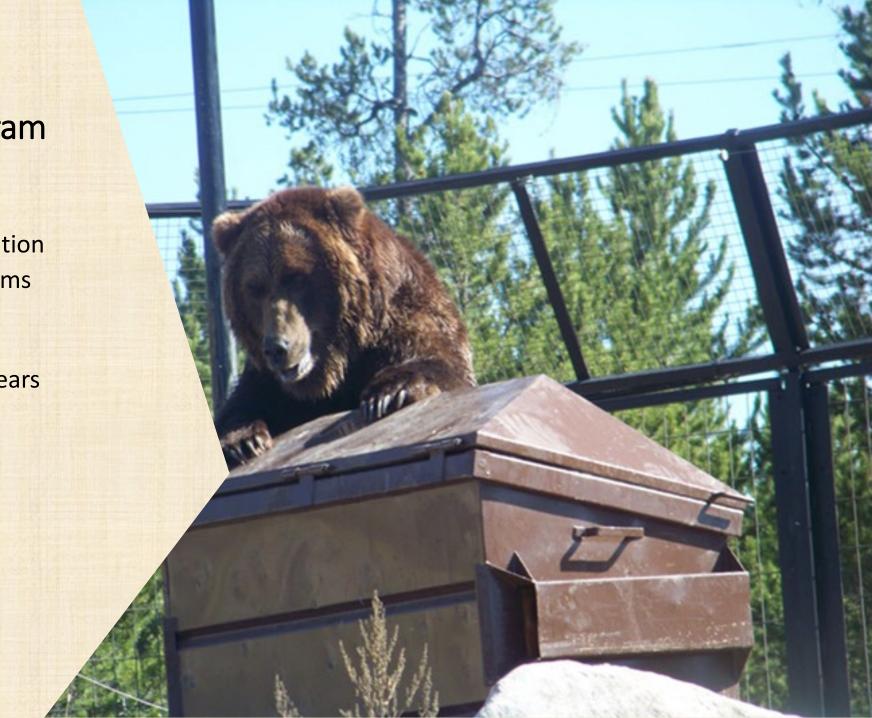




IGBC Bear-Resistant Products Testing Program

- Important for bear conservation
 - All grizzly bear ecosystems
 - Between grizzly bear ecosystems
 - Areas with only black bears
- Effective
- Visible
- Important partnerships
 - IGBC agencies
 - Public
 - Manufacturers
 - Waste Haulers



Thank you!

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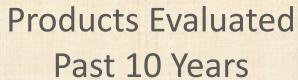
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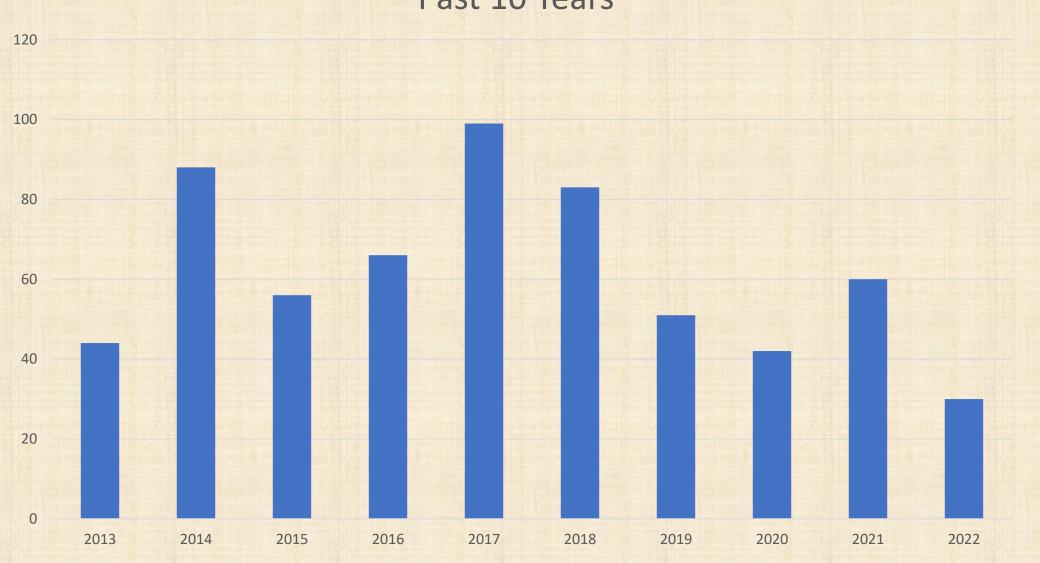
2022 Test Results



30 products tested

- 18 coolers (15 pass/3 fail)
- 6 canisters (3 pass/3 fail)
- 4 garbage carts (0 pass/4 fail)
- 1 accessory (1 pass/0 fail)
- 1 composter (0 pass/1 fail)
- 63% pass







2022 Funding

- \$14,157 testing fees
- \$10,363 administrative fees
- \$10,000 IGBC support
- Annual program costs (\$42,900) were covered using carryover funding

New for 2023

- Implementation of interactive database
- Implementation of automated submission forms and testing forms
- Fully-automated garbage carts
 - Continue to address concerns
- Address issues related to limited testing capacity



Testing Fatigue?

- Lowest number of products tested since 2012 (half of our 10-yr. average)
- Numbers tested has always been unpredictable.
- This season we had to halt new product submissions in June
- Bears not interested in testing coolers
 - Number, ages, and personalities of bears
 - New feeding policy
 - Fatigue/interest



Proposed Solution



- Increase capacity of IGBC testing program by adding another facility in 2023
 - Maintain testing at Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center
 - Partner with an additional grizzly bear facility
 - Conservation mission
 - Non-profit
 - Accredited

