

YES Workshop 10/29/20

WORKSHOP 2: Frontcountry Conflicts and Community
Planning

FRONTCOUNTRY CONFLICTS AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

Highest Priority Recommendation:

- **Develop specific programs for municipalities and counties. This could include developing partnership funding with NGOs.**

Context: The highest priority recommendation for this topic was developing specific programs for municipalities and counties. This is a broad statement that represents a combination of more specific recommendations, and largely includes the expansion of efforts that have already been successfully implemented in portions of the GYE. This includes working with local governments to implement ordinances for proper garbage storage, improving enforcement efforts for areas with ordinances already in place but where compliance is low, improving bear-resistant attractant storage structures on private and public lands, addressing issues of compatibility with waste hauling equipment and bear-resistant garbage containers, and expanding electric fencing at private lands with orchards and small livestock.

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Ready-made language for community leaders to use. Effective people need to be available in communities to work proactively to prevent conflict, as well as reactive and can quickly respond to conflicts.

Make it easier for communities to do the right thing. Particularly where people live in the fringes of bear-occupied areas. Incentivize people to do the right thing, businesses, individuals.

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Prompt 2: Notes

Look at ordinances from other places (West Yellowstone and Missoula) as a basis to develop standard language to apply in all three states and share with various levels of government. YES to help provide boiler plate language, BMPs, menu of options. Inventory of capital that communities could share. Realtors, property managers. Community council. Bear Smart Communities. Tourism boards could help with economic incentives. Counties, cities, waste haulers, community champions, funders for the capital.

Continue to implement and expand sanitation and fencing projects along with providing information to communities/homeowner associations/realty/VRBO/Renter folks.

First Step: Set up a committee to develop compliance language; also information packets for communities in bear country about sanitation, feeding etc...Broadening the partnerships and coordination. MT Summit; centralizing information (education, funding, resources)

Need effective people to spread the message, info vs ordinance, need FTE and dollars to fund positions, partnership, explore more opportunities, provide examples of successes

First step: ID partners, create funding

Prompt 1: Current Successes

GROUP 1

NAMES: Dusty Lasseter, Jeremy Nichols, Kate Wilmot, jodi Bush, Jim White, Russ Talmo.

Regarding the recommendation statement, share what you know of that is already in place or working.

- Helpful/successes: regs that prohibit feeding wildlife and addresses sanitation, from state and counties. However, they aren't working as well as they could. They need teeth to enforce. For a whole range of attractant issues.
- We also talked about electric fencing and bear resistant containers worked but there was alot more need then funding, also maintenance needs to be considered up front

Could this be a model? Potentially developing an ordinance to address sanitation and feeding of wildlife that has teeth that would be applied to States, counties and states. Maybe larger IGBC could help with this...

If there are no examples, create an idea that could be carried forward.

- See above

Prompt 1: Current Successes

GROUP 2

NAMES: Erin Edge, Andrea Corradini, Chad Hudson, renel, Renee L. , Kathy Rinaldi

Regarding the recommendation statement, share what you know of that is already in place or working.

- MSLA, ordinances around buffer zone for attractant storage. Need enforcement, and early on, with I&E
- Have best management practices and language ready for community leaders to use.

Could this be a model?

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If there are no examples, create an idea that could be carried forward.

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Prompt 1: Current Successes

GROUP 3

NAMES: Ken, Mary, Siva, Sue, Tim

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Prompt 2: YES Goals and Specific Actions GROUP 1

NAMES: Dusty Lasseter, Jeremy Nichols, Kate Wilmot, Jodi Bush, Jim White, Russ Talmo.

From the examples from Prompt 1 or new ideas shared what is realistic? We should look at ordinances from other places (west yellowstone and Missoula) as a basis to develop standard language to apply in all three states and share with the Counties and others. Also continue to implement and expand sanitation and fencing projects along with providing information to communities/homeowner associations/realty/VRBO/Renter folks.

Who would need to be involved? For ordinances, YES with assistance from county commissioners and agency bear bios

Who would implement? For ordinances, group thinks it makes sense at County level, but maybe states could enforce...

How could it be funded? Look to non-traditional partners, other potential funders

What are the first few steps needed for action? Set up a committee to develop compliance language; also information packets for communities in bear country about sanitation, feeding etc...

Prompt 2: YES Goals and Specific Actions GROUP 2

NAMES: Erin Edge, Andrea Corradini, Chad Hudson, renel, Renee L. , Kathy Rinaldi

From the examples from Prompt 1 or new ideas shared what is realistic?

Who would need to be involved?

- Counties, municipalities, state, waste haulers. County and city associations, NGOs, states game offices.

Who would implement?

- Counties, cities, waste haulers, community champions, funders for the capital. YES to help provide boiler plate language, BMPs, menu of options. Inventory of capital that communities could share. Realtors, property managers. Community council. Bear Smart Communities. Tourism boards could help with economic incentives.

How could it be funded?

- Counties fund containers in Italy. Taxes. Waste haulers pass on cost. Grants, discounts from manufacturers. Menu or range of opportunities to fund. Economic incentives (e.g. tourism events that reduce conflicts like Apple Festivals, marketing being Bear and wildlife smart)

What are the first few steps needed for action?

- Broadening the partnerships and coordination. MT Summit; centralizing information (education, funding, resources)

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Who would need to be involved?

- Counties, ngos, agencies, develop partnership of all parties, not just agencies

Who would implement?

- would take ngos to lead the effort, maybe do a group effort, e.g., WMI employee, but need an identity, pros and cons of group funded position, volunteers could be used no funding,

How could it be funded?

- Need to build a funding model? YES as clearinghouse? Dont know? Ngo coalition,

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