

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH THE  
INTERAGENCY GRIZZLY BEAR COMMITTEE

A. Need:

The grizzly bear is listed as a Threatened species in the 48 conterminous States under provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. To achieve the recovery of the grizzly bear, it is necessary that all Federal and State agencies with responsibilities for this species coordinate their management and research actions to the greatest extent possible to insure the best utilization of available resources and prevent duplication of effort.

To attain the objectives established by the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan, the Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks of the United States Department of the Interior, find it in the best interest of the grizzly bear to establish the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

B. Organization:

Members

3 Regional Foresters, USDA Forest Service  
1 Regional Director, National Park Service  
1 Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1 State of Idaho Representative ) Named by  
1 State of Montana Representative ) Appropriate  
1 State of Wyoming Representative ) Governor

Advisor

Grizzly Bear Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Invitees

In addition to the members specified above, the following parties involved with grizzly bear management and research in the State of Washington may participate in the committee and attend committee meetings: Regional Forester, National Park Service Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Director, and a representative of the Washington State Government.

Subcommittees

## Yellowstone Ecosystem

- National Park Superintendent(s)
- National Forest Supervisor(s)
- State(s) Representative
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Representatives

## Northern Ecosystem

- National Park Superintendent(s)
- National Forest Supervisor(s)
- State(s) Representative
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Representatives
- Representative from each Indian Reservation having grizzly bears
- BLM State Director, Montana

## Research

- U.S. Forest Service Representative
- National Park Service Representative
- States of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming Representatives
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Representative (Chairman)
- (Existing Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team to continue under Research Subcommittee.)

C. Operation:

1. Chairmanship of the Committee shall rotate between representatives of the Federal agencies, with the chairman serving a 2-year term, beginning with the representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Chairmen of the Yellowstone and Northern Ecosystems Subcommittees will be appointed by the Committee.
2. Meet a minimum of twice per year, with additional meetings as needed and agreed to by majority of Committee.
3. The existing Grizzly Bear Steering Committee is abolished.

D. Committee Responsibilities:

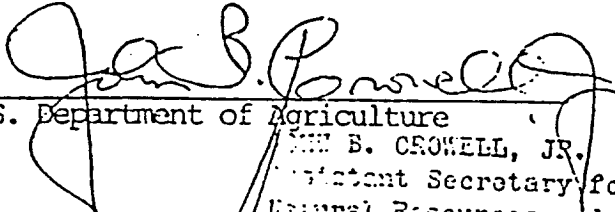
1. Implement the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan, and all management and research activities necessary to provide for recovery of the grizzly bear.
2. Direct research activities for the Research Subcommittees.
3. Make joint recommendations to Federal agency heads and Governors.
4. Review and approve or disapprove actions proposed by Subcommittees.
5. Make provision for implementation of approved actions.

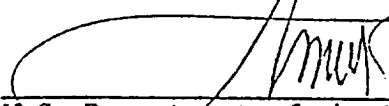
E. Northern Ecosystem and Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee Responsibilities:

1. Propose management actions to Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.
2. Implement approved management actions.
3. Establish necessary teams to implement approved actions (i.e., law enforcement, information and education, improvements).
4. Identify research needs and submit to Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

F. Research Subcommittee Responsibilities:

1. Identify and propose needed research programs to the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee as directed by the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan.
2. Coordinate and direct needed research activities.

  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
JAN B. CROWELL, JR.  
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U.S. Department of the Interior

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR AND STATES OF IDAHO, MONTANA, WYOMING, AND WASHINGTON  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO REVISE AND EXPAND THE  
INTERAGENCY GRIZZLY BEAR COMMITTEE

A. Need:

The grizzly bear is listed as a threatened species in the 48 conterminous States under provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. To achieve the recovery of the grizzly bear, it is necessary that all Federal and State agencies with responsibilities for this species coordinate their management and research actions to the greatest extent possible to insure the best utilization of available resources and prevent duplication of effort.

To attain the objectives established by the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan, the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service), the United States Department of the Interior (Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs), and the States of Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Washington find it in the best interest of the grizzly bear to revise and expand the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) established in April 1983).

B. Organization:

Members

3 Regional Foresters, USDA Forest Service  
1 Regional Director, National Park Service  
1 Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1 State Director, Montana, Bureau of Land Management  
1 State of Idaho Representative )  
1 State of Montana Representative ) Named by  
1 State of Wyoming Representative ) Appropriate Governor  
1 State of Washington Representative )

Advisor

Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Invitees

In addition to the members specified above, the following parties involved with the grizzly bear management and research in the State of Washington may participate in the committee and attend committee meetings: Regional Forester, National Park Service Regional Director, and the Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Director. The Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Directors from Portland, Oregon and Billings, Montana and representatives from the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta also are invitees to committee and subcommittee meetings.

Subcommittees

## Yellowstone Ecosystem

- National Park Superintendent (2)
- National Forest Supervisor (5)
- State Representatives from Wyoming, Montana and Idaho
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Representatives (2)

## Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

- National Park Superintendent (1)
- National Forest Supervisor (5)
- State Representative from Montana
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Representative (1)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs and/or Tribal Representative from each Indian Reservation (2)
- Bureau of Land Management Representative, Montana (1)
- Canadian Representatives

## Northwest Ecosystems

- National Park Superintendent (1)
- National Forest Supervisors (5-7)
- State Representatives from Montana, Idaho, and Washington
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Representatives (2)
- Canadian Representative

## Research

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Representative
- U.S. Forest Service Representative
- National Park Service Representative
- States of Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Wyoming Representatives
- Bureau of Indian Affairs and/or Tribal Representative(s)
- Bureau of Land Management Representative
- Canadian Representatives
- (Existing Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team to continue under Research Subcommittee.)

C. IGBC Operation:

1. Chairmanship of the IGBC shall rotate among representatives with the chairman serving a 2-year term, beginning with the representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Chairmen of the Research Subcommittee and Yellowstone, Northern Continental Divide and Northwest Ecosystems Subcommittees will be elected by Subcommittee members for 2-year terms.
2. Meet a minimum of twice per year, with additional meetings as needed and agreed to by majority of Committee.

D. IGBC Committee Responsibilities:

1. Implement the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan, and all management and research activities necessary to provide for recovery of the grizzly bear.
2. Make provision for implementation of approved actions.
3. Guide and plan research direction.
4. Evaluate implementing activities to determine the effectiveness of achieving recovery plan objectives.
5. Take appropriate action under existing authority where necessary and make joint recommendations to Federal agency heads and States.
6. Review and approve or disapprove actions proposed by Subcommittees.

E. Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, Yellowstone Ecosystem, and Northwest Ecosystems Subcommittee Responsibilities:

1. Implement management actions in a coordinated fashion.
2. Propose management policy to the IGBC.
3. Establish necessary task forces to implement approved actions when necessary (i.e., law enforcement, information and education, improvements).
4. Identify research needs and financial needs for management and submit to the IGBC.
5. Report to IGBC on progress concerning management actions necessary for grizzly bear recovery.

F. Research Subcommittee Responsibilities:

1. Identify and propose needed research programs to the IGBC as directed by the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan.
2. Coordinate and direct needed research activities approved by IGBC.
3. Review and develop research plans to assure that they adequately address research needs and that the objectives, methods, analyses, timetables, and budgets are valid and realistic.
4. Establish ad hoc task forces to examine and report on special topics as approved by IGBC.
5. Review research findings and reports for scientific validity and make recommendations to IGBC on their adequacy or relevance for assisting management decisions. Circulate these reports for peer review when necessary.

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Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources  
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U.S. Department of the Interior  
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John V. Evans  
State of Idaho  
Date 2-6-84

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State of Montana  
Date 3/1/84

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Date 3/21/84

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State of Wyoming  
Date 4/5/84

APPENDIX TO APRIL 5, 1984, MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
AMONG THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND STATES OF IDAHO,  
MONTANA, WYOMING, AND WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING A SIXTH  
NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISOR TO THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED YELLOWSTONE  
ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE

This Appendix will amend the above Memorandum of Agreement to provide for the formal establishment of a sixth Forest Supervisor position on the presently established Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee.

The position will act as a committee member and assume all the member's duties and responsibilities when requested to do so. The amendment is hereby made to correct page 2 under Subcommittee Yellowstone Ecosystem to read:  
"National Forest Supervisor (6)." The position will provide for additional consistency in the management of IGBC activities.



APPENDIX TO APRIL 5, 1984 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, AND STATES OF IDAHO,  
MONTANA, WYOMING, AND WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING THE POSITION  
OF VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE INTERAGENCY GRIZZLY BEAR COMMITTEE

This Appendix will amend the above Memorandum of Agreement to provide for the formal establishment of a vice chairman position on the presently established Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).

The vice chairman will act as committee chairman and assume all the chairman's duties and responsibilities when requested to do so or when the chairman is unavailable. The position will provide for additional consistency in the management of IGBC activities. Subsequent to the December 1985 elections, the vice chairmanship will alternate every 2 years between Federal and State agencies. For example, if the chairmanship is filled by a State member, the vice chairman position would be filled by a Federal member.

APPENDIX III TO APRIL 5, 1984 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
AMONG THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND STATES OF IDAHO,  
MONTANA, WYOMING, AND WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING THREE NEW  
ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEES AND ABOLISHING ONE ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE

This Appendix dated September 8, 1993, will amend the above Memorandum of Agreement to provide for (1) the formal establishment of the North Cascades, Bitterroots, and Selkirk/Cabinet Yaak Ecosystem Subcommittees, and (2) the dissolution of the Northwest Ecosystem Subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).

Originally, the Northwest Ecosystem Subcommittee encompassed grizzly bear habitat in Northwest Montana, Northern and Central Idaho, and Northeastern and Western Washington. Following completion of habitat evaluation studies on the North Cascades and Bitterroot areas in 1991, the IGBC determined that these areas are capable of supporting grizzly bear populations. Considerable work, planning, and onground efforts have been initiated in these areas. The activity level in these areas has become so great that it is unmanageable as one overall Northwest Ecosystem. It needs to be divided into three separate ecosystems to be able to adequately manage and recover the grizzly bear.

It is, therefore, necessary to dissolve the original Northwest Ecosystem Subcommittee.

New subcommittee membership makeup and responsibilities would be generally as outlined in the original MOA for the Northwest Ecosystem with updated revisions applicable to current conditions and activities.