



Food Storage Order Standardization

Attractants Unavailable to Bears

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Food (Attractant) Storage Order Standardization

- **Long nonlinear history**
- **Recent:**
 - **YES**
 - **2018 agenda item**
 - **Status summary requested**
 - **Forwarded to IGBC for coordination**
 - **IGBC**
 - **2018 agenda item**
 - **Asked for further assessment**



Purpose of This Presentation

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- Offer IGBC a GYE FS Process
 - Consider IGBC concerns

Why Standardize?

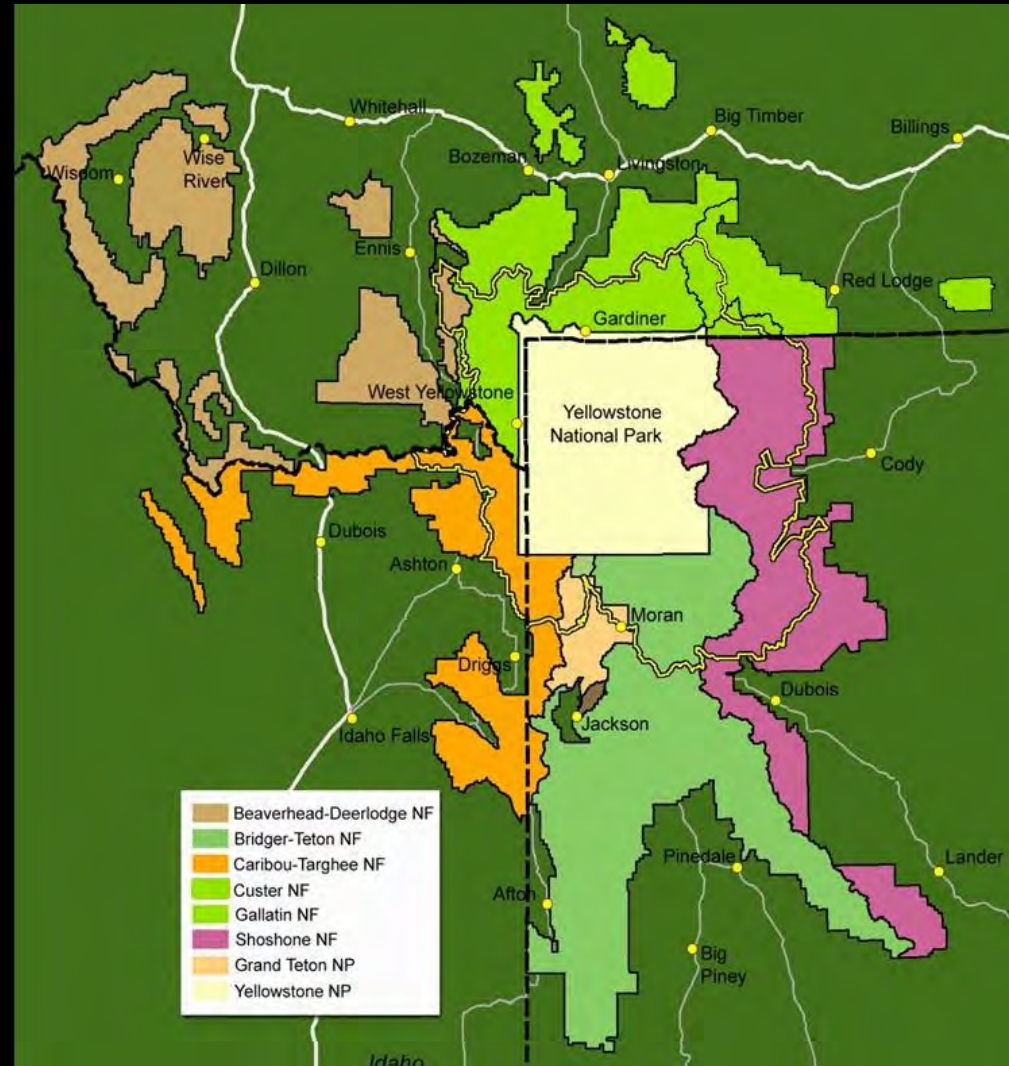
Credibility – consistent message

- **Public safety**
- **Bear conservation**



Concerns

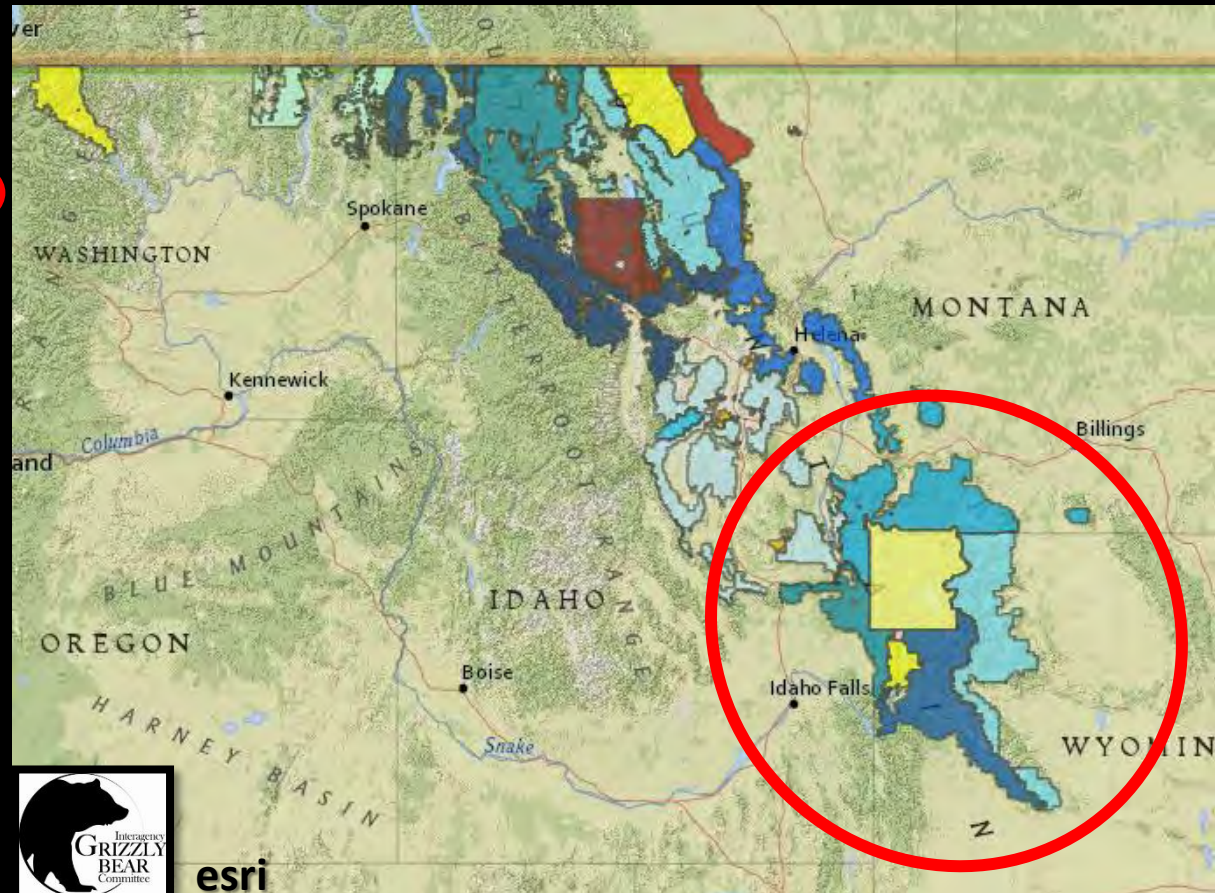
- Lose local specificity
- Requires revision of admin documents



Locations and Jurisdictions

Process – FS GYE:

- 5 National Forests
- Yellowstone NP
- Grand Teton NP
(Rockefeller MP)
- MT FWP
(Not WY or ID)



5 FS GYE Orders

- Current – 2 match
- Potential – 5 match?



Evolution in the GYE

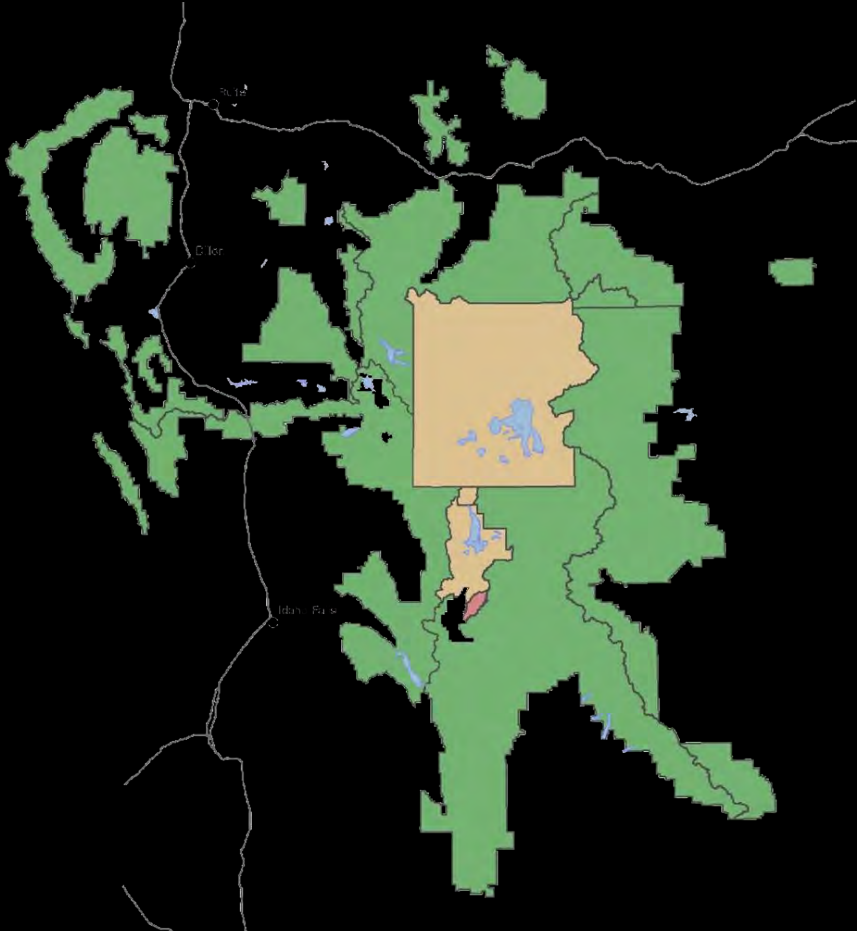
FS Order establishment: 1980's



Hard-won and controversial
Poorly coordinated

Evolution in the GYE

FS Standardization effort: 1990's

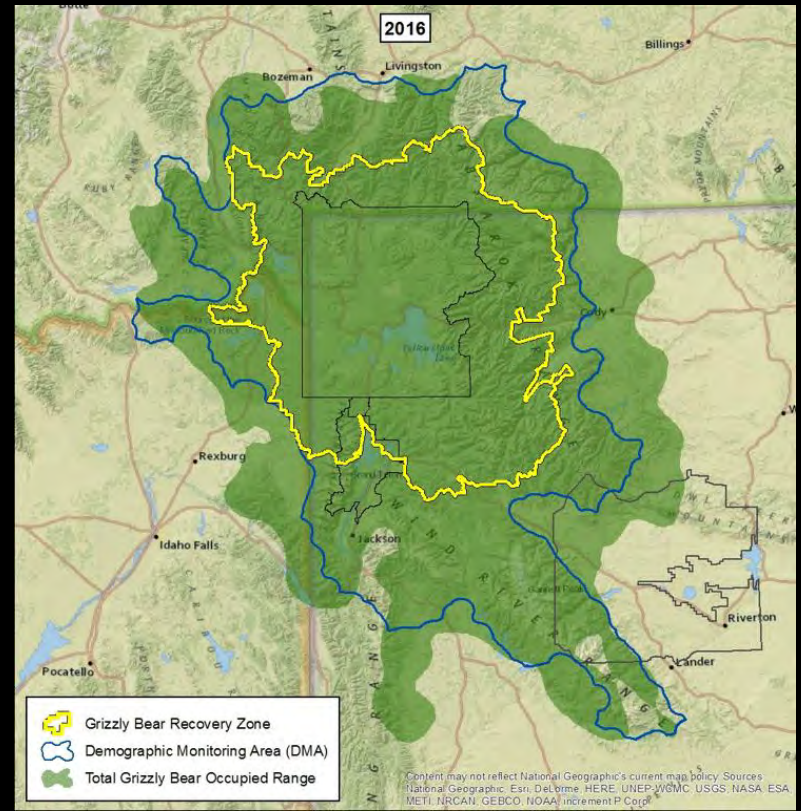
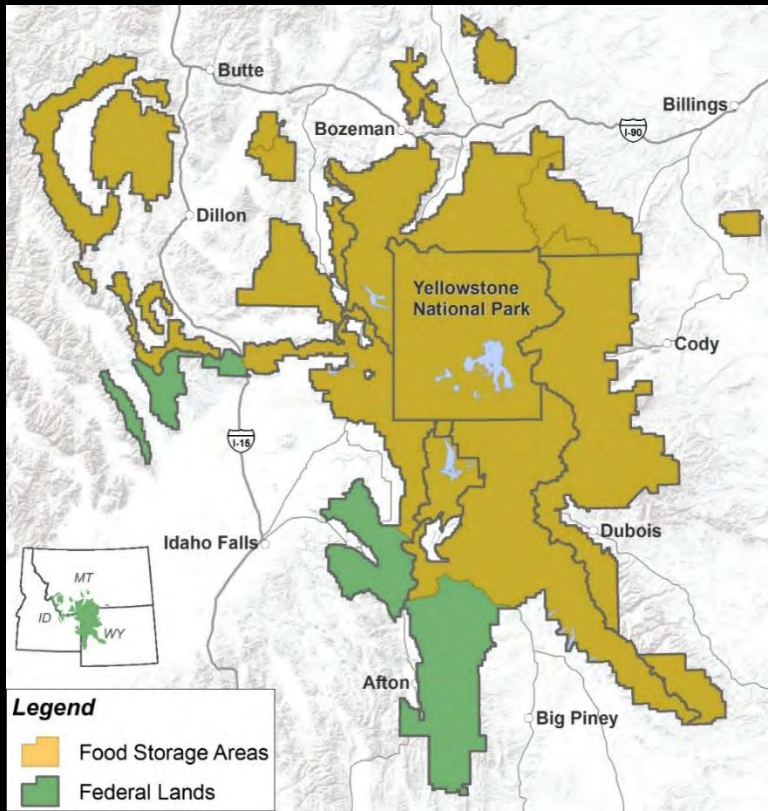


**Agreed – No
changes without
consensus**

Evolution in the GYE

2008 to 2016:

Focused on expansion of standardized order



Evolution in the GYE

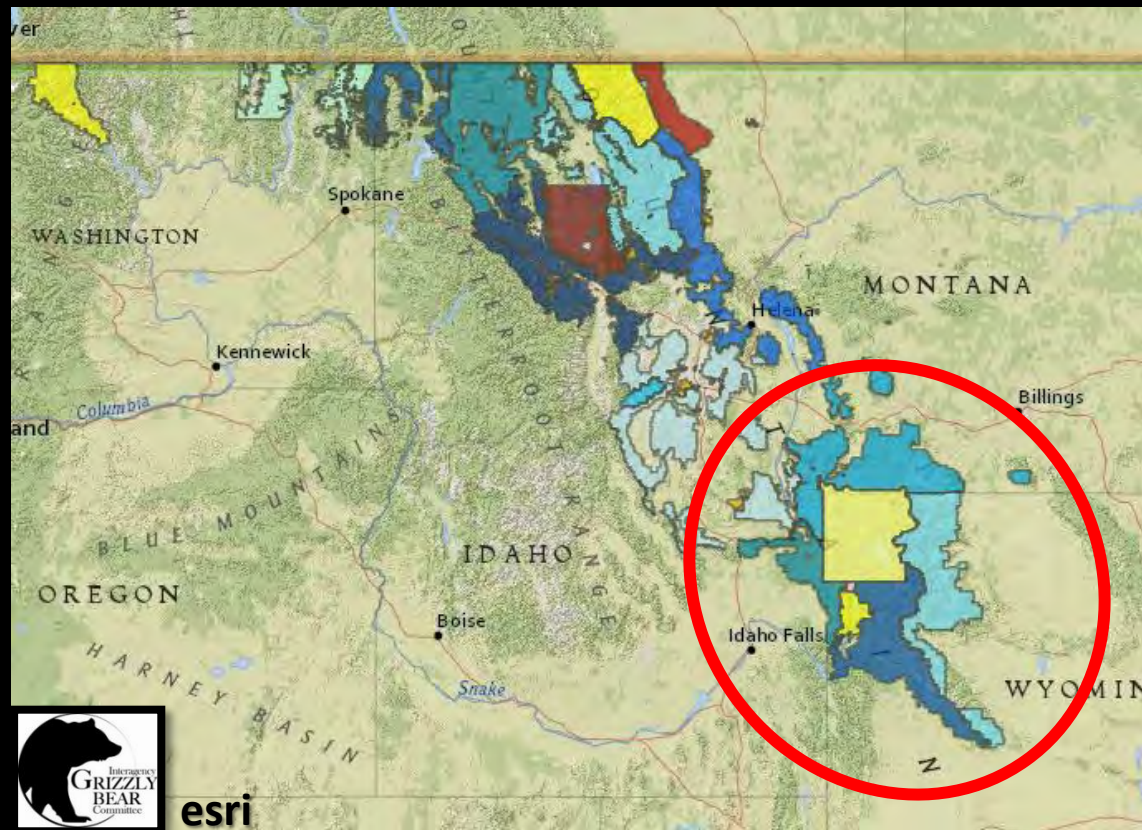
FS Region 1 Standardization Attempt: 2014

GYE no longer
consistent



Purpose of this effort

**Assess Potential:
Return to GYE FS standardized order**





Process:

Standardize – FS order within GYE



Steps Taken

- Identified discrepancies
 - Verified with each forest
- Standardization options
- Polled forest biologists
- Prepared IGBC summary

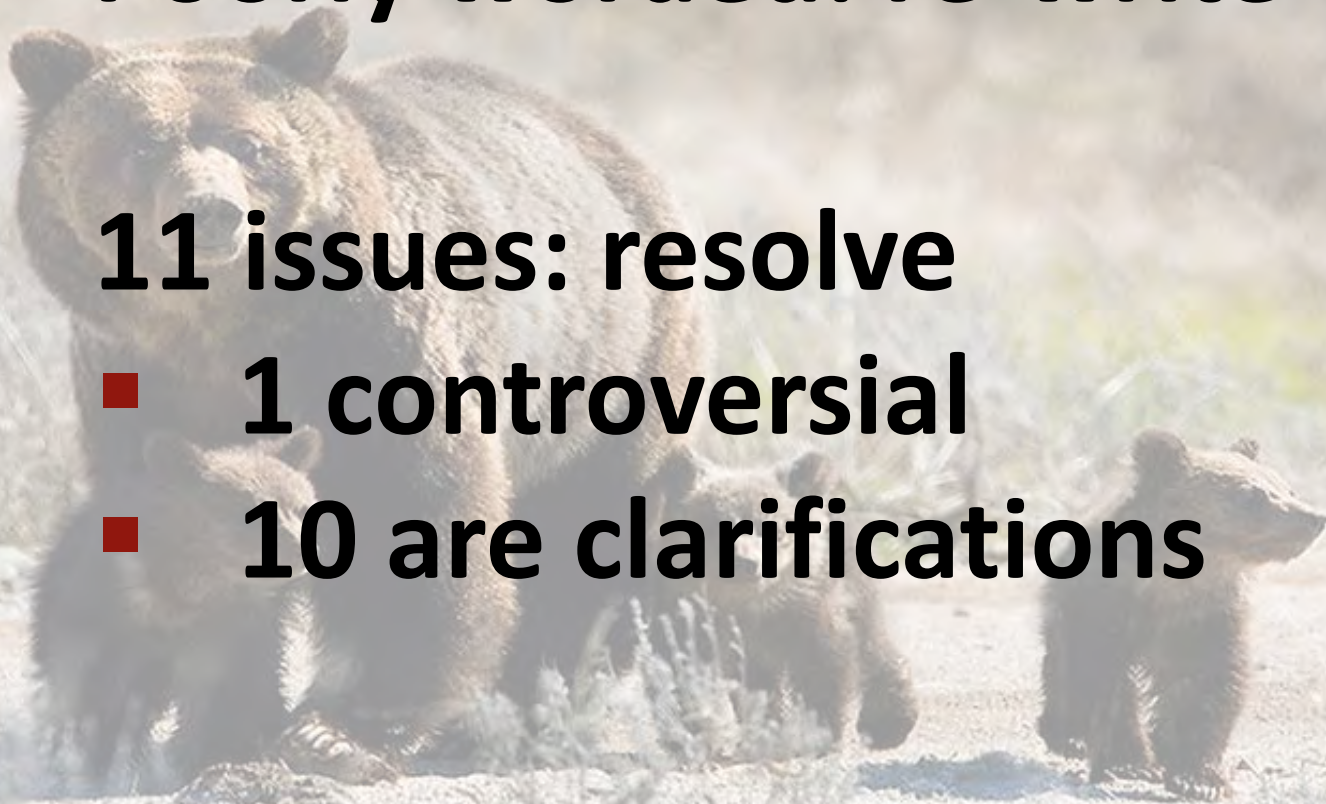


Recommendation for Process

Poorly worded: re-write

11 issues: resolve

- **1 controversial**
- **10 are clarifications**



Controversial Issue: Electric Fence

Stored within:
IGBC approved and operating Electric Fence

Accept Proposed Option?
(Consensus possible with added constraints)

	BDNF	BTNF	CGNF	CTNF	SNF
Currently allow use	Y	N	Y	N	N
Will allow use in the future	Y	Y	Y	Maybe	Maybe

Controversial Issue: Electric Fence

Pros:

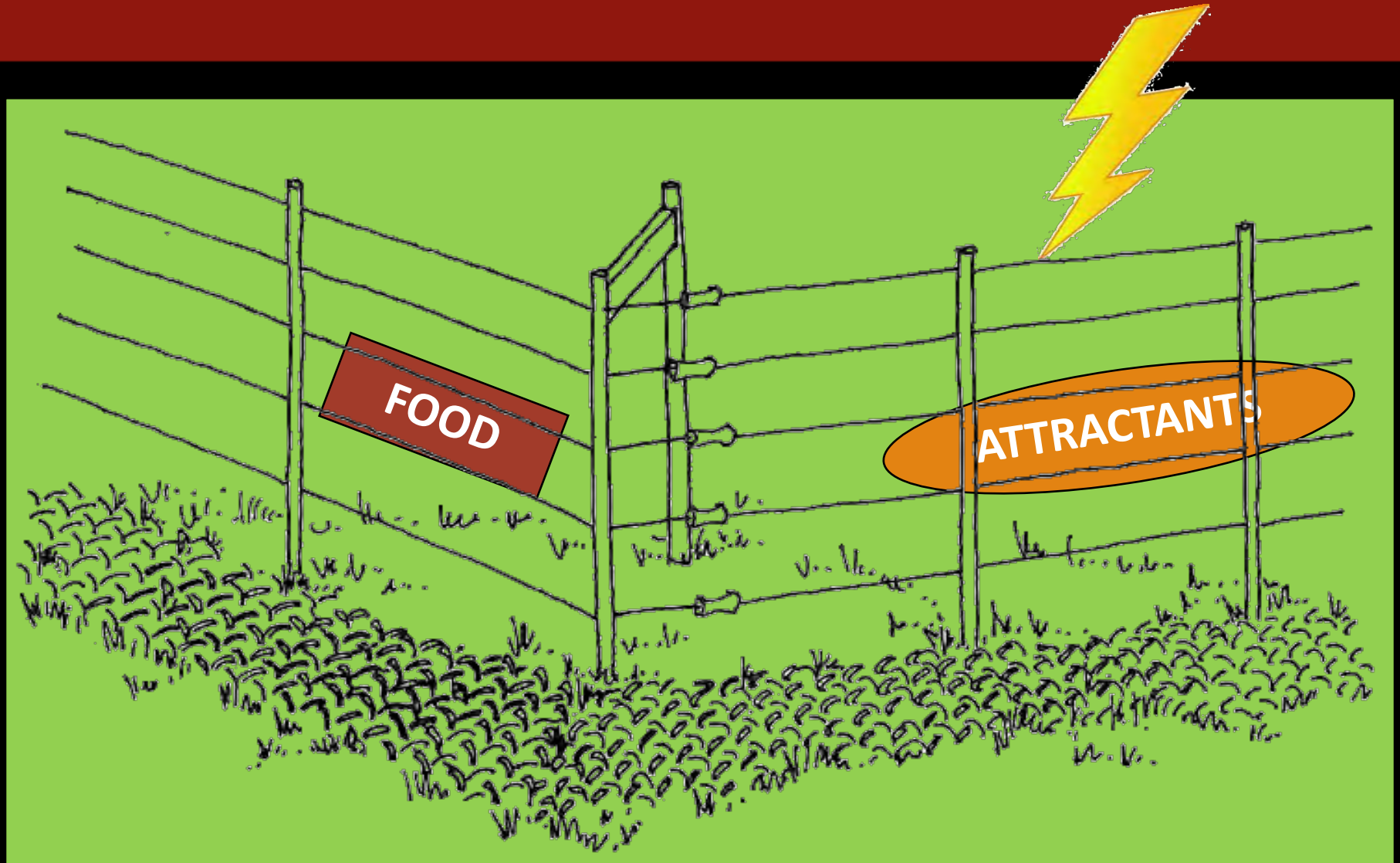
Additional tool
New technology

Cons:

User error
Equipment failure
Environment
Bear behavior



Controversial Issue: Electric Fence

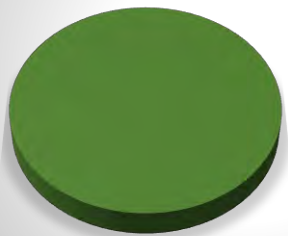


10 Clarifications:

Consensus is possible but there is work to be done

Accept or reject standardized language

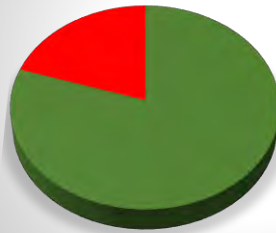
BDNF



■ Accept

■ Reject

BTNF



■ Accept

■ Reject

CGNF



■ Accept

■ Reject

CTNF



■ Accept

■ Reject

SNF



■ Accept

■ Reject

Conclusion

**Consensus on FS GYE Attractant Storage
Order among 5 forests IS possible**



Work Needed for GYE FS Standardized Order

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- The background of the slide is a photograph of a river flowing through a grassy landscape. Two bears are visible in the water; one is in the foreground, looking towards the camera, and another is further back. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery. A semi-transparent dark blue box is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing the list of work items.
- Basic rewrite
 - Technical Committee – resolve remaining issues
 - Compromise on electric fence issue
 - Accept with provision
 - Offer proposal to YES

IGBC Executive Committee

- Is the GYE process one that the IGBC would like to utilize when pursuing FSO consistency across multiple ecosystems?
- If so, what are the next steps?

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