



Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee Annual Report (2016) and Action Plan (2017) to Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee

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Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee

❑ Members:

- State Directors & Federal Regional and Center representatives

❑ Purpose:

- Coordinate research, policy, planning, management, and funding

❑ Engage:

- 5 ecosystem subcommittees

❑ Responsibility:

- Review and approve, disapprove, or redirect annual subcommittee reports



Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee

- ☐ Report annual accomplishments prescribed in 5-year plan
- ☐ Outline next year's action items

Deliver to IGBC – Dec. 13 -14, Missoula



IGBC Charter

Main Issues to Achieve GB Recovery

1. Social and political issues
2. Linkage
3. Attractant storage / Food conditioning
4. Motorized access management
5. Population & habitat research and monitoring
6. Management strategy



GYE 5 - year Framework

- ☐ Implement Conservation Strategy
- ☐ Achieve delisting status
- ☐ Identify & validate method to estimate population size
- ☐ Implement Demographic Monitoring Area
- ☐ Continue public education, especially in areas with expanding populations
- ☐ Continue agency Bearwise programs



Donna Sullenger, Shoshone N.F.

2016 Accomplishments & 2017 Workplan

1. Implement Attractant Storage Order

- Expand Bridger-Teton and Shoshone NF storage orders
- Enhanced public education
- Additional infrastructure
- **Continue 2017**

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2. GYE Campground Assessment & New Infrastructure

- 3rd—year of FS & Greater Yellowstone Coalition \$125,000 1:1 match
- Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks
- **Continue 2017**

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3. Conservation Strategy Chapter 3 Habitat Revisions

- Draft completed and approved
- **Interagency Habitat Standard Review for 2017 – 2018**

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2016 Accomplishments & 2017 Workplan

4. Habitat Database & Analytic Tools

- Updated roads, developed sites, & allotments
- Customized training for project effects analysis
- Produced 2015 annual habitat report
- **Continue 2017**



5. Review Information & Education Needs

- Standardize messages
- Assess program needs
- Develop partnerships
- Multiple local efforts
- **2017 - Delegate coordination of above to GYCC Wildlife Subcommittee**



6. Methods to track grizzly bear demography

- Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team ongoing efforts
- **Continue 2017**



2016 Accomplishments & 2017 Workplan

7. Final Conservation Strategy

- Coordinate with USFWS ✓
- Future - Status Unknown ?

8. Continue with Delisting Process

- Coordinate with USFWS ✓
- Future Status Unknown ?

9. Grazing Allotment Thesis Project

- Compiled allotment data for FS & Grand Teton NP (340 +/-)
- 2017 - Smith Wells will complete thesis

11. Grand Teton Elk Hunter / Grizzly Bear Interaction Study

- Completed 4th field season
- 2017 - Continue

10. Moth Site Management Project

- 2017 – Initiate Project

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Discussion and Input?

