

IGBC Update – Summer 2016



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IGBC Website

IGBC Requested Changes:

- More intuitive content organization
- Better search functionality

WMI Goals:

- Easier to administer
- Reduce cost

IGBC Website

Changes made:

- 2016 Switched Platforms & Hosts
- New website by Design Missoula

Results:

- Reduced cost by \pm \$1000/yr
- <http://igbconline.org/>

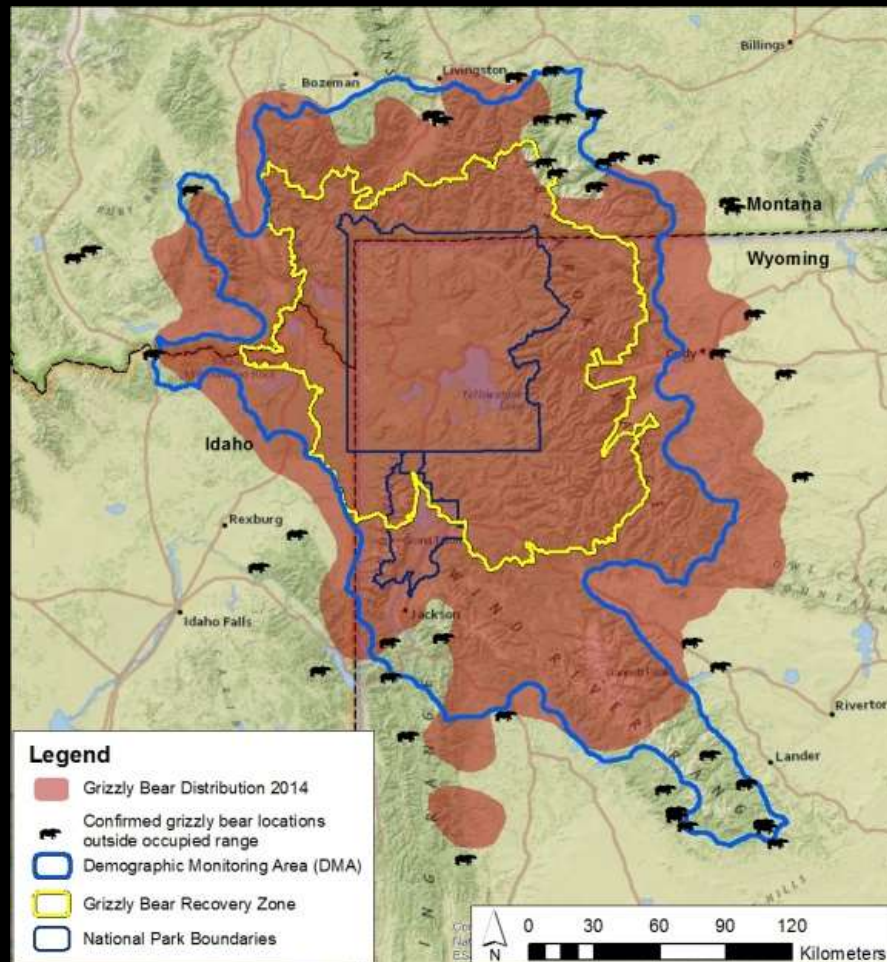
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How it works:

- WMI manages content
- Updates content regularly (\pm weekly)
- Need input from your I&E staff
- Feedback/Contact: Colleen Matt
 - colleenamatt@gmail.com
 - 406-721-3944

Southwest Montana Bear Safety Education Program

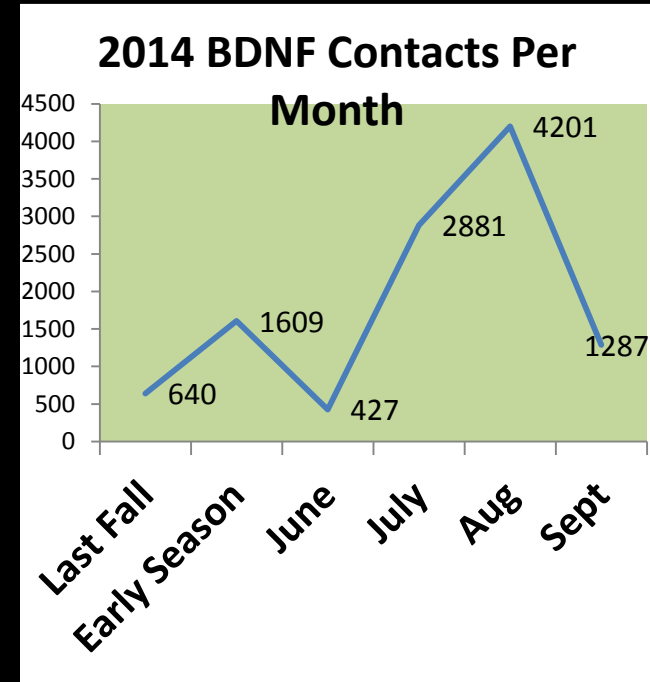




Grizzly bear and human populations are expanding in SW Montana, increasing the potential for bears and people to come into conflict.

Challenges

- Limited full-time staff
- Inconsistent funding
- Employee turnover
- Potential for Inconsistent messaging





Program Needs

- Consistent bear safety education messaging
- Year- round public outreach to:
 - Hunters in the field
 - Southwest Montana schoolchildren
 - Springtime visitors and residents during spring when bears are emerging from their dens



Southwest Montana Bear Safety Education Working Group

- **US FOREST SERVICE**
- **MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**
- **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY**
- **PEOPLE AND CARNIVORES**
- **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE**

Program Goals:

- Increase human safety and reduce human-bear conflict in Southwest Montana
- Consistent messages
- Year-round, proactive program
- Demonstrate successful model



Program Approach:

- Two-year pilot program
- Position held by WMI
- Co-located in Custer-Gallatin NF Office



Accomplishments to date:

Raised \$122,500:

- Centennial Valley Assn./FWS - \$50,000
- MOLF - \$30,000
- FWP - \$20,000
- Vital Ground - \$10,000
- B-D NF - \$5,000
- Cinnabar Foundation 3000
- People & Carnivores - \$2,000
- RMEF \$2,500



Need \$38,000 more

Accomplishments to date:

Developed consistent messages

Provided training to:

- 14 USFS heli-base firefighters
- 3 new bear technicians
- 69 camp hosts, recreation volunteers and USFS recreation personnel
- 27 USFS seasonal employees

Hired coordinator

- Coordination meeting scheduled 6/30

IGBC – WMI Cooperative Agreement

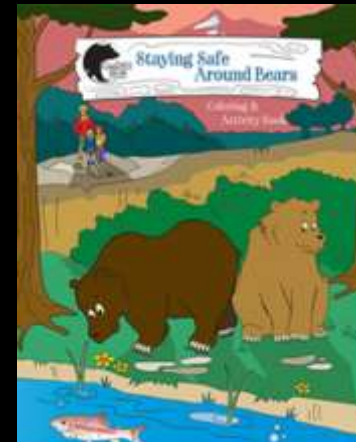


IGBC – WMI Cooperative Agreement

- Five-year term: 2011 – 2016
- Base Funding:
 - 2011 & 2012 - \$40,000
 - 2013 – 2015 - \$51,400
- Grant Funding: varies annually
- WMI's Contribution:
 - ≥50% of cost of C. Smith's time
 - Indirect capped at 10%
 - Other funds raised > \$75,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011 - 2016

- Comprehensive I,E&O Strategy
 - Analyzed issues and needs in each ecosystem
 - Provided specific recommendations for each ecosystem
- Updated education materials:
 - Bear Safety brochure
 - Bear Spray brochure
 - Coloring book
 - “Living With Wildlife” series



ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011 - 2016

Enhanced Capacity of Bear-Resistant Container Testing Program:

- Revenue sharing agreement signed with GWDC
- 50% of testing fees allocated to WMI
- Revenue to WMI to date: \$15,925
- Funding 60:40, private:IGBC



ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011 - 2016

- Videos:



- New IGBC Website
- Administered multiple I&E Grants to states & NGOs

New Agreement 2017-2021

Current components:

- Manage content for the IGBC website
- Provide support to the bear-resistant container program
- Update the Comprehensive Strategy for Information
- Support implementation of the strategy
- SW MT Bear Safety Education Program
- Administer I&E grants



Questions?