP implemented a solution this year: construction of a half-mile alternate route around some of the hottest ursine berry harvest spots in the park. In August, the crew was well-seasoned, in shape, had a sound understanding of trail layout, and was eager for a project. This meant that a flag line transformed quickly into a well-constructed and beautiful trail! So from now on, when the berries are going off, the bears can be left to enjoy them, while visitors enjoy the new "Bear Trail."

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

Trail Maintenance

Possibly the single most important trail maintenance task assigned to the crew was digging and maintaining the thousands of drainage features installed throughout the park's trail system. Because the YCP is such a commanding force, they are able to clean and maintain an impressive number of drains. This year's crew hiked hundreds of miles, around many of the park's lakes, both high and low elevation and deep into Granite, Open, Death, Paintbrush, Cascade, Webb, and Owl Canyons, attaining heights near 10,000 feet in their quest to mitigate the erosive forces of water! All told, the crew maintained 1,245 drains this season!

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

“Ranger Day” with the Jenny Lake Climbing Rangers

A YCP tradition for several years, Ranger Day is perhaps the highlight of the season. Grand Teton’s elite Jenny Lake Climbing Rangers roll out the red carpet for the YCP, staffing a wide variety educational talks and activities. The crew learned a whole host of things including: what a Jenny Lake Ranger’s job entails, how the rangers train and prepare, how to stabilize and litter a patient in the backcountry, mechanical advantage on short-haul evacuations, climbing techniques, and helicopter operations. The Rangers coordinated the day so that it coincided with helicopter training, which gave the YCP crew an opportunity to get a close look at a helicopter, meet the pilot and watch as Teton Interagency Helitack crew members secured themselves to a short haul line and were carried into the air! As if that wasn’t enough, backcountry rangers prepared a cookout so fantastic it drew staff from all over the park. GTNP Superintendent David Vela came by for a burger and to be a part of the day! This event helps make the YCP crew members feel a part of the bigger picture in Teton Park, bringing together multiple divisions for an informative and inspiring day.

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization. **Environmental**
Please choose only one.

Q19 What is the organization's primary program area of interest? **Environment/Environmental**

Q20 Percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100%
All Ethnicities **100**

Q21 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each age category.
Youth ages 13-18 **50**
Young Adults (18-24) **50**

Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds. **Respondent skipped this question**

Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group. **Respondent skipped this question**

Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.
Students **100**