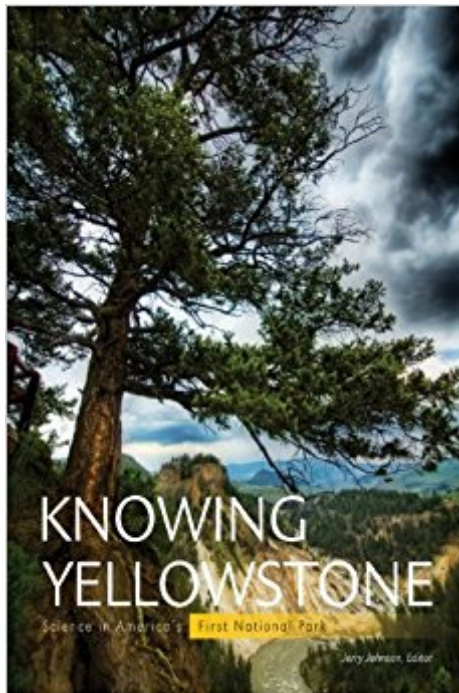




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Presently in Yellowstone there are almost 200 active research permits that involve over 500 investigators, but only a small fraction of this scientific work is reported in the popular press. Furthermore, the results are mixed and frequently confusing to the general public. The intent of this book is to explain both the general issues associated with the region and how science is done to understand those issues, from wolf and grizzly bear research to thermal activity. It further describes how science informs policy in the Greater Yellowstone Region, how scientists from an array of disciplines do their work, and finally, how the nature of that work enables or limits future plans for managing the park and surrounding lands.

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This book is a great addition to my Yellowstone library. The book is written in technical science terms, yet is understandable and concise. The topics covered range from microbiology to wolf/elk

ecology, grizzly bears and politics concerning the park. I especially enjoyed the organization of the book, each chapter focuses on one topic and one topic alone, delving into each researcher's methodology and results. Each chapter has a different tone, tailored by each researcher, in their own voice - not just an amalgam of reports mashed into a book and compiled by one person and re-written in their own words. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants an in-depth rundown of recent and on-going research in Yellowstone. It definitely makes clear that researchers there work hard to help conserve the jewel that is Yellowstone.

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