Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI)

Formed – October 2001

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

Grizzly Bear Management

Burbot Recovery

Wildlife Auto-Collision Committee

Forestry Committee

TMDL

Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

Wetland/Riparian
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 KVRI 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-habituation & 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:**

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Jim Cadnum, Private Consultant  
Bob Blanford, Retired  
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Robyn Miller, The Nature Conservancy  
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Don Allenberg, Anheuser-Busch  
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Kevin Knauth, District Ranger  
Brad Corkill, Fish&Game Supervisor  
Chip Corsi, Idaho Fish&Game  
Sandy Ashworth, Retired  
Dave Gray, Retired  

**Partners:**

Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Natural Resources Conservation  
Univ. Of Idaho-Boundary County  
The Nature Conservancy  
Idaho Dept. of Fish &Game  
U.S. Fish &Wildlife Service  
Idaho Dept. of Transportation  
Congressman Russ Fulcher, CDASTaff  
Idaho Governor’s Office/Species Conservation  

Landowner/Industrial  
Landowner/Industrial(alt)  
Business/Industry  
Business/Industry(alt)  
Conservationist  
Conservationist  
Soil Conserv./Ag Landowner  
Soil Conserv./Ag Landowner(alt)  
Corp.Agric./Landowner  
Corp.Agric./Landowner(alt)  
Local County Gov't  
Local County Gov't(alt)  
Local Municipality  
Local Municipality(alt)  
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho  
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho(alt)  
U.S. Forest Serv. – B.F.  
U.S. Forest Serv. – B.F.(alt)  
Idaho Fish&Game  
Idaho Fish&Game(alt)  
Social/Cultural/Historical  
Social/Cultural/Historical(alt)  

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Senator Jim Risch, CDASTaff  
Vital Ground Foundation  
Kootenai Valley Sportsmen’s Assoc  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers  
Idaho Dept. of Lands