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- 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
 - Waived overhead (34%)

IGBC – WMI Agreement Program Components



Website



**Bear-resistant
container outreach**



Printed media



Grant program



**New projects &
issue-focused I&E**



Website: igbconline.org

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Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee





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Threatened grizzly bear populations and their recovery

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In North America, grizzly bears previously ranged from Alaska to Mexico and as far east as the western shores of Hudson Bay. When Lewis and Clark explored the West in the early 1800s, an estimated 50,000 grizzly bears roamed between the Pacific Ocean and the Great Plains, across vast stretches of open and unpopulated land. However, when pioneers moved in, bears were persecuted and their numbers and range drastically declined. As European settlement expanded over the next hundred years, towns and cities sprung up, and habitat for these large omnivores--along with their numbers--shrunk drastically. Today, with the western United States inhabited by millions of Americans, only a few small corners of grizzly country remain, supporting about 1,200 - 1,400 wild grizzly bears. Of 37 grizzly populations present in 1922, 31 were extirpated by 1975.

In 1975, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the grizzly bear as a threatened species in the Lower 48 States under the Endangered Species Act, placing the species under federal protection. Today, grizzly bear distribution is primarily within but not limited to the areas identified as “**Recovery Zones**”



Bear-resistant container outreach



Problem



Certified Product List



IGBC Testing Protocol



Possible BRC Solution



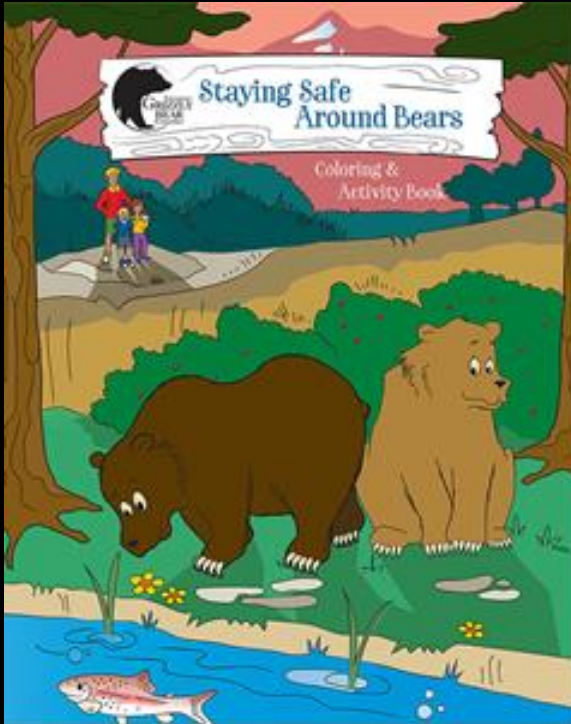
Bear-resistant container outreach



Enhancing Capacity:

- Revenue sharing agreement signed
- 50% of testing fees allocated to WMI
- Modified contract with Patti Sowka to provide additional support
- Revenue to WMI to date: \$11,250

Media Project 2015



New Bear Safety Coloring Book

**Wrote, produced &
printed 16,000 copies**

**Available via
download from igbconline.org
to print or copy**




Current I&E Grants to Ecosystems

FY 2015 I&E grant awards	Amount	Benefiting Ecosystems
IDF&G Selkirk Bear Education Project	\$4,500	S/C-Y
Defenders of Wildlife Electric Fencing	\$2,450	Multiple
Western Wildlife Outreach Bear Education Trailer Support	\$2,500	NC


Media Project 2015


Video Library of human-bear conflict

 Me Videos Create Watch Tools Upload

Wildlife Management Institute PLUS

Joined 3 weeks ago Missoula, Montana



 Settings

Founded in 1911, WMI is a private, nonprofit, scientific and educational organization, dedicated to the conservation, enhancement and professional management of North America's wildlife and other natural resources.

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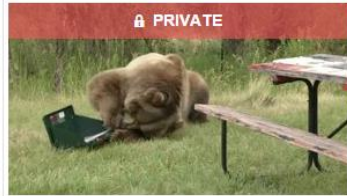
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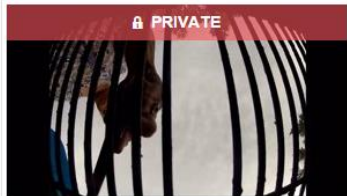
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Grizzly bear licking grill-view from inside g...
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Trained bear dismantles Coleman grill
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Human flipping burgers-view from inside ...
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IGBC Bear Spray Public Service Announce...
1 week ago



FY 2016 Planned Projects

- **Coordination with subcommittees**
- **Disseminating information on refilling inert bear spray canisters**
- **Move website to WGFD server & update content**
- **Create a Food Storage Order interactive map**
- **New grant proposals from the Ecosystems**



FY 2016 Potential Projects

- **Living With Grizzlies Guide**
 - **Focused version of “Living with Predators”**
 - **Feature IGBC certified products**
 - **More than a brochure**
- **Additional videos:**
 - **Carcass management for back-country hunters**
 - **Chicken coop protection**



Questions?