

Recommendations- Reducing Human-Bear Conflicts and Grizzly Bear Mortalities



2019 Request from IGBC Chair

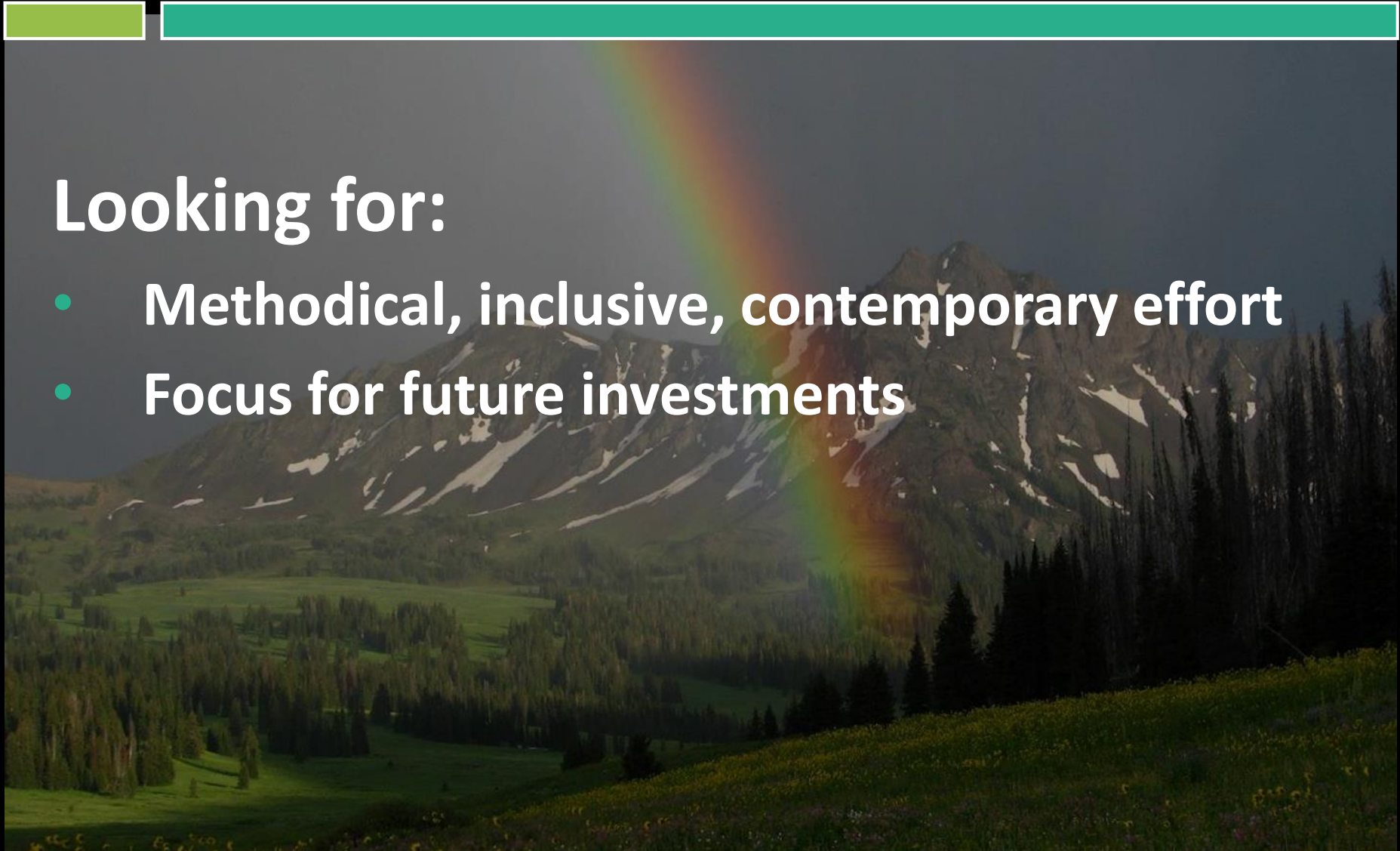
Mortality Reduction Recommendations



Old Concept - New Look

Looking for:

- Methodical, inclusive, contemporary effort
- Focus for future investments




Current Reality



GYE Grizzly Population:

- Mortalities below thresholds
- More bears in more places
- Inevitable increase in conflicts

Interagency Tech Team



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Prior Work

- 2009 YES Report
 - 33 action items -> 11
- 2019 Current YES Effort
 - 11 action items -> 5



Five YES Priorities

1. Backcountry and hunting related conflicts
2. Front country conflicts and community planning
3. Efficacy of information and education
4. Livestock conflicts and producer outreach
5. Community outreach in range expansion areas



Completed Steps

Recommendations From:

- Agencies
- Public



Tech Team Summary

Completed Steps



Tech Team - Prioritized Topics

Lead	Topic
YES	Backcountry & Hunting
YES	Frontcountry & Community Planning
YES	Livestock Conflicts & Producer Outreach
IGBC	Community Outreach in Range Expansion Areas
IGBC	Efficacy of Information & Education

Completed Step



Three Topics



**Tech Team Prioritized
Recommendations**

- **Backcountry & Hunting**
- **Frontcountry & Community Planning**
- **Livestock Conflicts & Producer Outreach**

Tech Team Perspective on Recommendations

- Many on-going programs
 - ...long history
- Revelations are possible
 - ...but not much is new
- Not Exclusive
 - ...retain ongoing programs
- Pragmatism tempers idealism
 - ...what is attainable?
- Affirm a few good ideas
 - ...create focus

12 Topic 1: Backcountry & Hunting

Theme: Consistency and Modernization

Prioritization	Recommendation
High	Availability of Food & Game Storage Infrastructure
Medium	Train Outfitter & Guide – New & Safer Hunting Practices
Medium	Outreach Funding – Bear Spray Giveaway
Medium	Standardize Agency Policy & Messaging
Low	Standardize & Simplify Signs

Topic 2: Frontcountry Conflicts & Community Planning

Theme: Existing Programs – New Audience

Prioritization	Recommendation
High	Retool Programs for New Audience
Medium	NGO Partnerships
Medium	Consistency in Message for Human-Bear Warning/Conflict Info
Low	Precise Bear Management Strategies

Topic 3: Livestock Conflicts & Producer Outreach

Theme: Producers in the Equation

Prioritization	Recommendation
High	Prevention vs Reaction
Medium	Enlist Producers to be Messengers and Allies
Medium	Use Partnership with Producers as a Filter

Workshop

- Ideas to Action Items



Questions?

