



# IGBC Update

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## Partner Agencies





# IGBC Mission

The 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 Purpose



- “Evergreen”
  - Coordination to ensure best utilization of resources and prevent duplication of effort
  - Enhance information sharing
  - Support ongoing conservation of grizzly bears and their habitat after delisting
- Tied to USFWS Recovery Plan
  - Coordinate implementation of the recovery plan
  - Support revisions to the recovery plan
  - Support development of conservation strategies
  - Support actions by FWS to delist populations upon achievement of
  - Support revisions to CSs as warranted by new info

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# Recovery Planning



## Requirements for Recovery:

1. Meet Demographic & Habitat Recovery Criteria
2. Develop Interagency Conservation Strategy

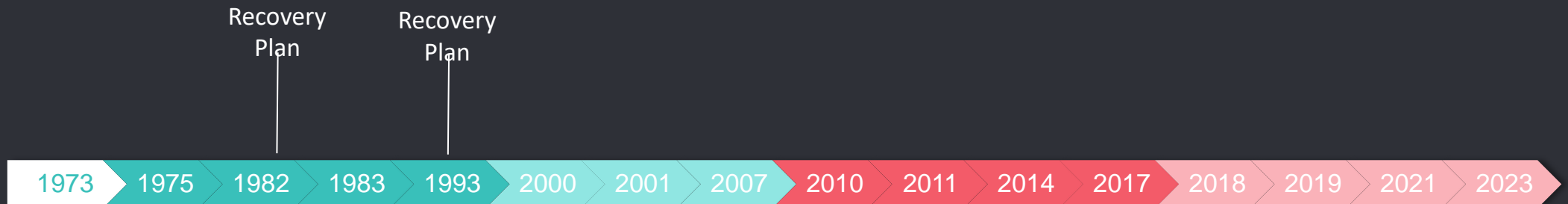
### 6 Recovery Zones

#### Demographic Recovery Criteria

- Minimum Population Size
- Distribution of Females with Young
- Human-Caused Mortality

#### Habitat-Based Recovery Criteria

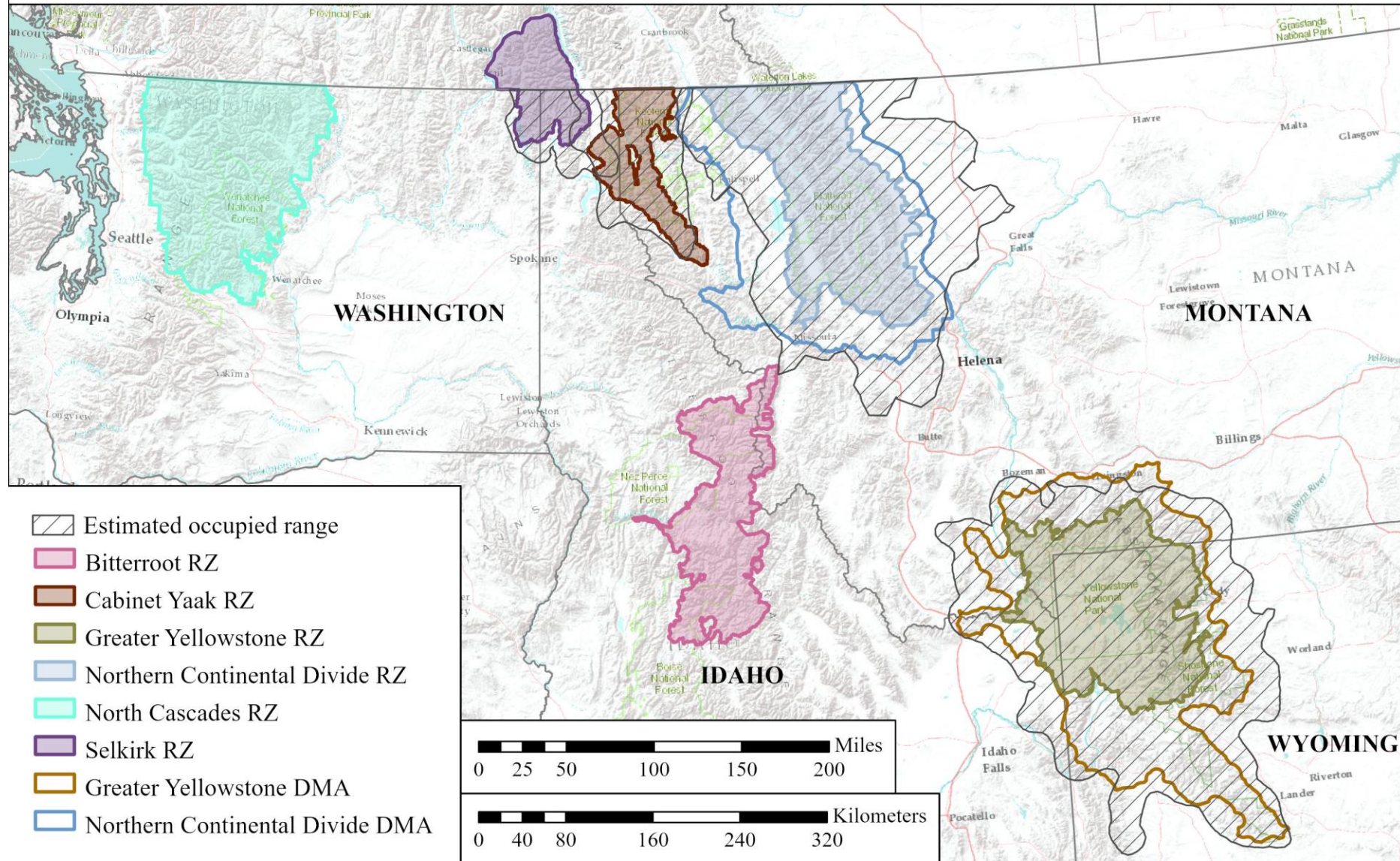
- Secure Core Habitat
- Developed Recreation Sites
- Livestock Allotments





# Grizzly Bear Recovery Zones and Estimated Occupied Range

2022  
update



Estimated occupied range is current as of 2022 for the Greater Yellowstone, Northern Continental Divide, Cabinet-Yaak, and Selkirk Ecosystems. There are currently no known populations in the North Cascades and Bitterroot Ecosystems. Current estimated occupied range does not include low-density peripheral locations and represent a minimum known area of occupancy, not extent of occurrence. DMA = Demographic Monitoring Area; RZ = Recovery Zone



# IGBC Executive Committee

- 40 years of accomplishments
- Continued expansion of occupied areas
- Separate decision processes NCE/BE
- Other administrative / legal processes
- Refocus five-year plans to annual reporting, with exchange between Subcommittees and Executives
- Common understanding that successful grizzly bear recovery and conservation requires a shared responsibility with all parties



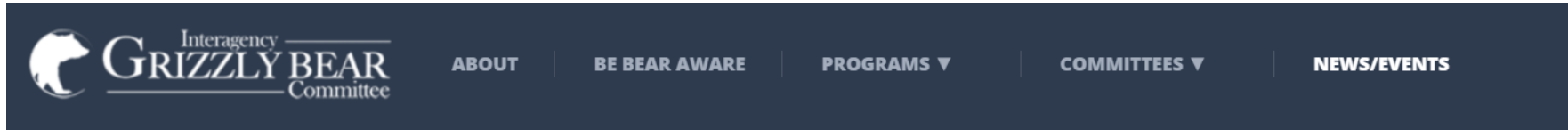


# Bitterroot Ecosystem Subcommittee

“get ready for bears”

1. Document presence/absence in the ecosystem
2. Promote natural recovery of the population through immigration

# IGBC News/Events



## **Bitterroot Subcommittee Fall 2023 Meeting – VIRTUAL**

**October 18, 2023**

The IGBC's Bitterroot Ecosystem Subcommittee is holding its 2023 Fall meeting on Wednesday, October 18th from 9:30am-5:00pm mst (8:30am-4:00pm pst).

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## **North Cascades Ecosystem Fall Meeting 2023**

**October 10, 2023**

The IGBC's North Cascades Ecosystem Fall Meeting will be held October 10, 2023, from 12:00pm-4:00pm PT at the Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way #102, Wenatchee, WA .

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### **2023 Save the Date:**

10/10 North Cascades,  
Wenatchee, WA 12-4PT  
10/18 Bitterroot, virtual, 9-3MT  
11/8-9 YES, Jackson WY, 2-6, 8-1PT  
11/14, Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak,  
Cusick, WA, 9-3PT  
11/28-29 NCDE, Polson MT 10-5, 8-12PT  
12/12-14 Executive  
Committee, Bozeman MT

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# Upcoming IGBC Meetings

- 10/18 Bitterroot, Virtual
- 11/8-9 YES, Jackson WY
- 11/14, Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak, Cusick, WA
- 11/28-29 NCDE, Polson MT
- 12/12-14 Executive Committee, Bozeman MT
- 1/30/24 2<sup>nd</sup> IEO Summit, Coeur d'Alene, ID

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# Thank you!



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