

Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Subcommittee's Report of 2018 Accomplishments and 2019 Planned Actions to the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee

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Goal 1: Increase the grizzly bear population size and distribution

Objective 1: Augment the population

- MFWP relocated 1 sub-adult male to the Cabinet Mountains.
- Communicate with communities and stakeholders.

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Objective 2: Limit human-caused mortality

- USFWS documented four mortalities: 1 adult male, 1 adult female and 2 cubs (presumed).

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Objective 3: Document pop. growth rate and distribution

- Monitored 7 bears for reproduction and survival.
- Updated pop. trend estimate at end of 2017 = 2.1% growth rate.
- Monitored hair snag corrals and rub trees.

Goal 2: Connectivity within RZ to achieve occupancy standards

- Easements and land-use plans
- Analyze collared bear movement data
- Prioritize lands for efforts

Goal 3: Apply results of research to habitat management

- USFWS initiated a graduate study of huckleberry shrub fields.
- Habitat maps informing Pacific Northwest Trail routes.
- USFS using habitat quality maps for access management decisions.

Goal 4: Increase coordination with NCDE Subcommittee

- No formal joint meeting in 2018.
- Staff and partners common to the 2 RZ's in routine contact.

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Objective 2: Document pop. growth rate and distribution

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- Continued to build database for population trend.
- Secured some funding for monitoring.
- Monitor hair snag corrals, rubs, and cameras.

Goal 2: Enhance transboundary cooperation and coordination of recovery

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- SCYE demography study
- BC linkage zones, lands conservation, inter-population movements.
- Proposed joint BC-US DNA survey of the Selkirks.