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**Subject:** Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Greater Yellowstone Area Ecosystem

**To:** Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, and IITF Director

We are excited to transmit the first comprehensive greenhouse gas emission inventory report completed in the Forest Service, and also the first pilot under our Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Leaders agreement. This inventory quantifies greenhouse gas emissions from our operations in the six national forests in the Greater Yellowstone Area. The information can be found at the Sustainable Operations Website:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/sustainableoperations/climate-change-greenhouse-gas-inventories.shtml>

There are six other pilot projects under the EPA Climate Leaders agreement that will benefit from this inventory report and database (greenhouse gas calculator tool). A document detailing lessons learned will be shared with the other pilots as they work to conduct their inventories. Subsequently, once all pilots have been completed, the Agency will then be able to create a template for inventorying and addressing our greenhouse gas emissions at a corporate scale.

Since addressing the impacts of climate change is one of our top priorities, understanding our own impacts is a critical step towards strengthening the link between our role as caretakers of public lands and the resources we use. The Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee is to be commended for completing their inventory and can now seek specific ways to implement collective actions across three federal agencies to reduce our greenhouse gas footprint. We believe this is groundbreaking work that will serve as a model for other agencies and ecosystems as well.

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