

2016 Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak IGBC Subcommittee Priority Actions

Reduce human caused grizzly bear mortalities, particularly in the front country. Continue implementing food storage orders and sanitation measures on public lands.

Continue improving sanitation conditions within all land ownerships, particularly on private lands. Use the results of mortality analysis to tailor public outreach/education and sanitation strategies via citizen's committee input.

Increase coordination with British Columbia partners to further Information & Education efforts on the B.C. side of the Selkirk recovery zone including the development of an electric fencing and bear resistant garbage container loaner program.

Develop second iteration of the grizzly bear Resource Selection Function (RSF) model for the Selkirk / Cabinet-Yaak grizzly bear ecosystems. Present progress at the spring SCYE IGBC meeting.

Implement a vigorous I+E management strategy for the Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk.

Support and participate in augmentation of acceptable grizzly bears in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem.

Continue agency efforts to maintain funding for a full time bear management specialist for the State of Montana, as well as to return to a full-time State of Idaho position where they currently are not fully funded to do bear management work year round. Focus on finding funding to support a bear ranger to support I & E on the Washington side of the recovery zone.

Continue systematic and opportunistic DNA data collection of grizzly bears in the Cabinet-Yaak & Selkirk Recovery Zones and adjacent areas.

Begin discussions concerning the content and mechanisms of a conservation strategy for one or both recovery areas with the intent of assessing the information and resources necessary to start the process.

Continue trapping and monitoring efforts in the Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk ecosystems to facilitate gathering of population trend information including details on mortality, recruitment and distribution.

Participate in efforts to assess linkage opportunities within and between recovery zones and in British Columbia. Implement where appropriate.

Initiate coordination with NCDE IGBC subcommittee

Complete annual recovery status report with a target date of May 2015

Begin discussions about habitat enhancements within the recovery zones.

Compile a record of administrative use on restricted roads for Bear Year 2014 and update condition of OMRD, TMRD and Core in each BMU. Improve coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officers in administrative use and reporting.

Make headway towards achieving access standards in the Blue Grass (Selkirk RZ), Boulder, Bull, Grouse Creek, St. Paul, Mt. Headley, and Wanless (Cabinet-Yaak RZ) BMUs by 2019.

Continue to develop and implement a coordinated, long-term, sustainable funding strategy. Pursue funding for identified unfunded work priorities including 1) Cabinet-Yaak/Selkirk information and education; 2) Selkirk radio-telemetry monitoring; 3) wildlife resistant dumpsters and food storage containers; and 4) distributing bear information in both ecosystems