Background

• Comprehensive Plan
• Ecosystem Stewardship – Common Value 1
  – *Chapter 1, Principle* 1.1 – Maintain healthy populations of all native species
  – *Policy* 1.1.d Limit human/wildlife conflicts
  – “…attracting wildlife into the built environment can be dangerous for both wildlife and humans. Human/wildlife conflicts, especially those involving large predators, can result in human injury and/or relocation or killing of the animal.”
Map and photos provided by WGFD
Current Map

Bear Conflict Areas – Countywide
CPA 1 – Conflict Priority Area 1 (red)
CPA 2 – Conflict Priority Area 2(gold)

Areas in Gold proposed to change for bear resistant trash can requirement
• **Other Communities:**
  - Durango CO
  - Seminole County FL
  - Washoe, Carson & Douglas Counties NV
  - Boulder CO (Urban Wildlife Policy)
  - Whistler CAN
  - Teton County ID (Chapter 7)
  - Missoula MT
  - Wilton NY
  - Canmore CAN – fruit tree & berry harvest
  - Many Others....
Background

• Enforcement
  – Land Development Regulation (LDR) vs. ordinance
  – Must follow state law through abatement process
  – Most violations are handled administratively through a notice and are complaint driven
  – Full enforcement and compliance will come with time and support from the community and require local outreach and education
Stakeholder Involvement

- Planning Commission Public Meetings
- WY Game and Fish Department –
  - 2011-2020 Bear Conflicts:
    - 44% garbage
    - 17% Pet/Livestock/Bird feed
    - 11% Fruit Trees & Property Damage
Summary of Key Changes

- Prohibition of feeding for *all* wildlife, not just the listed species in the current section which are – antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, bobcats, black bears grizzly bears, mountain lions, lynx, wild bison, wolves, coyotes, foxes and racoons.

- Bird feeders shall be unavailable to wildlife at all times of the year.

- Ornamental non-native fruit bearing trees, not harvested for food, shall not be planted. Existing ornamental, non-native fruit trees shall be managed with harvesting or fencing.
Summary of Key Changes

- All trash shall be stored in an IGBC certified bear resistant container or dumpster countywide (exception is within Town of Jackson jurisdiction), eliminating Conflict Priority Areas 1 and 2.

- Additional language for ensuring attractants are kept in bear resistant enclosures such as grease from food service, chicken coops and feed, apiaries, compost, livestock, and fish food.

- Design requirements for bear resistant enclosures included in LDRs.

- Establishing an effective date for the above regulations of July 1st, 2022.
Specific Recommendations

• Funding needs and costs

• Commercial dumpsters and construction waste

• Trash properly stored in “self-locking” IGBC certified bear resistant containers

• Publicly owned facilities

• Education, outreach, and coordination
Next Steps

- April 12th Board of County Commissioner Meeting
- https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/AgendaCenter

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