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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

From: P.J. White, Wildlife Biologist, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Correction – 2006 Winter Use (Wildlife) Report

The 2006 report (White et al. 2006), which summarized behavioral response studies of bald eagles, bison, elk, and trumpeter swans during 2003-2006, contains a recommendation to “[c]ontinue to conduct winter recreational activities in a in predictable manner with OSV traffic levels at or below those observed during the last 3 years of our study (i.e., <50,000 over-snow visitors).”

The phrase “<50,000 over-snow visitors” is incorrect and the recommendation should be amended to read “[c]ontinue to conduct winter recreational activities in a predictable manner with OSV [over-snow vehicle] traffic levels at or below those observed during the last 3 years of our study.”

Literature Cited:

White, P.J., T. Davis, J.J. Borkowski, R.A. Garrott, D.P. Reinhart, and D.C. McClure. 2006. Behavioral Responses of Wildlife to Snowmobiles and Coaches in Yellowstone. Unpublished report, Center for Resources, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.