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The Deer River Ranger District on the Chippewa National Forest won the 2009 White House **Closing the Circle Award** for its “Extreme Makeover: Ranger District Edition” DVD, which shows how the district made changes to reduce their environmental footprint and reduce costs. This award recognizes outstanding achievements of Federal employees and their facilities for efforts which resulted in significant contributions to, or have made a significant impact on, promoting environmental stewardship.

The WO Green Team incorporated the DVD into its **Earth Day** celebrations. See Rene Cochise, S&PF, Coop-forestry Staff, rcochise@fs.fed.us to reserve a DVD copy.

For more information on the Chippewa’s story, visit [Sustainable Operations Extreme Makeover](#).

Greater Yellowstone Area Completes Green House Gas Inventory

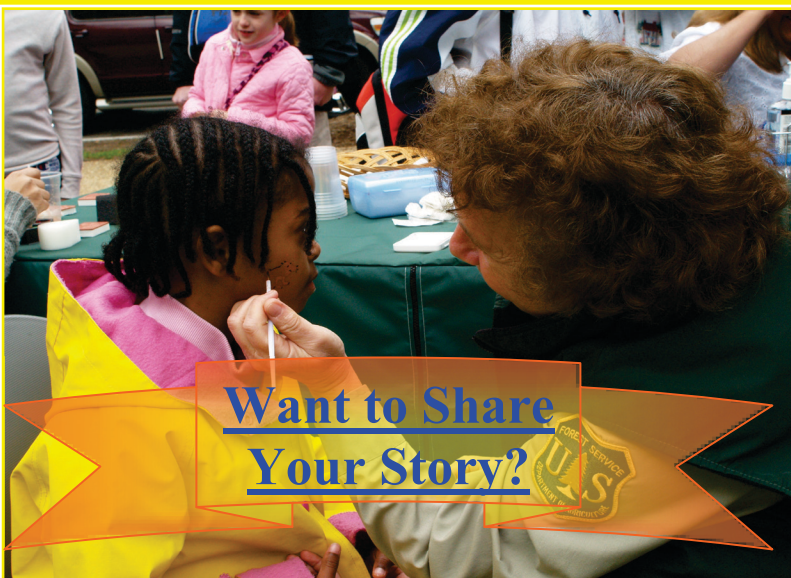
- Collectively the six National Forests in the Greater Yellowstone Area have completed the first anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory under our agency-wide EPA Climate Leader’s agreement.
- This pilot has identified numerous opportunities for improvement in our data collection systems.
- This work connects directly with several of the goals under the Agency’s Climate Change Framework.

What are Greenhouse Gases?

- Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere, occur naturally and are emitted to the atmosphere through natural processes and human activities

What is a Green House Gas Inventory?

- Record of the amount of green house gases emitted to or removed from the atmosphere over a specific period of time



The Forest Service participated in **Earth Day 2009** activities with **USDA’s Farm to Fork Festival** outside of the Jamie L. Whitten Building. The focus of this year’s event was the opening of USDA’s “People’s Garden”, Growing Healthy Food, People and Communities. The FS booth focused on pollinators, monarch live butterflies, climate change and Woodsy Owl. We had exhibits, posters, pamphlets and face painting which was a big highlight for visiting children and adults as well as the appearance of Woodsy Owl.