

Planned: Enhance cooperative efforts with local communities by working closely in partnership with local residents and county governments to build local support and understanding about grizzly recovery and ecosystem health. (I&E and response to conflict situations)

Accomplished: Ongoing efforts occurring, improved garbage transfer locations, multiple counties, multiple bear fairs for increasing awareness, utilizing bear rangers for individual/ community contacts, presence of bear management specialists across the NCDE and across land ownership emphasis. School programs, community presentations, fair booth programs are examples of the active outreach occurring that has made a difference. Partner groups supported with funding and materials. Working with electric fencing and other tools for more success. Calf creep feeders offering new challenges, corn fields, and chickens remain important for education.

Planned: Progress with the NCDE Conservation Strategy

Accomplished: Continued work with the prepared Draft NCDE Conservation Strategy, has received public comments and at this time comments are being considered for the final and or addressed. The Draft Strategy has established the described areas and addressed the core area and adjacent areas.

- **Planned:** Develop demographic recovery criteria for the NCDE informed by the Yellowstone model including:
 - Population monitoring methods
 - Sustainable mortality limits
 - Unknown/unreported mortality calculation
 - Decide on and apply trend monitoring methods
- **Accomplished:** Within the Draft NCDE Conservation Strategy is draft demographic standards. This is an area that continues to be updated from the draft. All of the criteria are included. FWP researchers with cooperation from all have an updated report for the demographics.
- **Planned:** Develop public lands habitat standards for the NCDE informed by the Yellowstone model:
 - Motorized access management standards
 - Site development standards
 - Livestock allotment standards including sheep used for weed control.
- **Accomplished:** All are included in the Draft NCDE Conservation Strategy. The NCDE public land managers are evaluating the habitat standards as described. Additionally progress on food storage orders and implementation.
- **Planned:** Develop demographic and habitat monitoring protocols:
 - MT DFWP assigned responsibility for annual reporting systems on demographic monitoring including population size, trend, sustainable mortality, and unknown /unreported mortality.
 - FS data steward has the interagency responsibility for the bi- annual reporting of habitat standards on public lands including the mortised access management, amount of secure habitat by subunits, developed sites by subunits, and livestock allotments by subunits.
- **Accomplished:** All included in the draft plan.

- **Planned:** Get habitat standards in the 5 forest plans (FNF, KNF, LNF, HNF, LCNF), and in plans for GNP, BLM, MTDNRC, and tribal management plans using appropriate processes.
- **Accomplished:** Ongoing – all five National Forests are planned to have a DEIS available March 2016; progress with other agency, more details at Spring 2016 meeting.
- **Planned:** Get all agencies to sign a MOU to implement the NCDE Conservation Strategy.
- **Accomplished:** All within the NCDE supported the Draft NCDE Grizzly Bear Strategy and engaged with the development. MOU is planned with the completion of the Final Conservation Strategy and the completion of demographic standard.

Planned: Report NCDE trend estimate results using female survival and fecundity monitoring.

Accomplished: Occurring and ongoing.

Planned: Propose delisting

Accomplished: Progressing – USFWS working on GYE prior to NCDE.

Planned: Improve conditions that allow for interchange and dispersal between NCDE and Bitterroot, NCDE and the Yellowstone, and NCDE and Cabinet Yak ecosystems.

Accomplished: Addressed in NCDE Draft Conservation Plan and monitoring is seeing bears using and moving into the areas that allow the access to described areas. Augmentation support from the NCDE to Cabinet Yakk ecosystem is continueing.