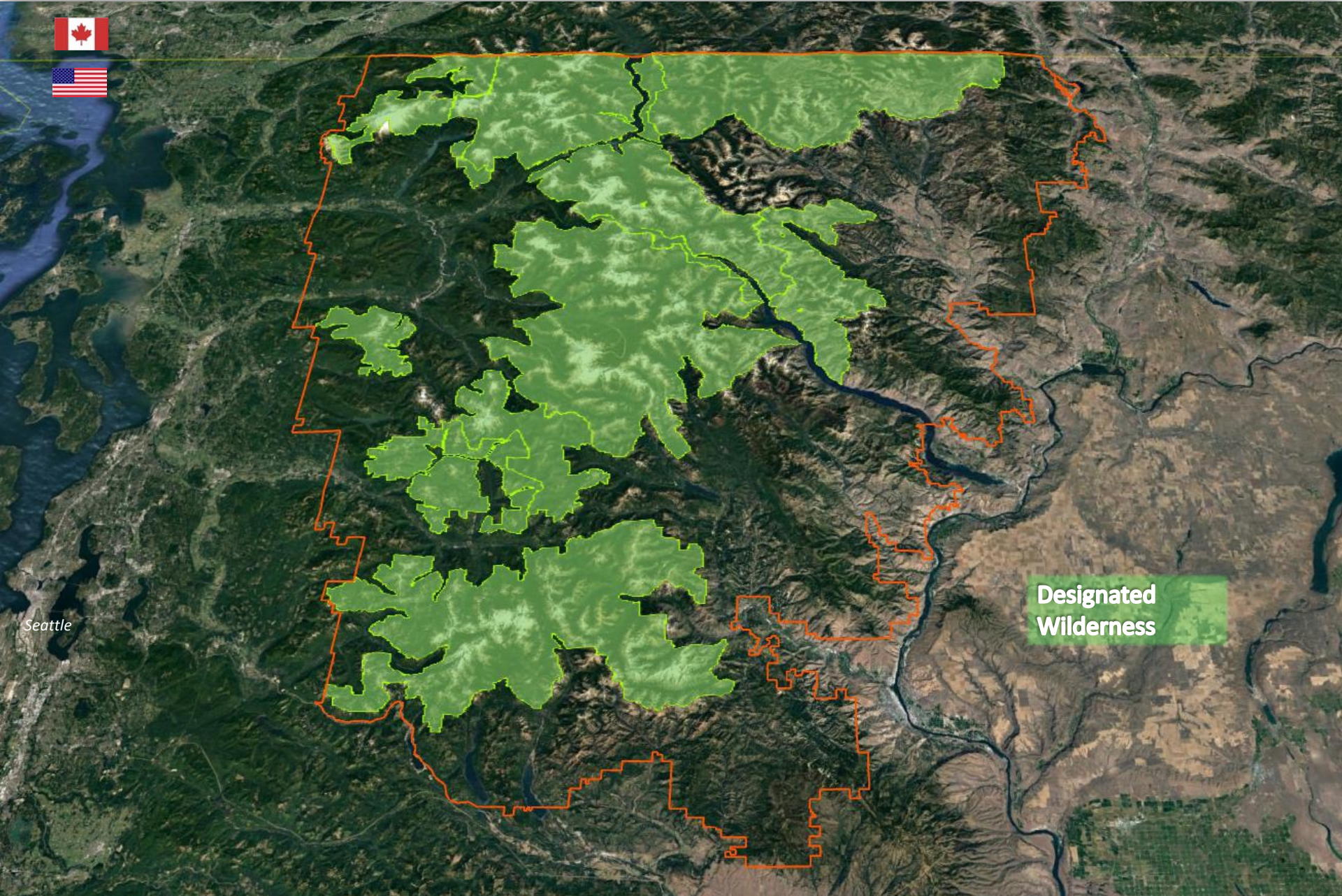


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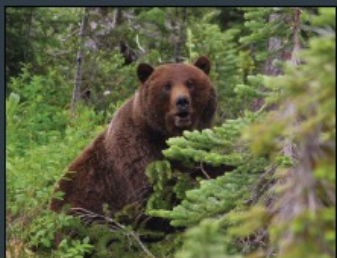


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PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 1, PART 1:

Complete the NCE Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, to be determined; process was on hold as of December 2017.

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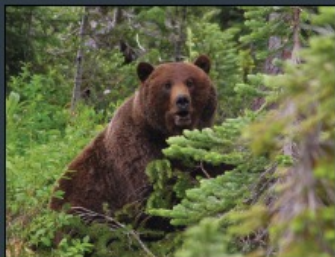


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ACCOMPLISHMENTS ITEM 1, PART 1:

- EIS process on hold during June 2017 – March 2018; reinstated 3/23/2018 – 8/2/2018
- Completed comment summary
- Reviewed submitted literature
- Responded to substantive comments to EIS
- Further work now pending additional stakeholder outreach

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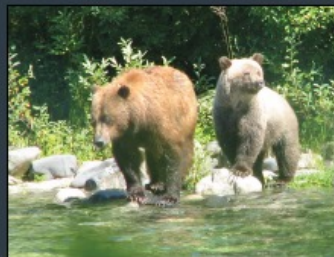
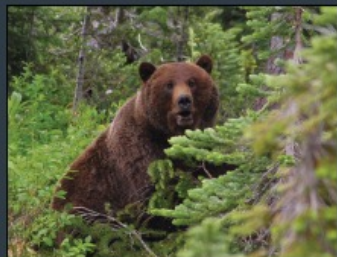


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PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 1, PART 2:

Generate public and political support through articles in print and social media, additional public contacts as requested.

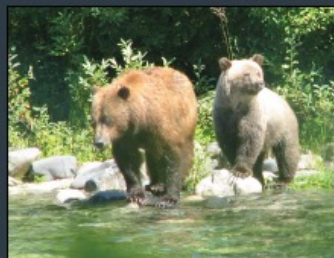
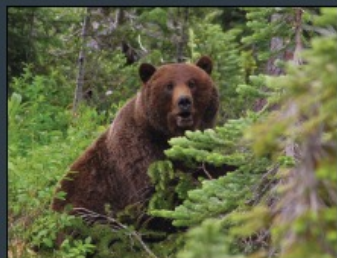


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ACCOMPLISHMENTS ITEM 1, PART 2:

- No action; further work pending additional stakeholder outreach

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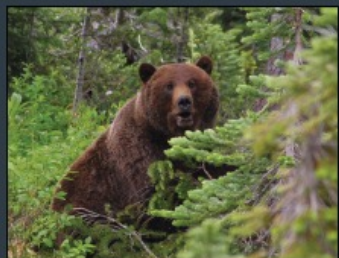


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PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 1, PART 3:

Develop international agreements to
implement the ROD by 9/30/3019.

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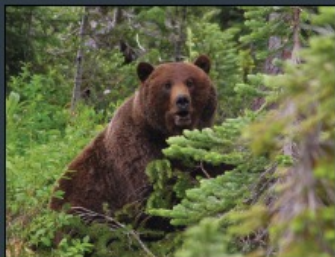


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ACCOMPLISHMENTS ITEM 1, PART 3:

- Further work now pending additional stakeholder outreach

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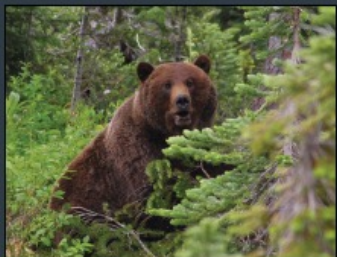


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PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 1, PART 4:

Secure resources to implement the
ROD beginning in FY 2019.

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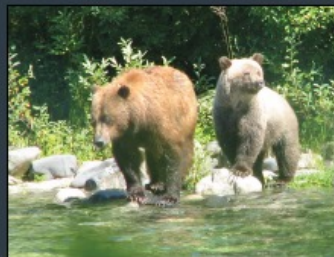
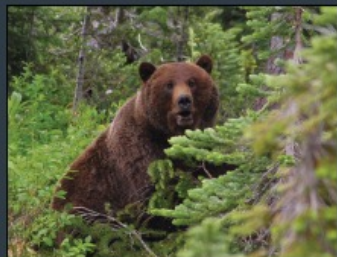


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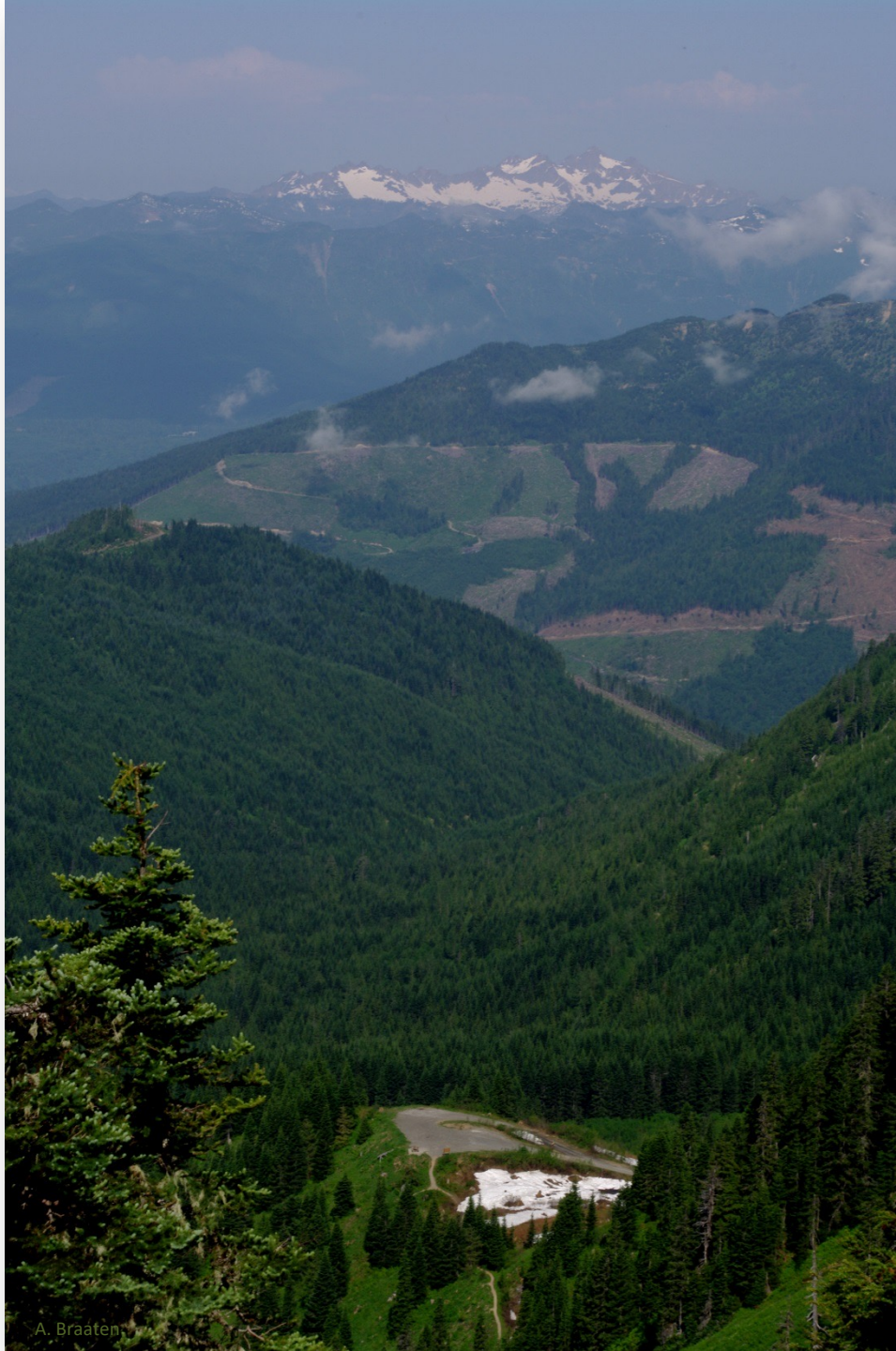
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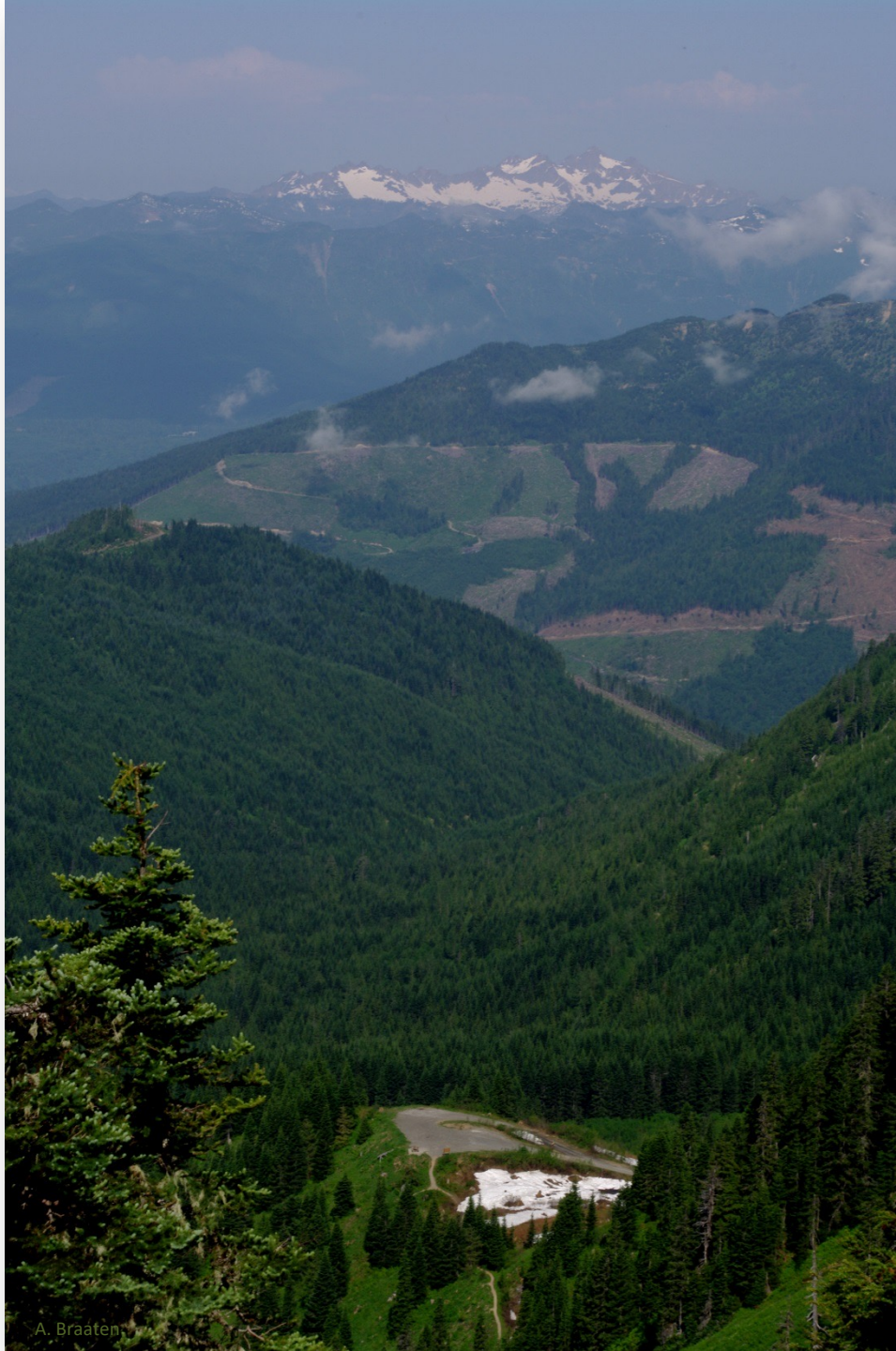
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PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 2:

Reaffirm the No Net Loss of Core Area policy by 12/31/2018.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS ITEM 2:

In progress: specific issues identified for clarification and standardization across the two forests



Food and Odors Attract Animals!

Never leave food unattended.

- Use food lockers. Instructions are on the boxes.
- Keep the doors closed and latched.
- Share food locker space with your neighbors.
- Do not bring food and scented items into your tent.
- Pack out your trash! Help keep boxes clean.

Minimize human/animal conflicts by storing these items in the lockers:

- Coolers with food and beverages
- Scented toiletries like toothpaste and deodorant
- Bait and pet food
- Begged trash



PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 3, PART 1:

Sanitation

- Continue to improve sanitation databases ecosystem-wide.
- Coordinate standardized signage/ language to be used throughout the ecosystem, with that used in other ecosystems.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ITEM 3, PART 1:

- NPS and USFS maintaining databases of bear resistant facilities (food storage lockers, dumpsters, other solid waste receptacles) and continue to add to inventories.
- Signs (mostly IGBC food storage sign) in place at many NPS and USFS campgrounds and trailheads, but not yet standardized.



PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 3, PART 2:

Sanitation

- Expand the NPS food storage requirements to other federal lands in the recovery area.
- Continue to increase availability of bear-resistant food storage and waste receptacles.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS ITEM 3, PART 2:

Sanitation

- No progress made to expand food storage orders to other federal lands.
- Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest placed 3 new animal resistant dumpsters in Entiat District; 7 more will be installed in other campgrounds in 2019. North Cascades National Park purchased 73 new food storage lockers and 13 additional waste receptacles for installation in 2018-2020; these are additional to equal number purchased during FY 2017. Many will be placed at remote campsites on Ross Lake.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS ITEM 3, PART 2:

Sanitation

- WDFW continued to reduce availability of anthropogenic food sources/attractants throughout the ecosystem as part of daily operations.
- WDFW is working with Defenders of Wildlife to test bear-resistant residential garbage totes in remote communities. Totes were compatible with garbage trucks in Seattle City Light enclaves in Ross Lake National Recreation Area, but not with sanitation companies in the Methow Valley. Compatibility with waste cans/dumpsters/totes has been an issue throughout the ecosystem.



PLANNED ACTIONS ITEM 4:

Report follow-up

Evaluate reports of grizzly bear sightings.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS ITEM 4:

- Numerous reports received, all were black bears with one possible exception in BC, may be same bear originally detected in wolverine run-pole photos in 2010 and 2012.

PLANNED ACTIONS FOR 2018:

Restoration EIS for the NCE:

- Further work pending additional stakeholder outreach.

No Net Loss of Core Area agreement:

- In progress:
Technical Team working to address issues identified at June 2018 subcommittee meeting, including: clarification of open/closed road designations consistent with IGBC guidelines; completing an implementation guide; determining the role, if any, of “sliver polygons” of core area in poor habitat and/or do not contribute to connectivity; and updating map of core area/BMU using improved data available now, as compared to what was available in early 2000s.

PLANNED ACTIONS FOR 2019 (continued):

Sanitation:

- NPS and USFS will continue to maintain sanitation inventory databases including waste receptacles, food storage containers and signage needed in addition to existing facilities.
- Over 150 bear-resistant food storage lockers and waste receptacles will be installed in the NCE during 2019-2020.
- Coordinate with IGBC I&E Committee to formalize standardized signage/ language to be used throughout the ecosystem.
- Provide sanitation signage to all trailheads and camping areas.
- Expanding food storage orders to include USFS lands is in progress, will work with the IGBC to develop a template for consistency across all of the ecosystems.

PLANNED ACTIONS FOR 2019 (continued):

Sanitation:

- WDFW may partner with Defenders of Wildlife to provide training in bear awareness and use of bear spray.

Sightings report follow-up:

- Continue to follow up on reports.

