



IGBC UPDATE

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IGBC MISSION



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.

IGBC Website - NCDE



ABOUT

BE BEAR AWARE

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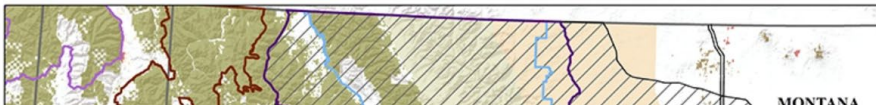
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NORTHERN CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

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Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem



- Membership
- Meeting Materials
- Policy, Management, and Research Reports

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2022 IGBC Meetings



- Subcommittees
 - Yellowstone, 4/6-7, Jackson WY
 - Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak, 4/19, Virtual
 - Bitterroot, 4/27 Kamiah, ID / Virtual
 - NCDE, 5/19, Kalispell, MT / Virtual
 - Yellowstone, 11/16-17, Bozeman, MT
- Executives
 - 7/6-8 Executive, Sand Point, ID
 - 12/6-8 Executive, TBD

IGBC Executives 3/14/22



IGBC ITERATIVE STRATEGIC CONVERSATION

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Habitat

Identify landscape conditions that allow interchange and dispersal in areas between ecosystems and, where desired and feasible, maintain and enhance those conditions.*

Identify landscape conditions that impede dispersal and habitat use, ameliorate. (e.g., install wildlife crossings)

Finalize habitat criteria for occupied range/recovery areas before modeling vacant habitat

Finalize criteria for habitat requirements when looking at bears outside of recovery areas

Policy on Listing/Delisting, Recovery Planning, Review of 1986 IGBC Guidelines

Science

Support and coordinate integrative approaches to increase effectiveness and accuracy of population monitoring.*

From first part of Habitat:
Identify landscape conditions that allow interchange and dispersal in areas between ecosystems
Climate change, large-scale fire incidents, and hazardous fuels reduction measures can all affect landscape conditions important for grizzly bear conservation. Is there need to further synthesize the best available science to inform management considerations?

Continue to investigate conflict reduction techniques.

Comparability of demographic/habitat criteria (e.g. resolve the major discrepancy between bear management units, habitat in Selkirk/CY with NCDE and GYE

Work with social scientists to assure messaging and approach is best poised to influence human behavior

Info, Ed, Outreach

Ensure effective communication across all levels of the IGBC.*

Ensure consistency of messages across all IGBC I&E agencies

Increase use of bear spray by people who live, work, and recreate in bear range.

Understanding Bear Behavior

COMMUNITIES - establish a Foundation for funding IGBC Bear Smart Community and other conflict work.

Renovate the bear resistant container program. Make it self-sufficient or fund generation of.

Transfer bear resistant container program to WMI

Conflict Reduction

Identify trends and concerns, and support effective preventative measures to reduce human-bear conflicts and human caused mortality.*

DATA (what about data?)

-Conduct a data assessment and develop a strategic approach to collection, analysis, and reporting (?)

RECREATION - Understand relationships between emerging patterns in recreation and grizzly bear conservation to support effective measures in preventing conflicts and mortalities.*

Ensure adequate funding in areas to conflict mitigators

LIVESTOCK
Update the IGBC Guidelines

TRANSPORTATION

Star Cache!

Launched Ships



- Budget Committee
- Bear-Resistant Product Testing Program
- Conflict Reduction (letter from Chair Hogan 2019)
- IEO Subcommittee (2023 summit)
- Bear Smart Community Working Group

Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem Subcommittee



- **Establish and implement clear direction for recovery**
- **Maintain or enhance habitat conditions for Grizzly Bears**
- **Document presence of Grizzly Bears**

Ongoing efforts

- Transportation conflict – HCP for Railroad nearing completion; crossing coordination
- Livestock conflicts
- Habitat - habitat protection in landscape between NCDE and CYE
- Research

IGBC Bear Smart Program Goal



The overall goal of the program is to support collaborative community-based human-bear strategies that benefit both people and bears by reducing conflicts and improving human safety in areas where people and bears share the landscape.

IGBC Certification Program



- Both people and bears have a place on the landscape
- No 'one-size-fits-all' solution
- Multiple strategies needed
- Bear management and removal will continue to be tools
- Provide guidelines but be flexible

Criteria Overview



1. Establish a Bear Smart Committee
2. Complete a Bear Smart Community Assessment
3. Develop a Bear Smart Community Plan
4. Implement the Bear Smart Community Plan