

# Yellowstone National Park: July 16 -17, 2008

Even prior to its designation as a National Park in 1872, Yellowstone was recognized for its richness of species and habitat. Tourists generally respect the park's boundaries, but wildlife continues to use the greater Yellowstone ecosystem, sometimes roaming outside the park to find winter feeding or breeding grounds. With the resurgence of brucellosis in cattle and depredation by reintroduced wolves, Yellowstone is at the center of the debate over how to best manage wildlife.

Researchers met with Rick Wallen, Yellowstone's bison biologist, and then traveled to Bozeman to talk with Ben Lamb of the Montana Wildlife Federation and Amy McNamara and Barb Ciserno from the Greater Yellowstone Coalition.



Yellowstone Lake



Boiling River, Yellowstone National Park



Meeting with Rick Wallen, bison biologist for Yellowstone National Park