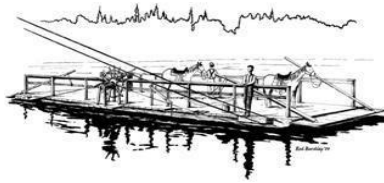




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Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI)



Formed – October 2001

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho --- City of Bonners Ferry --- Boundary County, Idaho

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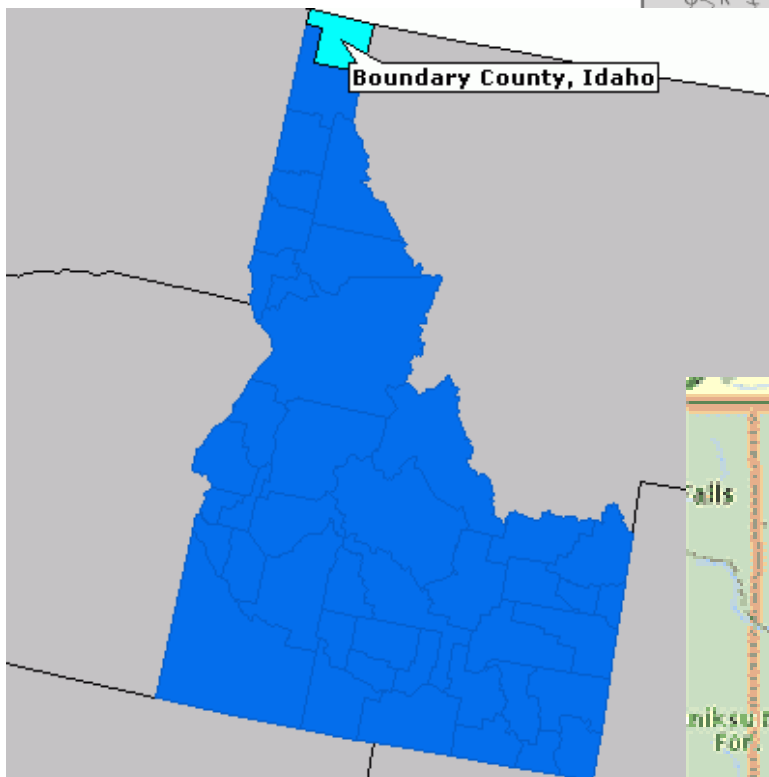
Website: <https://www.kvricollaborative.com/>

Rhonda Vogl, KVRI Facilitator





Lower Kootenai Drainage

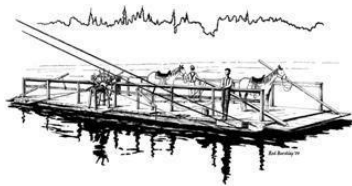


Joint Powers Agreement

KVRI Co-Chairs



Mayor Dick Staples
City of Bonners Ferry



Gary Aitken, Jr., Tribal Chair
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho



Commissioner Dan Dinning
Boundary County



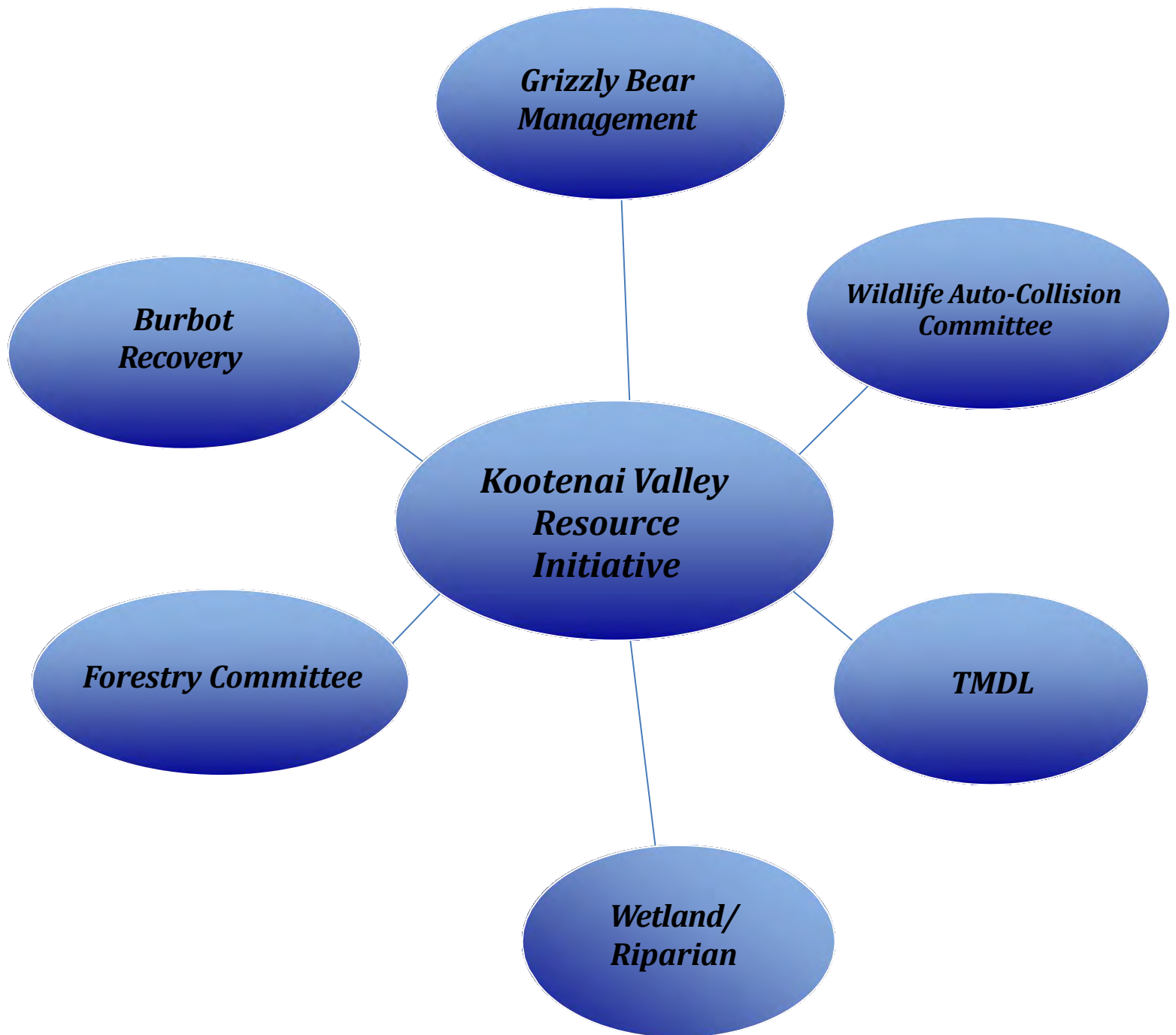
Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI)

Purpose

- *Creating Partnerships & Collaborative Approach*
- *Establishing a Proactive Forum for the Community*
- *Bringing Key Players to the Table*
- *Building Connectivity Between Community and Agencies*
- *Sharing & Exchanging Information*
- *Providing a Board for Community Involvement*



It's a BIG Picture



Forestry Committee

30 Members

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Committee

15 Members

Wetland/Riparian Committee

15-20 Members

Burbot Recovery Committee

30 Members

Grizzly Bear Committee

25 Members

Wildlife-Auto Collision Committee

30 Members



“Friends in High Places”



Idaho Governor Brad Little



U.S. Senator Mike Crapo



U.S. Senator Jim Risch



U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher

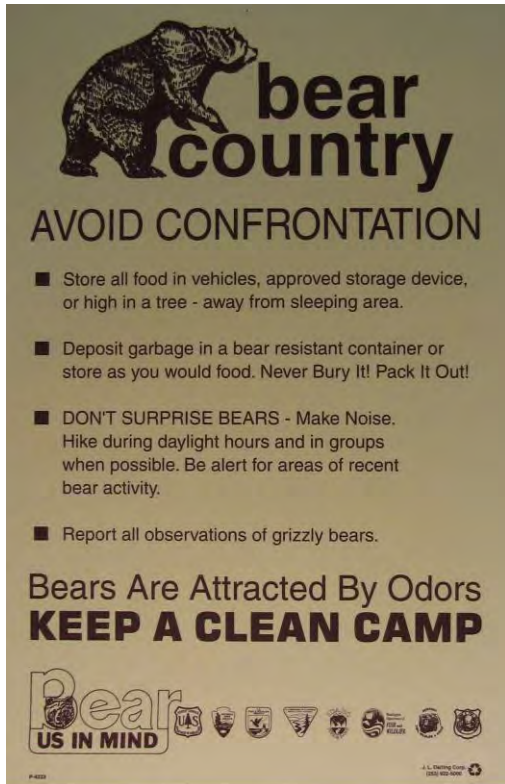
Grizzly Bear Committee

25 Members

Committee formed to serve as a forum to educate ourselves and our community on Grizzly Bear Management and to determine opportunities for a role in that management.



Grizzly Bear Committee



Outcome/Goals

- ❖ *Understanding grizzly bear and their habitat needs*
- ❖ *Reviewing and understanding agency roles and responsibilities in management and recovery*
- ❖ *Determining flexibility in recovery efforts and opportunities for community involvement*
- ❖ *Informational and Educational opportunities*



Grizzly Bear Committee

3.21.2005 KVRl came to consensus to form the Grizzly Bear Conservation Committee

1st Topics: IDFG funding a Grizzly Bear Education Coordinator for Northern Idaho, Local Recovery ecosystems, human caused mortality rates, IDFG proposal for identity test for bear hunters

Summary of General Yearly Topics

- 2006** Boundary County Fair (Human-Bear conflicts)
- 2007** Food-habitation & attractants information
New displays for library & Visitor's center
- 2008** TransCanada grant - Grizzly bear mount
Local Bear NGO's, partnerships, outreach, I&E
USFS food storage orders
- 2009** Public Opinion Survey on Grizzly Bears (CYE)
DEIS Grizzly Bear Access Management
(USFS Motorized access and mgmt.)
IDFG funding to fence waste transfer stations
- 2010** Electric fence demos, GBear 5 Yr Status Review

Grizzly Bear Committee

Summary of General Yearly Topics (cont.)

- 2011** NCDE & CYE GBear DNA/population Study (#'s)
IDFG Commission pass Bear Identification Test
- 2012** Received GBOP brochures, fair and bear I&E
- 2013** IDFG bear study, CYE bear augmentation
- 2014** CYE Grizzly Bear DNA/pop study to KVRI board
**KVRI Forestry Cmte. & grizzly bear issues
(USFS Access Amendment, BMU's) - KVRI updates
- 2015** Decline of White Bark Pine & Grizzly Bears,
IGBC SCYE updates to KVRI board
- 2016** SCYE w/bears across border (BC coop program)
USFS – Bring BMU's into compliance by 2019
(GBear Access Amendment standards)
- 2017** USFS Bog Creek Road, US Border Patrol and
GBear Access Amendment
- 2018** Bears Outside Recovery Zone (BORZ) discussions
CYE Grizzly Bear Augmentation Program
- 2019** KTOI donate IGBC trash cans at 4 boat ramps
IGBC SCYE updates to KVRI board
Cabinet Mountains Grizzly Bear Augmentation

“Griz Committee Informed by the Best Bear Bios”



Wayne Wakkinen (retired), Idaho F&G



Wayne Kasworm, USFWS



Kim Annis, Montana FWP



Amber Kornak, Idaho F&G

KVRI MEMBERS & PARTNERS

Members:

Chuck Roady, Private Consultant	Landowner/Industrial
Jim Cadnum, Private Consultant	Landowner/Industrial(alt)
Bob Blanford, Retired	Business/Industry
Tim Dougherty, Idaho Forest Group	Business/Industry(alt)
Robyn Miller, The Nature Conservancy	Conservationist
Kennon McClintock, The Nature Conservancy	Conservationist
Dave Wattenbarger, Boundary S.C.D.	Soil Conserv./Ag Landowner
Tim Dillin, Boundary S.C.D.	Soil Conserv./Ag Landowner(alt)
Ed Atkins Jr., Anheuser-Busch	Corp.Agric./Landowner
Don Allenberg, Anheuser-Busch	Corp.Agric./Landowner(alt)
Dan Dinning, Boundary County Comm.	Local County Gov't
Wally Cossairt, Boundary County Comm.	Local County Gov't(alt)
Dick Staples, Mayor of Bonners Ferry	Local Municipality
Adam Arthur, City Council	Local Municipality(alt)
Gary Aitken Jr., Tribal Chair	Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Angela Cooper, Tribal Vice Chair	Kootenai Tribe of Idaho(alt)
Carl Petrick, Forest Supervisor	U.S. Forest Serv. – B.F.
Kevin Knauth, District Ranger	U.S. Forest Serv. – B.F.(alt)
Brad Corkill, Fish&Game Supervisor	Idaho Fish&Game
Chip Corsi, Idaho Fish&Game	Idaho Fish&Game(alt)
Sandy Ashworth, Retired	Social/Cultural/Historical
Dave Gray, Retired	Social/Cultural/Historical(alt)

Partners:

<i>Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality</i>	<i>Senator Mike Crapo, CDA Staff</i>
<i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>	<i>Senator Jim Risch, CDA Staff</i>
<i>Natural Resources Conservation</i>	<i>Vital Ground Foundation</i>
<i>Univ. Of Idaho-Boundary County</i>	<i>Kootenai Valley Sportsmen's Assoc</i>
<i>The Nature Conservancy</i>	<i>U.S. Bureau of Land Management</i>
<i>Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game</i>	<i>U.S. Army Corp of Engineers</i>
<i>U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service</i>	<i>Idaho Dept. of Lands</i>
<i>Idaho Dept. of Transportation</i>	
<i>Congressman Russ Fulcher, CDA Staff</i>	
<i>Idaho Governor's Office/Species Conservation</i>	