

Wireless Telecommunications Committee Annual Report for Calendar Year 2019

*Yellowstone National Park
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019*

The purpose of the Telecommunications Committee is to:

1. Receive and address requests for wireless service.
2. Ensure proposals adhere to the wireless communications plan.
3. Make recommendations to the Superintendent regarding any action to be taken.

	Proposals Received	Date Received	Recommendation	Superintendent
1	Teton Communications ROIP Land Mobile Radio at Roosevelt Corrals	05/08/2019	Approve	Approve
2	Teton Communications ROIP Land Mobile Radio at Grant Village	08/19/2019	Deny	Denied

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Public comments were collected and considered throughout the scoping and planning process for the Wireless Communications Services Plan Environmental Assessment (EA). In lieu of public meetings, the NPS provides this annual report, available to the public, which includes; a list of proposals received/reviewed by the Wireless Telecommunications Committee (WTC), recommendations from the WTC to the Superintendent, action taken by the Superintendent, and a summary of each proposal. The Committee consists of four representatives from Park Planning, Resource Management, and Telecommunications and is led by the Supervisory Telecommunications Specialist.

Summary of Proposals Received:

1 Teton Communications ROIP Land Mobile Radio at Roosevelt Corrals

Teton Communications is a vendor provides two-way radio communications systems and subscriber units to support the operations of Concessions 077 contract holder, Xanterra Parks and Resorts. In 2019 Xanterra Parks and Resorts' IT Director proposed a replacement of the antenna at the Roosevelt Horse Operations Ticket Office to improve communications for horse and stagecoach rides. Better communications enhance public safety and allows Xanterra to better serve park visitors. The proposed tower and antenna would not have a significantly higher profile than the existing antenna and the Committee recommended that the Superintendent approve the request.

2 Teton Communications ROIP Land Mobile Radio at Grant Village

In 2019 Xanterra Parks and Resorts' IT Director proposed a replacement of the antenna at the Grant Village Registration Building to improve communications for lodging and security staff in the area. Better communications enhance public safety and allows Xanterra to better serve park visitors. The proposed 60-foot tower and antenna at the back of the registration building was too visible to the visiting public and the Committee recommended that Teton Communications propose an alternative location.