

# Grizzly Bear Conflicts in the Idaho Portion of the GYE



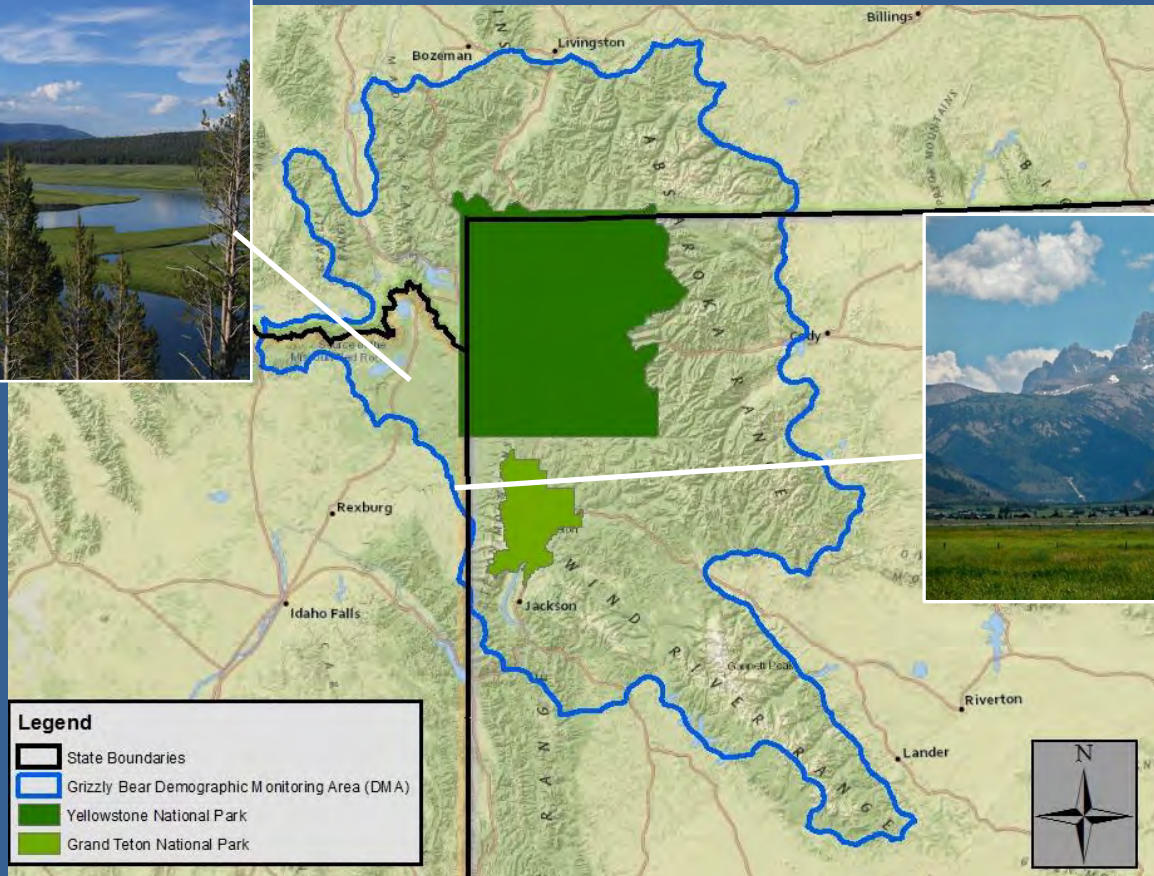
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# Bear Conflicts in SE Idaho



Island Park



Teton Valley

# What is a Conflict?

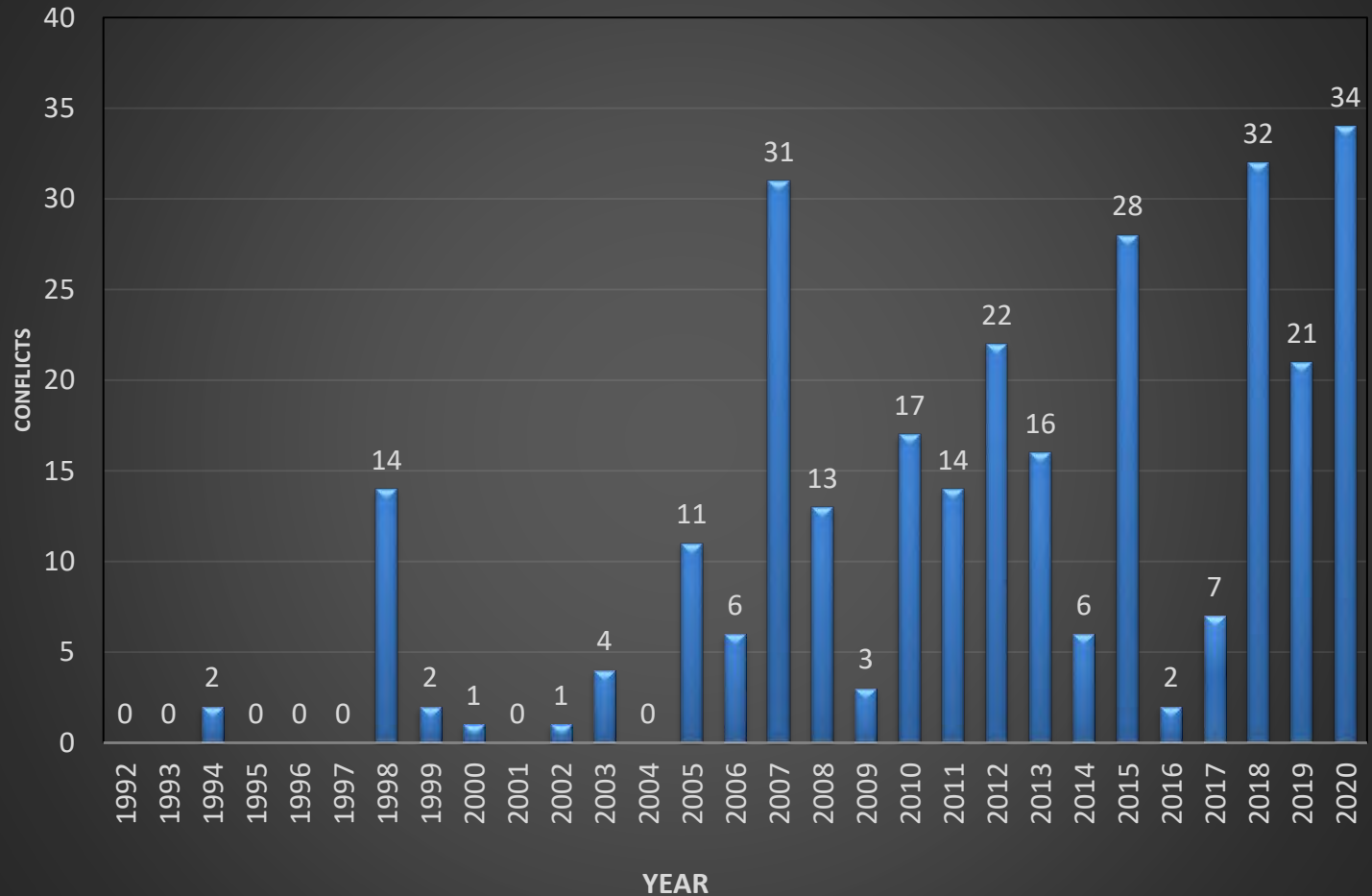
- Conflicts are incidents where bears injure people, cause public safety concerns, damage property, obtain anthropogenic foods, kill or injure livestock or any other incident that requires an agency response.

# 2020 Conflicts

Human-grizzly bear conflicts in the Idaho portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, 2020.	
Conflict type	Number of Conflicts
Human Injury	2
Encounter Situations	2
Public Safety Threat (habituated, near developed site, etc.)	15
Anthropogenic Foods	4
Property Damage – without food reward	3
Livestock Depredation – cattle	6
Human Caused Bear Mortality	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

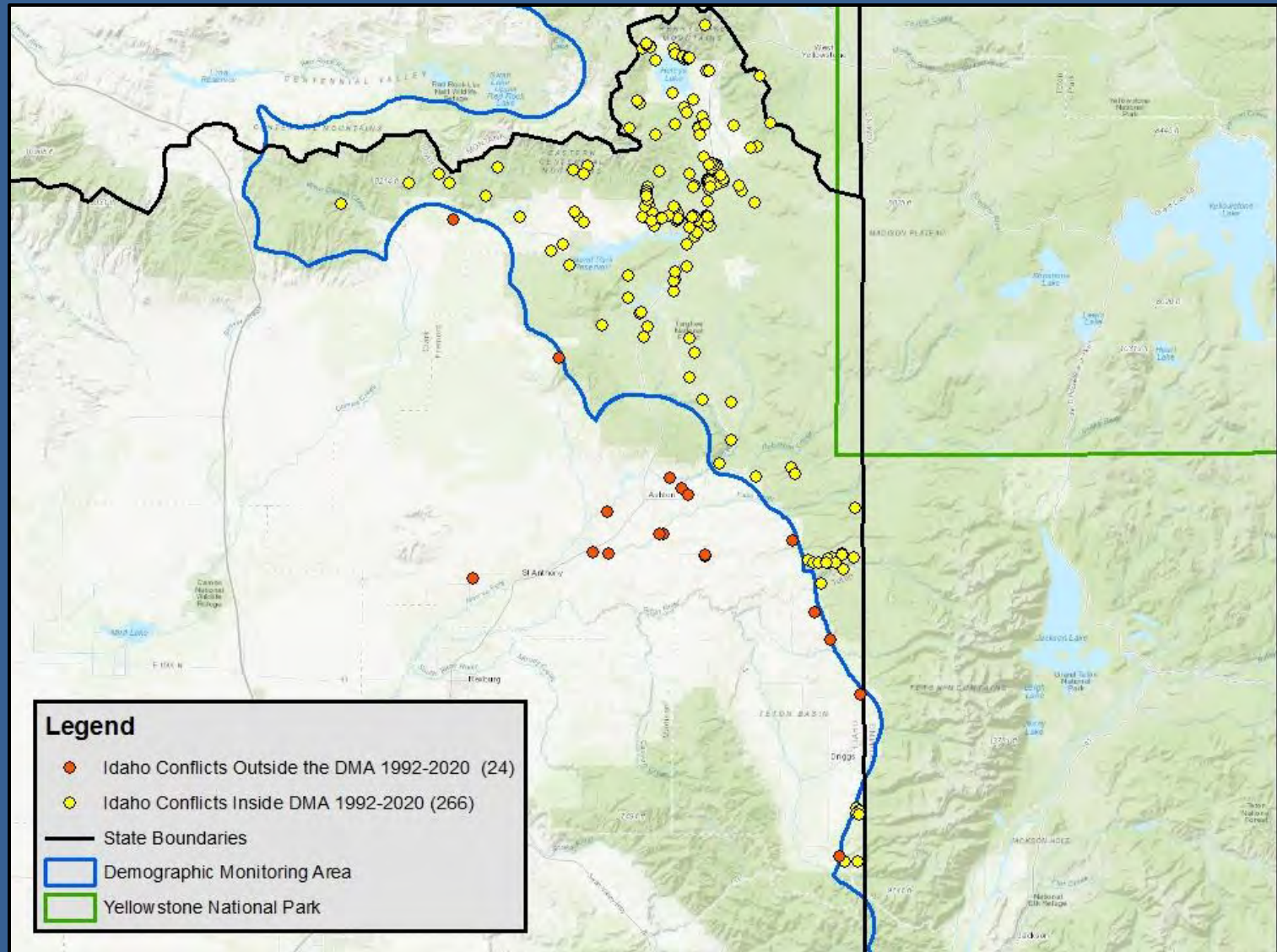
- One female and yearling relocated, no bears euthanized due to conflicts

# Conflicts From 1992-2020

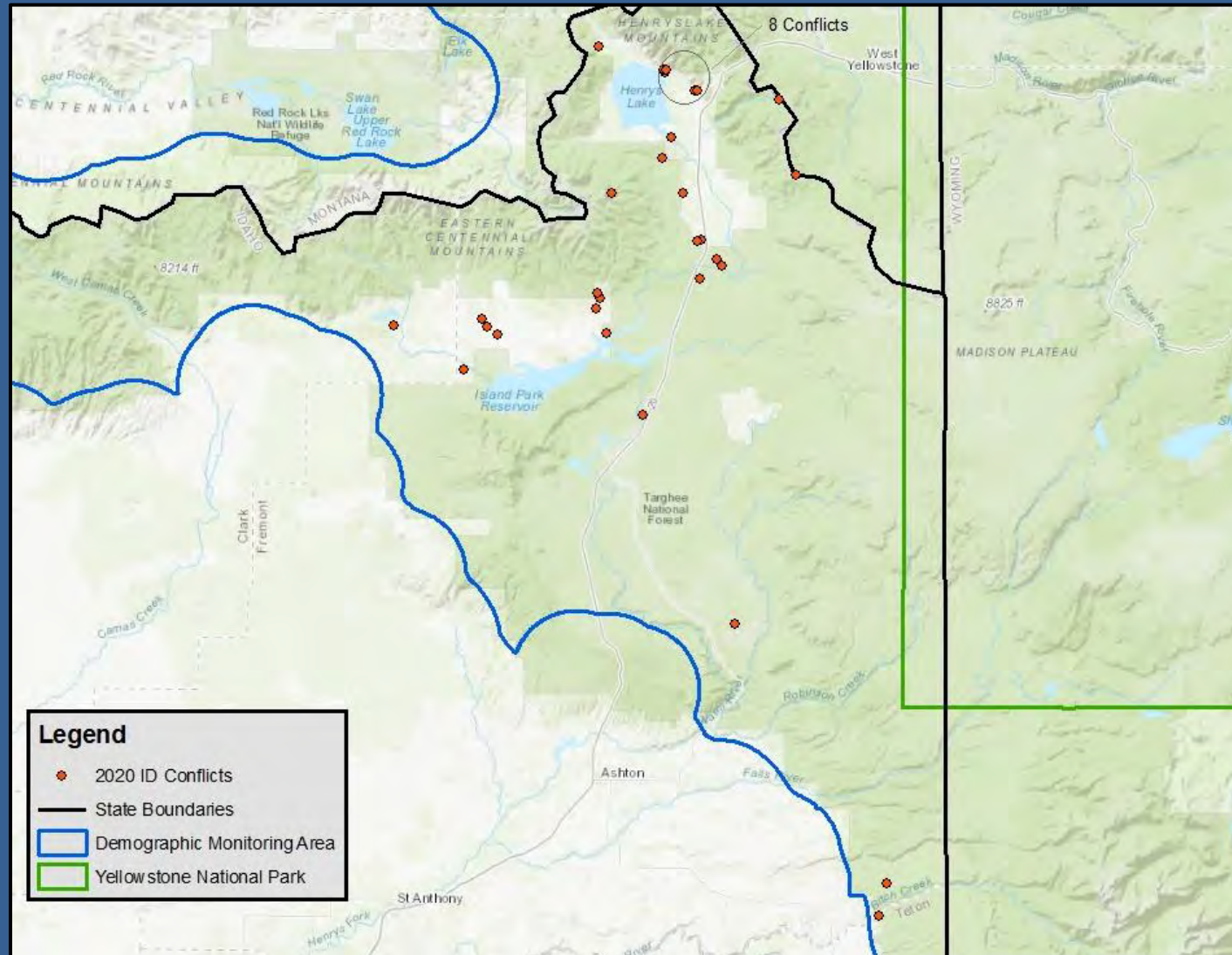




# Number of documented human-grizzly bear conflicts inside and outside the DMA in the Idaho portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, 1992–2020.



# Locations of human-grizzly bear conflicts in the Idaho portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, 2020.





# Reducing and Responding to Conflicts





# Outreach and Education



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- Conduct site visits to identify potential conflict situations
- Canvass neighborhoods and campgrounds





# Outreach and Education






# Social Media




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## Island Park ID Classified Ads and Community Info

Public group · 4.1K members



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**Jeremy Nicholson**  
June 2, 2020 · 

I live in Island Park and work with the Fish and Game. I'm the bear biologist. I wanted to see if I could get names of HOA leaders or names of folks who may live in a subdivision and share emails with each other. Basically, I want to be able to send out reminders to help folks be bear aware and let people know if bears have been active in an area. Any help would be greatly appreciated.





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### About

Island Park Idaho Classified Ads and any community info.

-  **Public**  
Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post.
-  **Visible**  
Anyone can find this group.
-  **Island Park, Idaho**
-  **General Group**





# Securing Attractants



Regular dumpster toppled by bear



Bear resistant dumpster brought in to replace it



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Electrifying a bear-resistant dumpster



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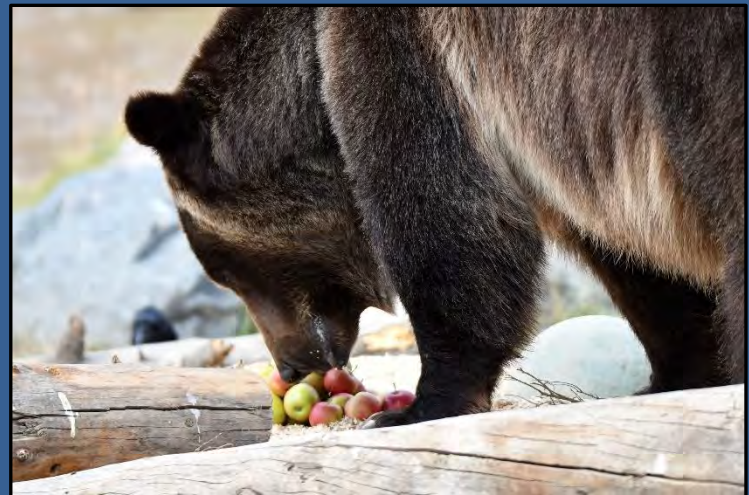
Retrofitting dumpster to make it more difficult for bears to acquire garbage

What the  
heck?





# Apple Pickin'





# Wildlife Human Attack Response Team (WHART) walking into attack site.



# 2021

- Fingers crossed to get back to normal, whatever that means
- We actually learned a lot from having to adapt our methods in 2020.



# Questions

