



**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD**

**This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications.** This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS)'s intention to fund a Task Agreement against an existing Master Agreement.

| <b>ABSTRACT</b>                          |                                                                          |
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| <b>Funding Announcement</b>              | NPS-NOIP15AC01304                                                        |
| <b>Project Title</b>                     | National Park Service- Mobile Tracking of Lake Trout on Yellowstone Lake |
| <b>Recipient</b>                         | Montana State University                                                 |
| <b>Total Anticipated Award Amount</b>    | \$90,017                                                                 |
| <b>Cost Share</b>                        | <i>None Required</i>                                                     |
| <b>Anticipated Length of Agreement</b>   | Through 8/31/19                                                          |
| <b>Anticipated Period of Performance</b> | Through 8/31/19                                                          |
| <b>Award Instrument</b>                  | Cooperative Agreement (task award)                                       |
| <b>Statutory Authority</b>               | <i>54 U.S.C. §100703, Cooperative Study Units</i>                        |
| <b>CFDA # and Title</b>                  | <i>15.945, Cooperative Research &amp; Training Programs</i>              |
| <b>Point of Contact</b>                  | Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist                             |

**OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT**

The Montana State University (MSU) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to identify precise location, including UTM's and depth, of each tagged individual lake trout weekly, preferably daily, throughout the summer and fall seasons (June-October), identify timing and location of spawning activities of tagged lake trout, relay location data daily to NPS and contracted suppression crews and to synthesize movement data to further inform suppression efforts of movement corridors or diel patterns.

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service (NPS) is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. NPS staff will assist with the recipient in describing the goals, jointly developing the scope and the activities to be accomplished. This must be combined with other substantial

involvement, such as providing technical assistance or any of the statements listed below, that goes beyond Federal stewardship responsibilities and will assist the recipient in selecting projects, provide orientation to park resources, oversee assignments, teach new skills, distribute tools and equipment and provide technical assistance and safety training.

**NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:**

The cooperator is a member of an established Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network, and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (P14AC00749) allowing MSU to participate in specific tasks, and can provide the necessary activities involved in this particular task while providing an effective outcome for the National Park Service and the research and/or education project. Three members of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network were considered for this award and the MSU was selected based on the organizations long history with Yellowstone Lake and to maintain consistency in the research program of the Lake.