

BITTERROOT ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL  
March 19, 2020 @ 8 AM PST/9 AM MST  
Conference Line: 1-888-844-9904; Passcode: 7080096#

**AGENDA:**

9:00 AM MST Welcome and Introductions – Chuck Mark, Chair

9:15 AM **Summer IGBC Meeting in the Bitterroot Ecosystem**

June 23: Some ideas:

- Short historical context of recovery planning in the Bitterroot
- Biological aspects of connectivity (and recent occurrences)
- What can we learn from black bear conflicts (summary from FWP R2)
- Social aspects of connectivity/recovery
  - We'd really like your input on how to engage with the local community. Do we have a late--afternoon/early evening listening session?
  - Other ideas?
- Grizzly Bear Conflict Reduction Task follow-up

June 24: Field Trip: Need ideas from the subcommittee here. We like the idea of a group hike or raft trip to see habitat and spend time together as a group. Other ideas?

June 25: Business Meeting, Budget, I&E

10:00 AM **Communication Plan Update**

- Timeline: draft available for review in 45 days (by early March)
- Appendix: history/synopsis of BE that Hilary is going to produce (complete in 30-40 days)
- Chuck re-engage I&E from IGBC subcommittee, tie to Recovery synopsis
- Key Pieces
  - Living with bears; bears are coming
  - Technical aspects of Recovery Plan and what FWS needs to recover bears in the ecosystem

10:30 AM **Formation of Science Team**

- Setup Team
- Develop 5-Year Plan
- Relocation Plan

10:45 AM **Update on DNA survey plans**

- The FWS and Defender's of Wildlife both have plans to do some surveying this summer.

11:00 AM

**Wrap up**