

IGBC IEO Winter 2021 Update

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FY2021 Funded Projects- \$71,782

Bitterroot Ecosystem

- Bitterroot National Forest- \$2000
- Idaho Fish and Game- \$4800
- Wind River (2 projects)- \$5775

Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem

- Yellowstone to Yukon- \$6300
- Kootenai National Forest- \$2800
- Lolo National Forest- \$1800

Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

- Helena-Lewis and Clark NF- \$2000
- Bear Creek Council- \$1241
- Jack Creek Preserve Foundation- \$500
- Western Landowners Alliance- \$1500
- Wyoming Fish and Game- \$1000
- Beaverhead-Deerlodge /Custer-Gallatin National Forest- \$3000

North Cascades Ecosystem

- Defenders of Wildlife- \$5000

Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

- Glacier Institute- \$1000
- Swan Valley Connections- \$2600
- Seeley Lake School District- \$3500
- Flathead National Forest- \$3000
- Glacier National Park- \$1975

Selkirk Ecosystem

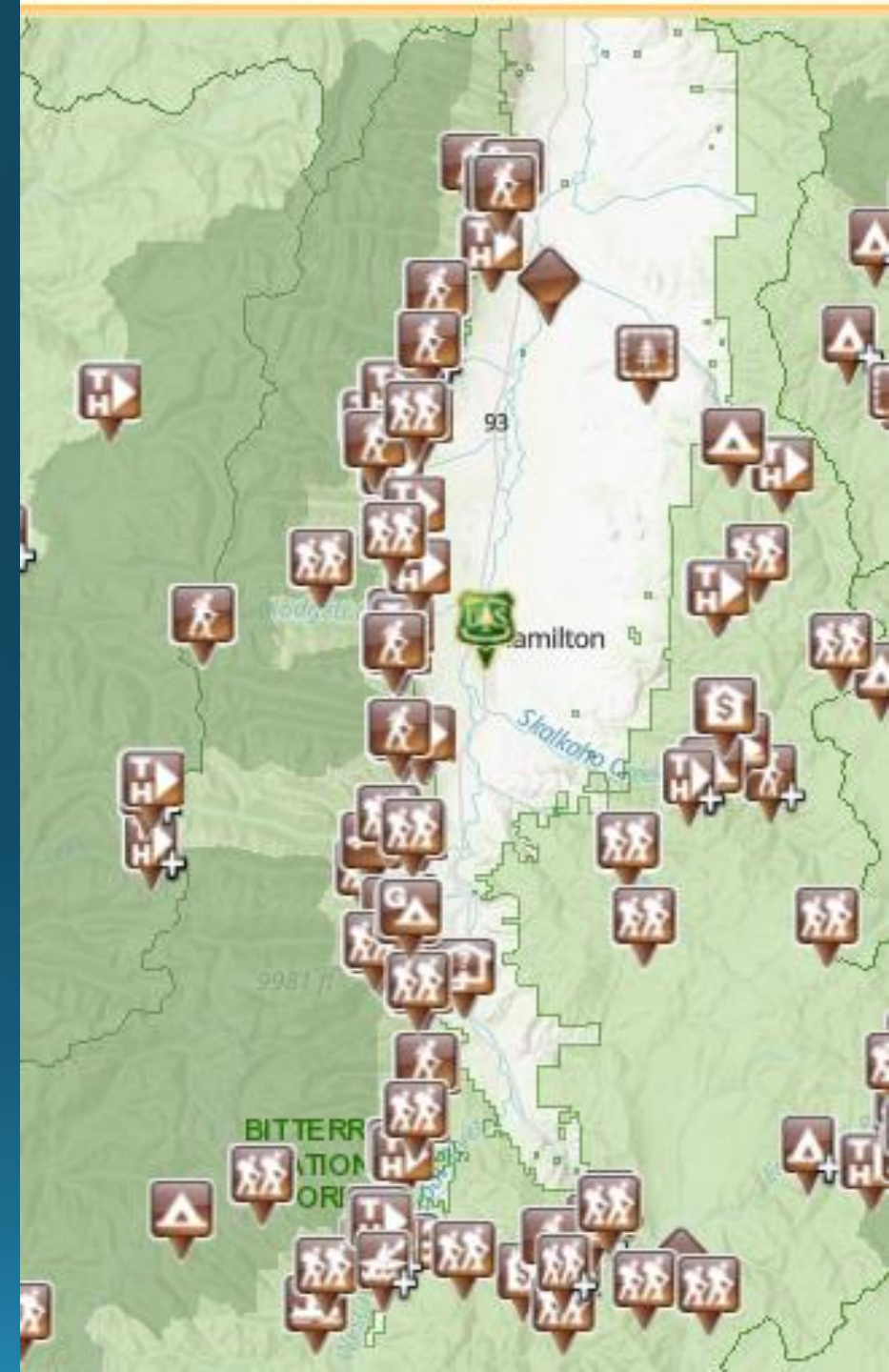
- Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Washington Fish and Wildlife- \$2416
- Colville National Forest- \$5075
- Idaho Fish and Game- \$1500

All Ecosystems

- Defenders of Wildlife- \$5000
- People and Carnivores- \$5000
- Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks- \$3000

Bitterroot Ecosystem

- Bitterroot National Forest
 - 200 Proper Food Storage signs
 - 200 Hunters know your Bears
 - 50 Food Storage Locker Decals
- Idaho Dept. Fish and Game
 - Building a Charging Bear Simulator
- Wind River Institute
 - Mapping Human-Bear Conflict Hotspots
 - 18 Public Education Presentations
 - Provided additional Education and outreach to conflict calls



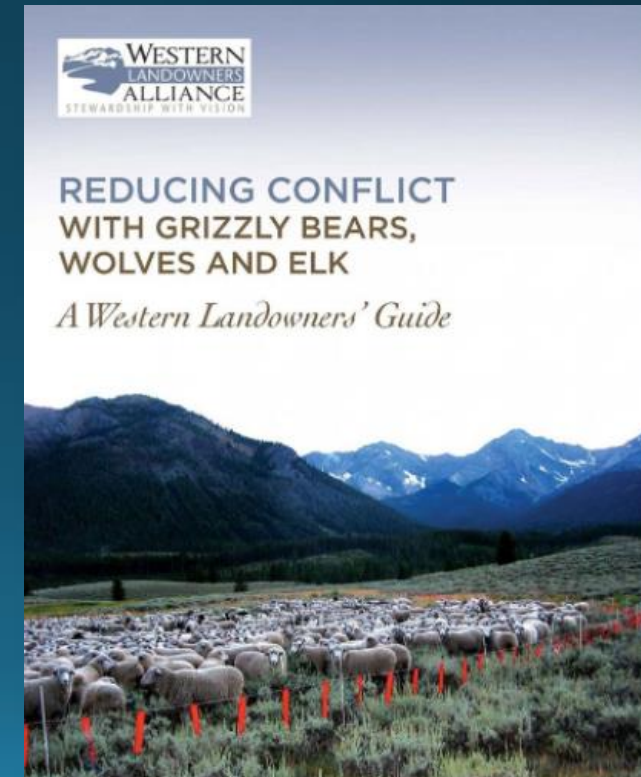
Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem

- Yellowstone to Yukon
 - Cabinet Yaak Bear Ranger
- Kootenai National Forest- Ksanka District
 - Fast-Paced Recreation Signs
 - Black and Grizzly Bear Skulls
 - Be Bear Aware Signs
 - Materials for display for County and Bear Fairs
- Lolo National Forest- Plains/Thompson Falls District
 - 50 Inert Bear Spray training cans
 - Be Bear Aware Signs
 - Fast-Paced Recreation Signs
 - Staff provided bear education at campgrounds, dispersed sites, YCC Crews, Sanders County Fair, and Project Accent Campers.



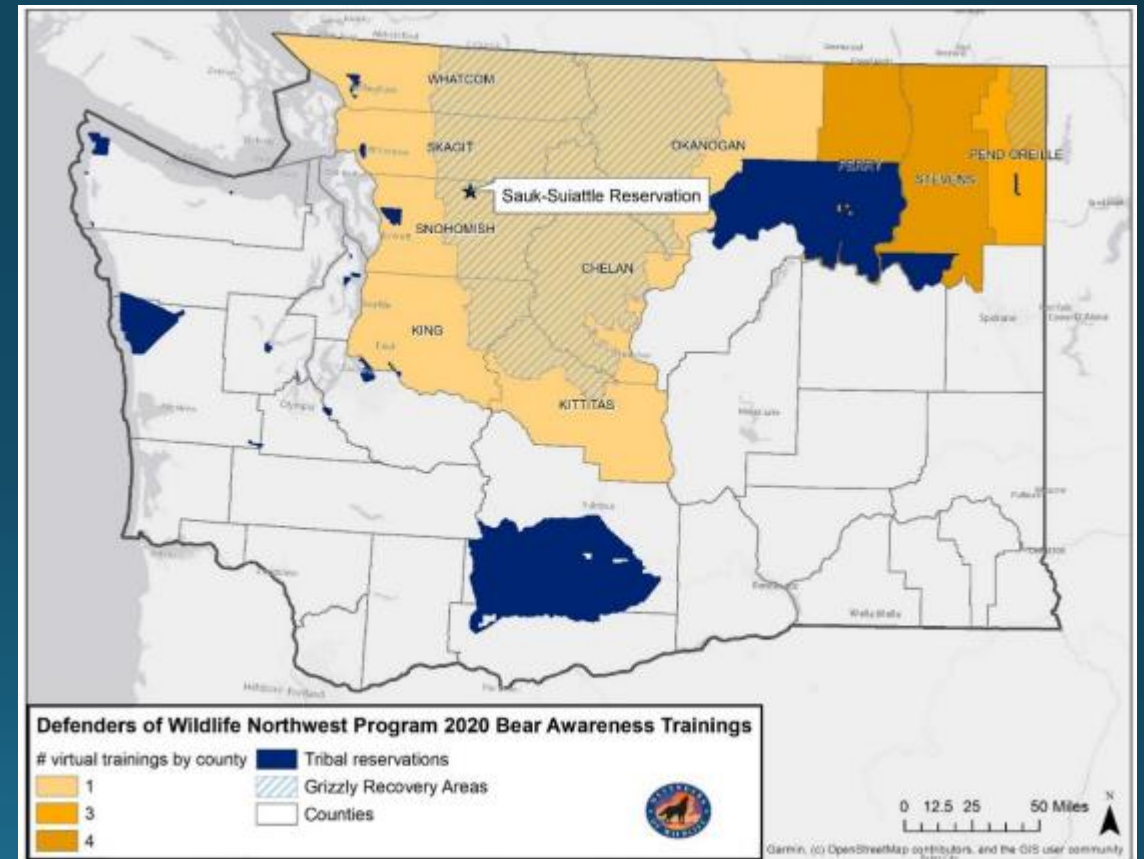
Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

- Bear Creek Council
 - Purchased 5 Toter 64-gallon bear-resistant garbage cans for distribution around Gardiner, MT
- Beaverhead Deerlodge/Custer Gallatin National Forest
 - Bear Saver Food Storage Box- Beartooth District
 - Food Storage posters and signs
- Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
 - Bear Country Signs
 - Fast-Paced Recreations Signs
 - Food Storage Signs
- Jack Creek Preserve Foundation
 - Provided lunch for professional development opportunity for K-12 teachers
- Western Landowners Alliance
 - Assisted with printing cost "Reducing Conflict with Grizzly Bears, Wolves and Elk: Landowners' Guide"



North Cascade Ecosystem

- Defenders of Wildlife
 - 6 Bear Awareness Trainings
 - 90 Cans of Bear Spray
 - 12 Inert Training Cans



Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

- Glacier Institute
 - Columbia Falls Bear Safety Clinic (weekly)
 - Bear Safety and Awareness Hike
 - Bear Safety Online Course
- Swan Valley Connections
 - Bear-Resistant Garbage Container Loaner Program
 - Swan Valley Bear Ranger
- Seeley Lake School District
 - Bear Academy for 150 Elementary Students in Seeley Lake
- Flathead National Forest
 - Bear Ranger Tips
 - Roadside Signs
 - Fast-paced Recreations Signs
- Glacier National Park- no final report

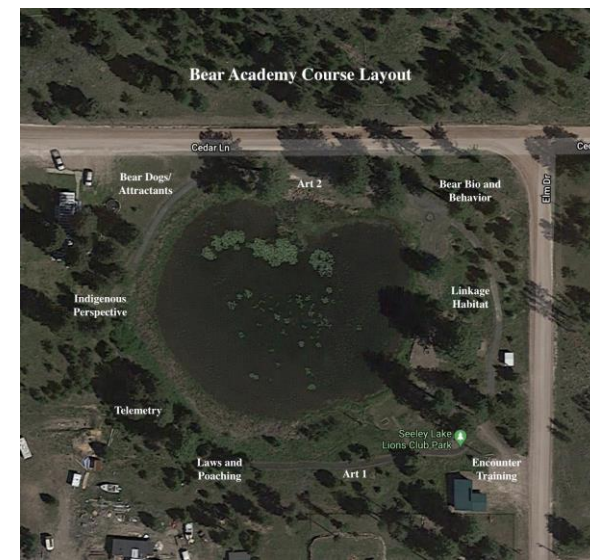
Bear Safety

Too many people are deciding not to enjoy the great outdoors because of a fear of bears, it shouldn't be this way. This course is designed to help you understand bears and how to explore bear country safely and stop missing out.

Buy \$20.00

Entering

Bear Academy



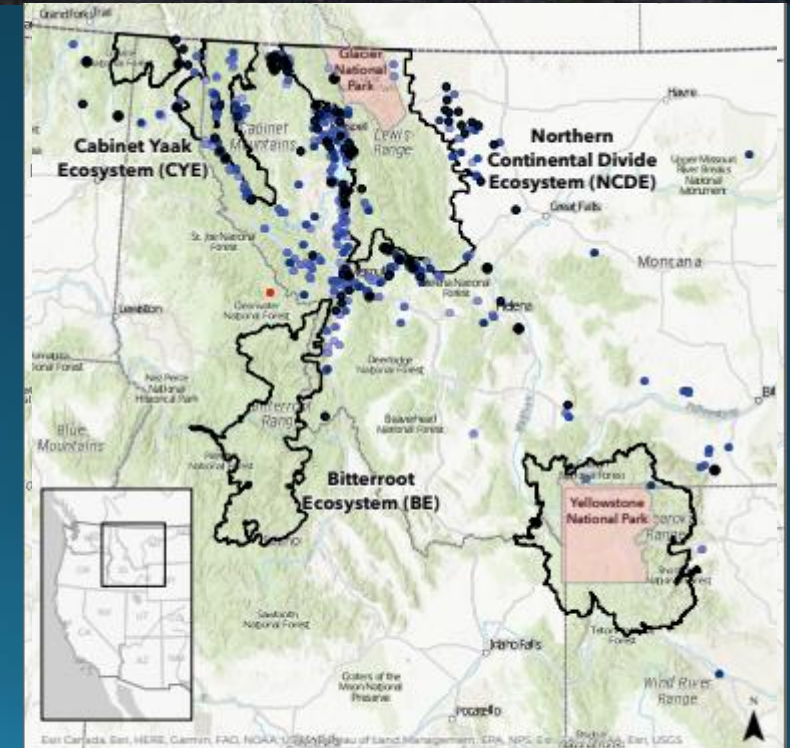
Selkirk Ecosystem

- Kalispell Tribe and Washington Dept. Fish and Wildlife
 - Postcards for households
- Colville National Forest
 - 2 Food storage lockers
- Idaho Fish and Game
 - 118 Bear Country Signs



All Ecosystem

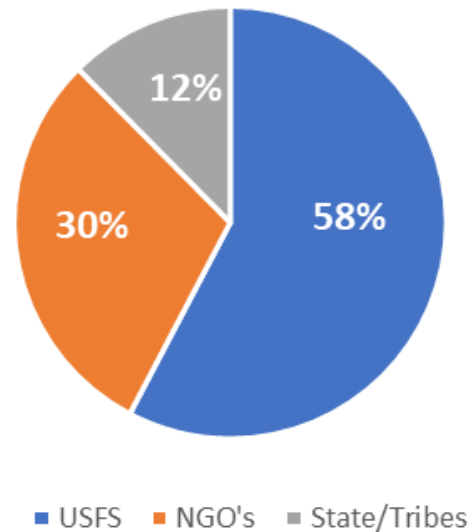
- Defenders of Wildlife
 - 33 Electric Fence Projects
 - Celebrating 500 projects 2010-2021
- People and Carnivores



Defenders of Wildlife
Electric Fence Incentive Projects 2010-2021

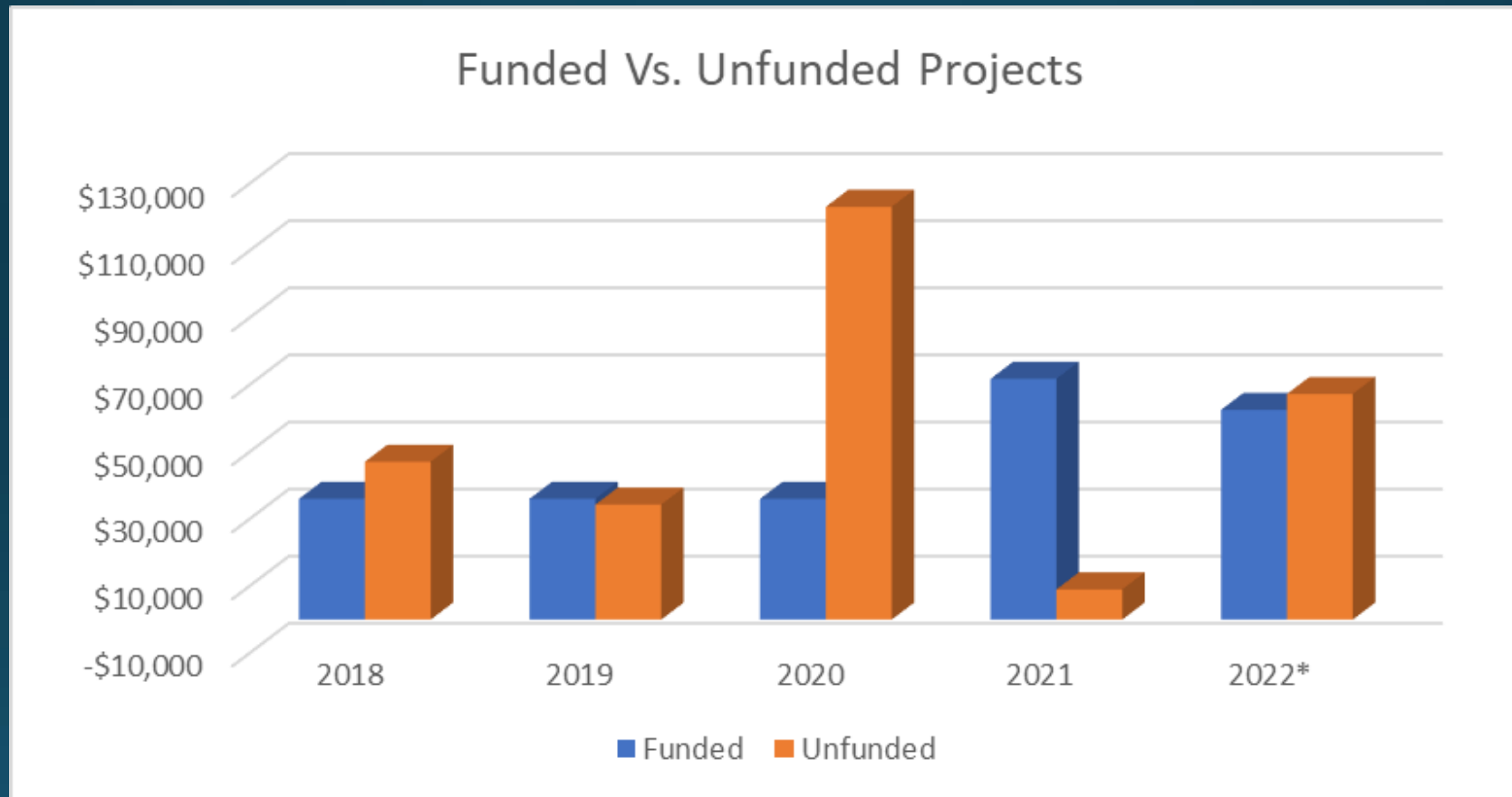
Collaborative Work

Funded Entities Over the Last 8 Years



- NGO's
 - Defenders of Wildlife
 - Western Wildlife Outreach
 - Blackfoot Challenge
 - Swan Valley Connections
 - Yellowstone to Yukon
 - Wind River Institute
 - Bear Creek Council
 - Jack Creek Preserve
 - People and Carnivores
 - Western Landowners Alliance
 - Glacier Institute

FY2022 Funding Awardees



*\$156,784 original request found \$26,986 not followed criteria.

IGBC Website

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Protect Yourself And Grizzly Bears

- Whether you're camping, hunting or living in
- bear habitat, use bear-resistant products to
- keep bears from becoming food-conditioned.

[Bear-Resistant Products](#)

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) supports recovery and delisting, and ongoing conservation of grizzly bear populations and their habitats in areas of the western United States through interagency coordination of policy, planning, management, research and communication.

IEO 5 Year Plan Update

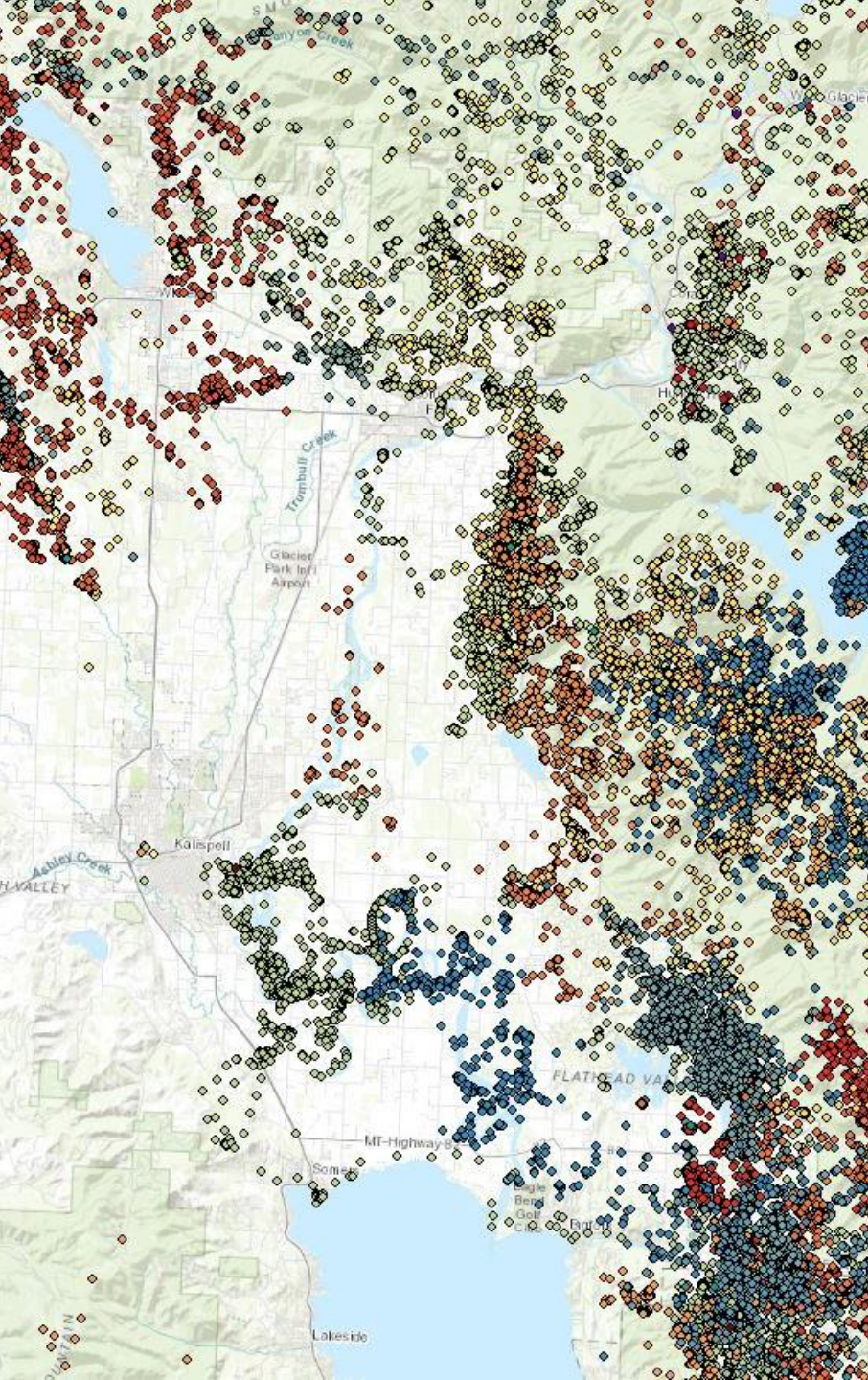
- Goal 1: Ensure effective communication across all levels of IGBC
 - 2021 Accomplishments:
 - All IEO Chairs produced updates and discuss IEO issues at subcommittee meetings.
 - Website Redesign
 - 2022 Plan Actions
 - IEO Chairs will continue to communicate with their subcommittee
 - All IEO committee will meet to select funding proposals.

IEO 5 Year Plan Update

- Goal 2: Ensure consistency of messages across all IGBC I&E agencies
 - 2021 Accomplishments
 - USFS and FWP worked together to create the fast-paced recreation sign
 - Contacted and purchased Western Wildlife Outreach Bear brochure to distribute across all ecosystems
 - 2022 Planned Action
 - Continue to work on consistent messaging across agencies and NGO's

IEO 5 Year Plan Update

- Goal 3: Increase use of bear spray by people who live, work and recreate in bear range.
 - 2021 Accomplishments
 - Bear Spray Advertisement in the Stalked Hunting Guide
 - Bear spray Training across all ecosystems
 - 2022 Planned Action
 - Purchased some Inert Cans to handout for trainings



IEO 5 Year Plan Update

- New Goal: Establish the foundation of the IGBC Bear Smart Community Program
 - 2021 Accomplishments
 - Created a bear smart community working group to establish criteria for an IGBC Bear Smart Community Program
 - Hired a writer/editor to help with document
 - 2022 Planned Action
 - Draft criteria and logistic for IGBC Bear Smart Community Program
 - Draft will also be distributed to agencies, bear specialist, and NGO's for comments.

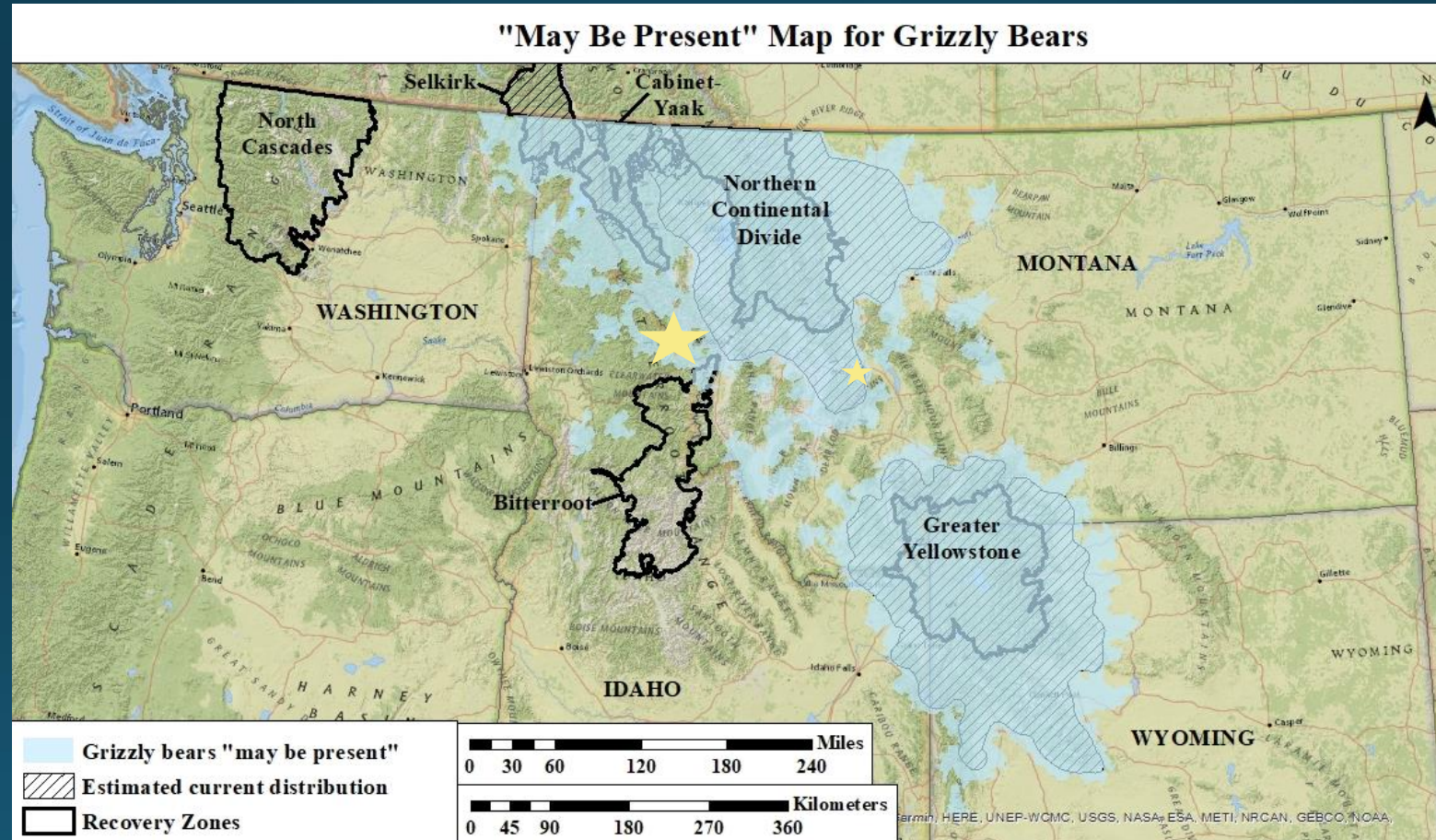
Response to Summit and GYE Request

- David Buth, PhD at the University of Wyoming
 - Project has been cancelled due to unforeseen family issues

Webinar Update and Scheduling

- May 2022: Electric Fencing- Defenders of Wildlife and Wildlife Services
- Other Ideas:
 - Hunting and Bear Spray Safety
 - Recreating in Bear Country
 - Bear Smart Communities
 - Grizzly Bear Research
 - Work that other Partners are doing
 - How to reduce conflict on your property

IGBC Information, Education and Outreach Summit- 2023



Questions and/or Comments

- Big Thanks to my IEO Subcommittee
 - Danielle Oyler, GYE
 - Dillon Tabish, NCDE
 - Jen Bruns, Bitterroot
 - Kim Annis, Selkirk and CYE
 - Denise Schultz, Cascade
- Welcome Kristi Johnson-Hughs, Selkirk and CYE

