

Wireless Telecommunications Committee Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023

*Yellowstone National Park
January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023*

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 |
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| 1 | AT&T Mobility; Mt. Washburn Right of Way Permit (renewal) | 2/15/2023 | Approve | Approved 2/22/2023 |
| 2-10 | Xanterra Parks & Resorts; Wi-Fi Access Points for Administrative Use | 3/8/2023 | Approve | Approved 4/15/2023 |
| 11 | Yellowstone General Stores; replace Internet Service | 12/28/2022 | Approve | Approved 7/24/2023 |
| 12 | STGI Medical Clinics; replace Internet Service | 1/5/2023 | Approve | 7/24/2023 |

Recommended:

Bret De Young

Wireless Committee Chair

Signature

Date

Approved:

Cam Sholly

Superintendent

Signature

Date

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: AT&T – Mt. Washburn 10-year Right of Way Permit (renewal)

AT&T requested a renewal of their existing right-of-way (ROW) on Mount Washburn for another ten years. A new land valuation appraisal and use and occupancy fee determination was completed and the Intermountain Regional Director Signed the new 10-year ROW.

2-10: Xanterra Parks & Resorts – Wi-Fi access points for administrative use

Xanterra Parks and Resorts proposed additional Wi-Fi access points, for administrative use, with no public access to the internet. The Committee determined that the requests were consistent with Yellowstone’s Wireless Communications Services Plan.

2. Old Faithful Inn – Dining Room host station, behind Front Desk, Gift Shop Managers office, Housekeeping office and Food & Beverage Operations
3. Old Faithful Warehouse – Food and Beverage Warehouse, Maintenance office and break room
4. Madison – Campground registration manager’s office and trailer.
5. Grant – Campground registration and camper services managers offices, Dining Room host stand, Food & Beverage Operations, Grayling Employee Dorm, Maintenance Managers office, Housekeeping managers office and A & E Lodge Conference Rooms.
6. Lake Village – RV park managers office, Fishing Bridge manager’s office, Bridge Bay counting room, gas dock utility closet, Teal, and Trumpeter employee dorms.
7. Lake Hotel – Human Resources office, housekeeping cabin office, Food & Beverage Operations, Maintenance Managers office, Dining Room host stand, Front Desk Managers office, Gift Shop Managers office, Annie Conference Room, Zillah room for regional operations managers office, counting room and employee training room.
8. Lake Lodge – counting room, employee recreation hall, Food & Beverage Operations & Warehouse, IT Telecommunications room, Gift Shop Managers office, Lake Security cabin, Employee Pub and Housekeeping cabin.
9. Canyon – Campground Registration Building employee only hallway, IT Room, Food & Beverage Operations, Human Resources office, Employee Pub, Housekeeping offices & cabins, maintenance managers office, Warehouse and managers office, Washburn Lodge Front Desk, Network Switch cabinet in Cascade Lodge, Corral ticket booth, Wranglers office and winter keepers' residence.
10. Roosevelt – Front Desk, Food and Beverage managers office, storekeepers' office, boiler room, controller's office, corral ticket office, Wranglers office, Human Resources/Operations managers cabins and gift shop.

11: Internet at Yellowstone General Stores for administrative use

Delaware North proposed to replace their HughesNet internet service provider (ISP) with Starlink ISP for administrative and employee use at the following locations. Public access to the internet will not be available. The Committee determined that the requests were consistent with Yellowstone’s Wireless Communications Services Plan.

- Old Faithful General Store (Upper)
- Grant Village General Store
- Fishing Bridge General Store
- Canyon Village General Store

Delaware North proposed to replace their existing CenturyLink ISP with Starlink ISP for administrative and employee use at the following locations. Public access to the internet will not be available. The Committee determined that the requests were consistent with Yellowstone’s Wireless Communications Services Plan.

- Old Faithful Basin Store
- Grant Village Mini Store
- Bridge Bay Marina Store
- Lake Village General Store
- Canyon Village Adventure Store

12: Internet at STGI Medical Clinics for administrative use

Yellowstone’s medical services provider, STGi, proposed to replace their existing CenturyLink ISP with Starlink ISP for administrative use at the following locations. Public access to the internet will not be available. The Committee determined that the requests were consistent with Yellowstone’s Wireless Communications Services Plan.

- Mammoth Clinic
- Lake Clinic
- Old Faithful Clinic