



# IGBC Update

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MEMORANDUM - August 17, 1982

To: Members of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Steering Committee  
From: Chairman, Interagency Grizzly Bear Steering Committee *Bo Wanner*  
Subject: Status of Grizzly Bears within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

Issue: Evidence persists that the population of grizzly bears within the greater Yellowstone ecosystem has seriously declined in recent years. Unless some change occurs to reduce the grizzly's mortality rate soon, the probability of retaining this wildland species in Yellowstone National Park is minimal.

Background: The abundance and distribution of grizzly bears within the coterminous 48 states has declined in the past 280 years from 50,000 occupying the entire area west of the Mississippi River to fewer than 1,000 bears occurring in only six isolated places. By the 1960s, only two of those places had retained viable populations, the Yellowstone ecosystem and the northern continental divide ecosystem.

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).



# 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



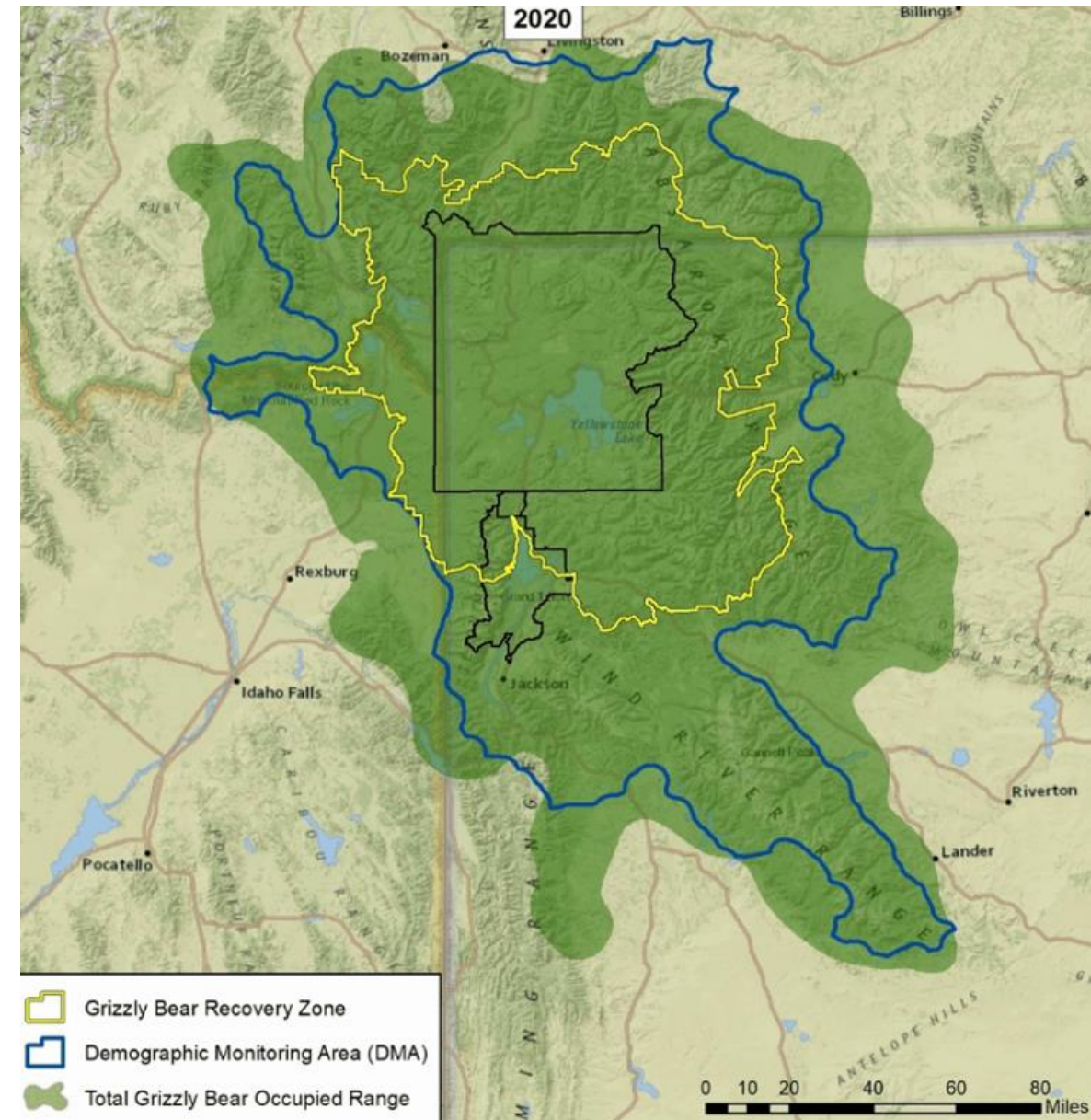
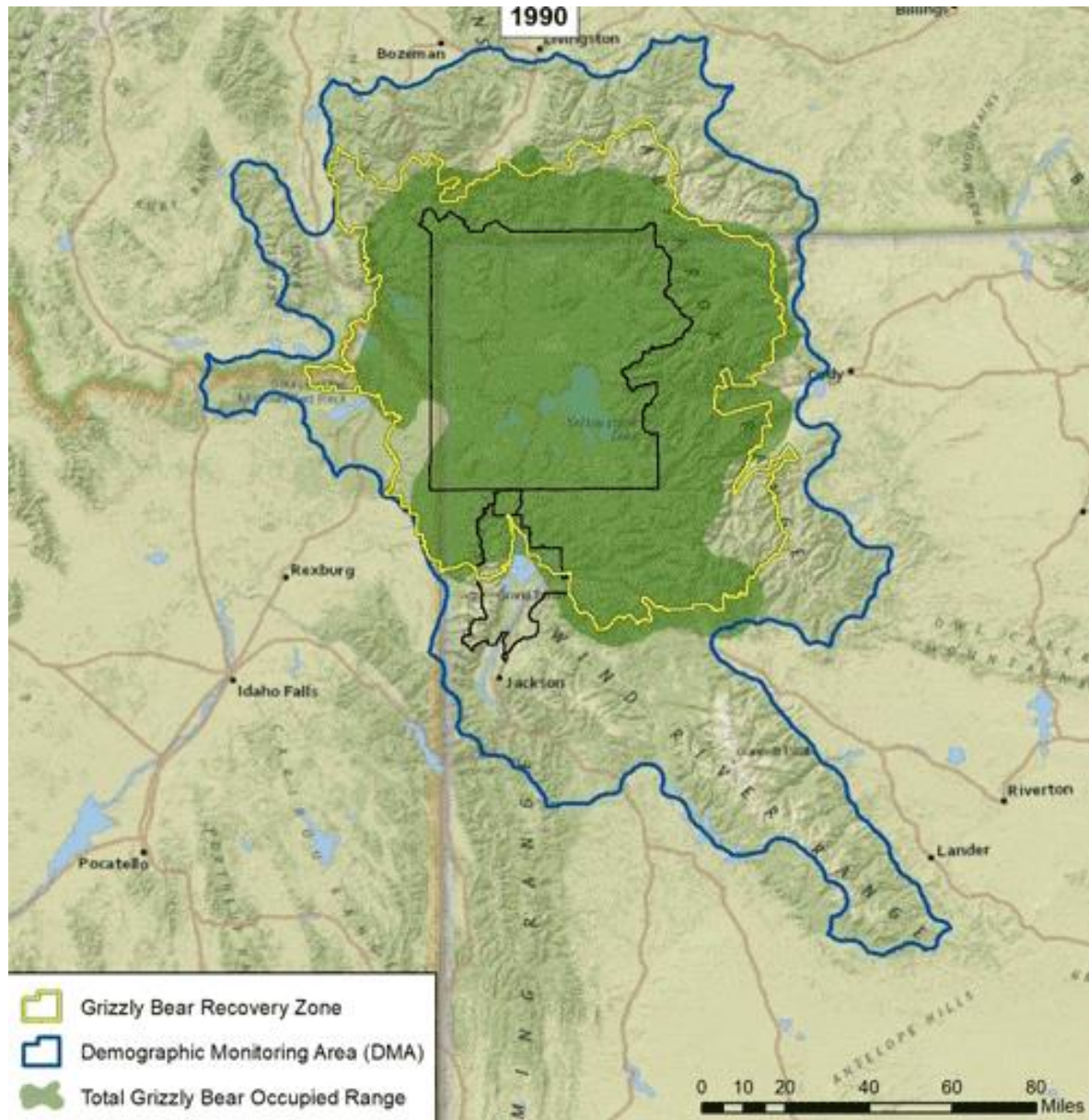
- “Evergreen”
  - Coordination to ensure best utilization of resources and prevent duplication of effort
  - Enhance information sharing
  - Support ongoing conservation of grizzly bears and their habitat after delisting
- Tied to USFWS Recovery Plan
  - Coordinate implementation of the recovery plan
  - 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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# GYE Range Expansion 1990-2020

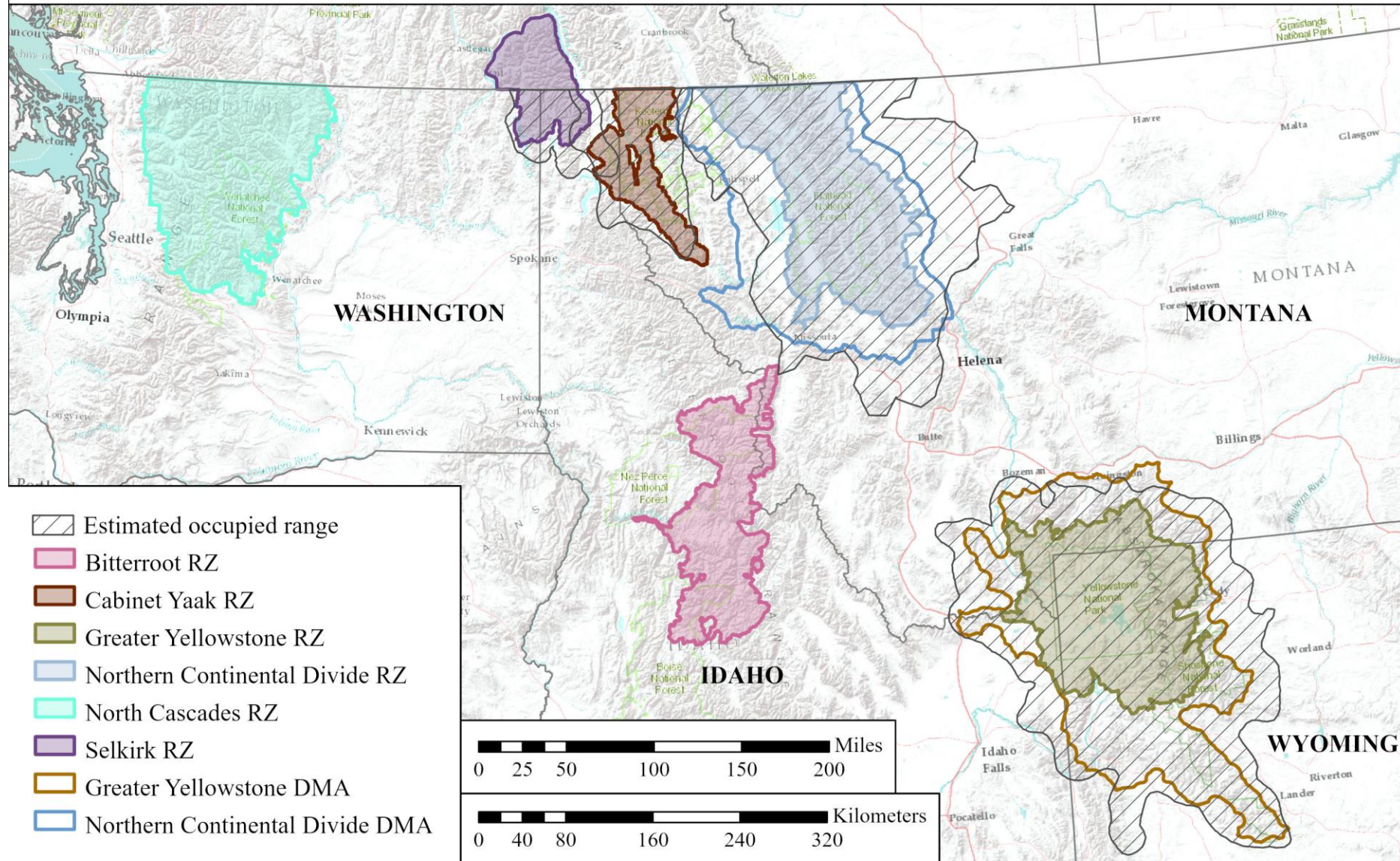
[Link to IGBST animation](#)





# 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: 40 years of accomplishments

- Bear Resistant Product Testing Program
- Attractant storage/Food Conditioning
- Information, Education, and Outreach (IEO)
  - universal messages
  - website (100k impressions/month)
  - Bear Smart Communities framework and manual
- Science

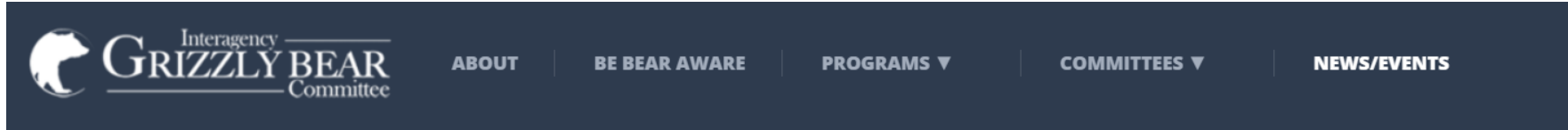


# IGBC Executive Committee

- 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



# 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

- 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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