

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Camp Davis Mess Hall Replacement

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

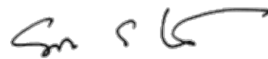
Background:

Established in 1929, the Camp Davis Rocky Mountain Field Station is a research and teaching facility owned by the University of Michigan and operated by the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. Located approximately thirty miles south of Jackson, Wyoming (see attached map), the 120-acre facility offers courses in geology, environmental science, and the humanities, and is also used for academic conferences, alumni gatherings, and guest programs. The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts proposes to demolish the camp's existing outdated mess hall and adjacent ancillary facilities, which are nearly 100 years old and no longer adequately meet the needs of the camp. In their place, a new one-story, approximately 5,000-gross-square-foot dining hall will be constructed to provide modern food preparation and dining space for students and visitors. In addition, a new one-story, approximately 1,800-gross-square-foot administrative/classroom facility will be built to provide office space for staff and a teaching space for environmental studies. This building will also include approximately 1,100 gross square feet of basement space for equipment storage. The project scope includes upgrades to the electrical, water supply, and septic systems necessary to support the new facilities. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$9,200,000. Funding will be provided from College of Literature, Science, and the Arts resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of Krikor Architecture will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2027.

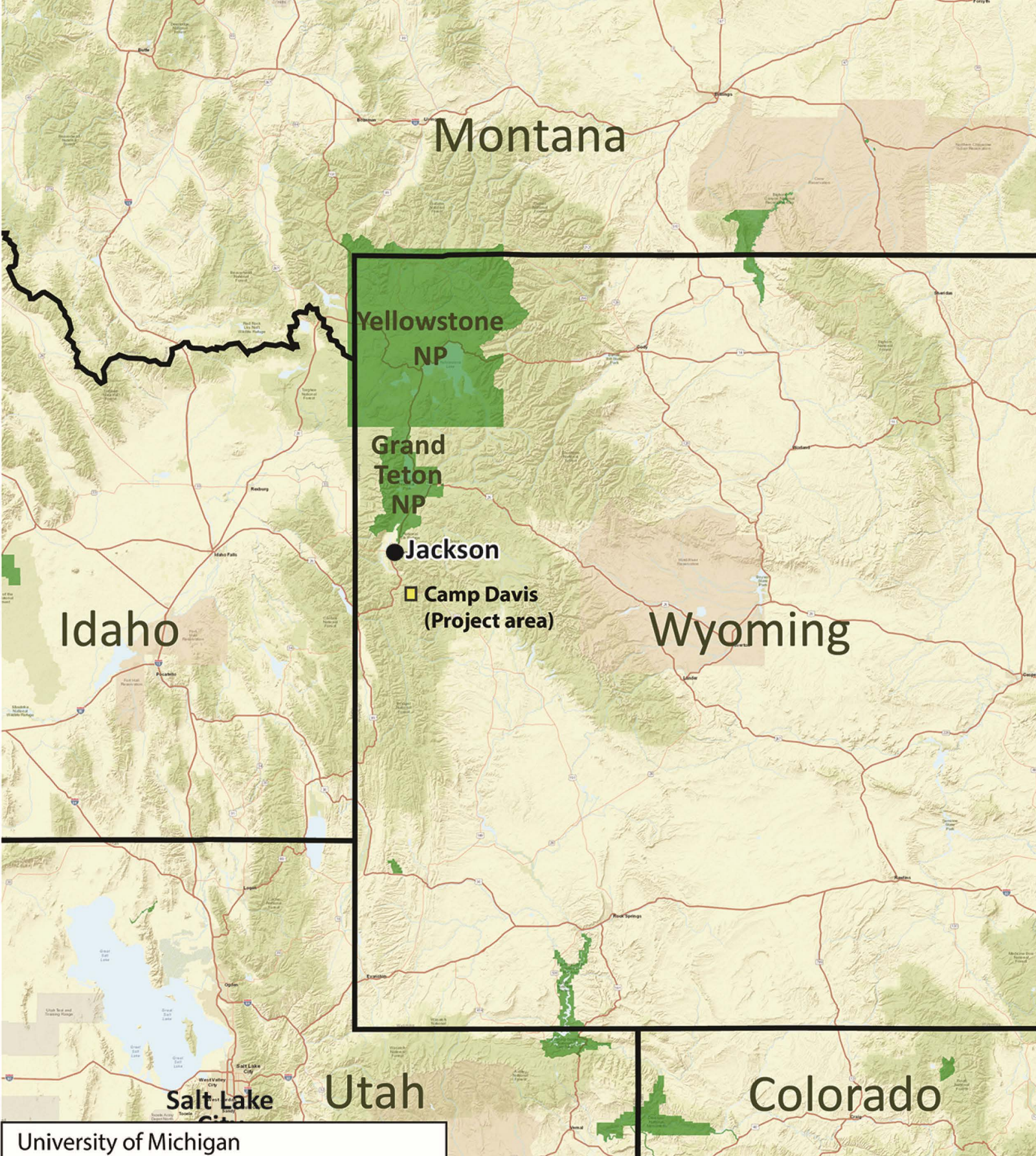
We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Camp Davis Mess Hall Replacement project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Attachment



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 **Camp Davis (Project area)**

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