

NCDE Conservation Strategy



Spring 2023

CS Purpose: Recovery Plan

The 1993 Recovery Plan outlines 2 requirements for delisting:

- 1) Attainment of population demographic parameters
- 2) Development of a Conservation Strategy that will ensure that adequate regulatory mechanisms will continue to be present after delisting

CS Purpose: Status Assessment



- Five Factor Review required for any consideration of status review (ESA Section 4(a)(1))
 - Adequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms
- Post-Delisting Management Plan must be in place prior to delisting to guide and direct management so that grizzly bear remain recovered. The CS serves as this plan.

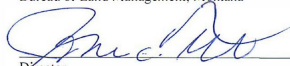

CS Timeline: NCDE



2018 Approval and Signatories

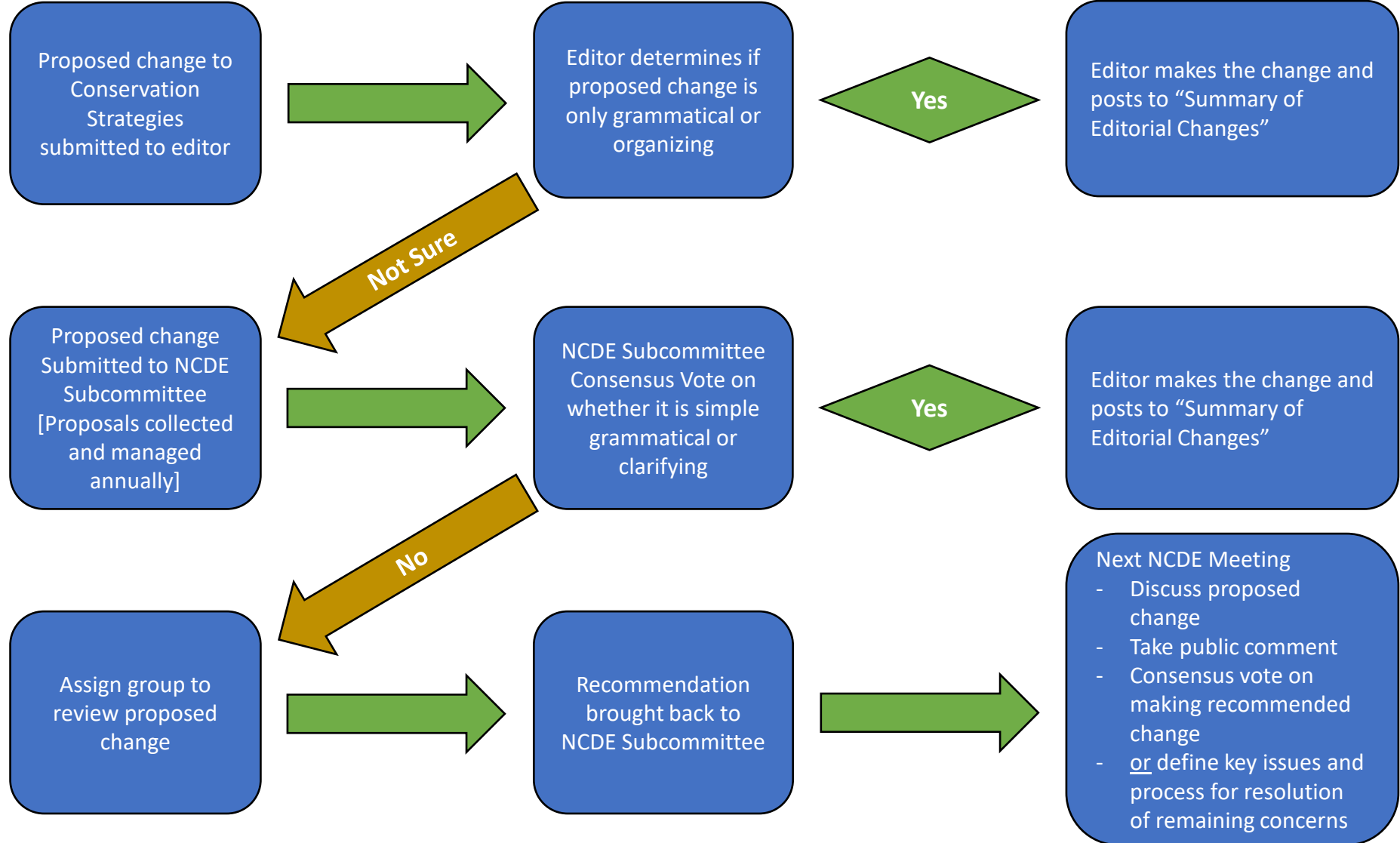
- NCDE Subcommittee approved document for consideration by the IGBC
- IGBC approved document
- Some IGBC agencies signed the Memorandum of Understanding to implement the CS

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Regional Forester U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region	Date
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Director Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Date
	<u>8/21/18</u>
Regional Director National Park Service, Intermountain Region	Date

	<u>September 4, 2018</u>
State Director Bureau of Land Management, Montana	Date
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	<u>Aug. 16, 2018</u>
Director Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	Date
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	<u>8/20/18</u>
Western Regional Director USDA APHIS, Wildlife Services	Date

Deputy Bureau Director – Field Operations Bureau of Indian Affairs	Date
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Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6	Date
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Tribal Council Chairman Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	Date
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Tribal Business Council Chairman Blackfeet Nation	Date

IGBC NCDE CS Revision Process



Editorial Changes

- 10/2018 - 8/21/21

Summary of Editorial Changes to the NCDE Conservation Strategy

Note: This document will be periodically updated as the NCDE Conservation Strategy is edited, from first draft to final posting.

Updated through: **August 18, 2021**

5 Year Review

- 2018 NCDE CS p. 6 MOU: “Every five years, the NCDE Coordinating Committee will evaluate this Conservation Strategy and revise it as appropriate to ensure the conservation of grizzly bears in the NCDE.”
- 2018 NCDE CS p. 23: “Every five years, the Coordinating Committee will evaluate the regulatory mechanisms, interagency cooperation, population and habitat management and monitoring, and other provisions of the CS and make revisions as appropriate to ensure conservation of the GB in the NCDE.”

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