

INTERAGENCY GRIZZLY BEAR COMMITTEE – IGBC
Bitterroot Ecosystem Subcommittee
May 5, 2015

Location: Northern Regional Office Federal Building, 200 East Broadway, Missoula, MT

In Attendance:

Eric Graham	MT FWP R-2/Blackfoot Challenge
Erin Edge	Defenders of Wildlife
Scott Jackson	USFS – Regional Office
Ryan Domsalla	West Fork District Ranger, Bitterroot NF
Ellen Davis	USFS/IGBC
Courtney Bennett	University of Montana
Jamie Dunn	UM Undergrad
Jamie Jonkel	MT FWP R2
Chris Servheen	USFWS Grizzly Bear Recovery Team
Colleen Matt	WMI
Jennifer Fortin	University of MT
Fred Weisbecker	Bitterroot BCH and Bear Aware
Tod McKay	Bitterroot NF
Julie King	Bitterroot Forest sup, Subcommittee Chair

Welcome and introductions – Overview of Last Meeting Notes – Julie King Chair

A review of past camera and hair snare surveys in the Clearwater and MRDG for Grizzly Bear Monitoring stations in wilderness – Chris Servheen

Chris gave a power point presentation to the group which is attached.

We also briefly discussed a meeting that had been held earlier with Michelle Windsor, Chris Servheen, Julie King, and Carol Hennessey to get a Minimum Requirements Decision Guide document put together for the Regional Forester to review for installing camera or hare snare stations in wilderness. Results will be shared with the committee when a decision is made by the Regional Forester.

I&E update – New Education Products - Colleen Matt

Colleen presented a powerpoint update to the group which is attached.

Grizzly Bear Information/Education Working Group – Bitterroot Ecosystem -Tod McKay
Tod shared a handout with the group on progress with the grant money the Bitterroot Ecosystem Subcommittee received for various projects. (will add particulars and handout)

Large IGBC meeting highlights -Ellen Davis

Ellen announced that Wyoming will be the host of the IGBC website. Also she gave updates on the winter IGBC meeting and the executive committees review of the 5 year action plans and efforts to get things back in sync since they expired in 2014.

The Grizzly Conservation Fund was discussed and how Agencies can best collaterally manage the funds for projects. The State Agencies contribute "in kind" support to projects and the federal entities contribute funds to the projects. Ellen will be putting together a report to show how it all works.

Bear Resistant testing is a big program and involves certification letters and numbers and there is currently a backlog to complete. Patty Soka has been recruited to help with this effort.

The winter meeting notes are all on the IGBC website <http://www.igbconline.org/>

Updates:

– Erin Edge and Jamie Jonkel

Recognition was given to Felstet Disposal and Max Bauer for their efforts and success in utilizing bear resistant containers and methods in dealing with trash disposal and education and awareness. Beautiful bronze grizzly bear foot print plaques with citations were made and awarded to the recipients.

Erin asked about projects for about \$4500 to spend on BE projects this summer and more fence was discussed for a portion of it. If there are any further projects to consider please let Erin know as soon as possible.

**** Meeting was adjourned ****