

Wireless Telecommunications Committee Annual Report for Calendar Year 2024

*Yellowstone National Park
January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024*

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 Signed
1.Xanterra Parks & Resorts (Roosevelt administrative and employee use)	1/30/2024	Approve	3/4/2024
2.Verizon Wireless (Canyon Equipment Upgrade)	2/1/2024	Approve	3/4/2024
4.Verizon Wireless (Lake/Fishing Bridge Equipment Upgrade)	2/1/2024	Approve	3/6/2024
3.Xanterra Parks & Resorts (Roosevelt administrative use)	2/2/2024	Approve	3/4/2024
5. Anthem Broadband (West Yellowstone, NPS Employee Residences)	2/21/2024	Approve	3/4/2024
6.Xanterra Parks & Resorts (Madison; Administrative use)	2/28/2024	Approve	3/6/2024
7. Yellowstone General Stores (OF, GV, Lk, FB, CNY, and Tower Employee Dorm use)	3/17/2024	Approve	3/22/2024
8.Verizon Wireless (Grant Village Equipment Upgrade)	5/15/2024	Approve	5/23/2024
9.Xanterra Parks & Resorts / Access Parks (Lake Hotel & Old Faithful Inn for guest use)	7/16/2024	Pending	

Summary of Proposals Received:

1 & 3: Xanterra Parks & Resorts – Roosevelt Administrative and Employee Use

Xanterra proposed to install wi-fi for administrative and employee use at the Roosevelt Lodge, offices, and employee cabins. Password/captive portal prohibits visitor access.

2; 4 & 8: Verizon Wireless – Equipment Upgrades at Canyon, Lake/Fishing Bridge & Grant Village

Verizon proposed radio and antenna upgrades at Canyon Village, Lake/Fishing Bridge and Grant Village cell sites. All equipment mounted on sectors facing developed areas. The sectors facing backcountry and recommended wilderness will remain vacant.

5.: Anthem Broadband – Install Wi-Fi services to NPS employee residences

The NPS asked Anthem (Northwest Datacom) to install 100Mbps Wi-Fi services to six new National Park Service employee residences located in West Yellowstone, Montana, in the housing area at Sky Rim Loop.

6: Xanterra Parks & Resorts – Madison Administrative Use

Xanterra proposed to install Starlink WiFi internet for administrative use. Password/captive portal prohibits visitor access.

7: Yellowstone General Stores/Delaware North – OF, GV, Lake/FB, CNY and Tower Dorms

Delaware North proposed to replace their HughesNet internet service provider (ISP) with Starlink ISP for administrative and employee use at the following locations. Password/captive portal prohibits visitor access.

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

9.: Xanterra Parks & Resorts – Lake Hotel and Old Faithful Inn, for visitor/guest use

Xanterra proposed to install Wi-Fi for guest/visitor use at the Lake Hotel and Old Faithful Inn in partnership with Access Parks. The Yellowstone Wireless Communications Services Plan does not authorize public WiFi in the Lake Hotel or the Old Faithful Inn.

Recommended:

Bret De Young

Wireless Committee Representative Signature

Date

Approved:

Cameron H. 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.