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

- 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)

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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
- **BTNF**: Accept
- **CGNF**: Accept
- **CTNF**: Accept
- **SNF**: Reject
Conclusion

Consensus on FS GYE Attractant Storage Order among 5 forests is possible.
Work Needed for GYE FS Standardized Order

- 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?
Special Acknowledgment
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