



# IGBC Update

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## Partner Agencies



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.



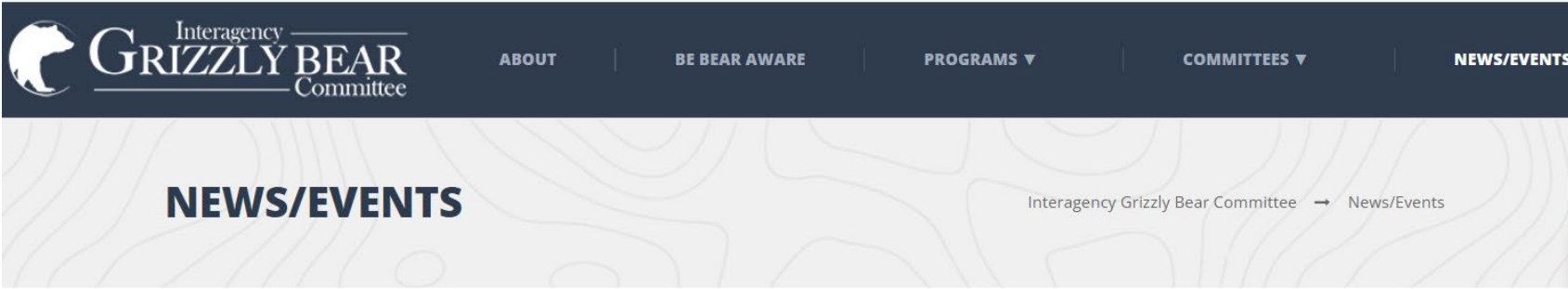
# Upcoming IGBC Meetings

- 12/12-14 Executive Committee, Bozeman MT
- 1/30/24 2<sup>nd</sup> IEO Summit, Coeur d'Alene, ID



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# IGBC News/Events



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## IGBC to Mark 40th Anniversary

December 12, 2023

The IGBC is celebrating four decades of



## Executive Committee 2023 Winter Business Meeting – Bozeman, MT

December 13-14, 2023

The Executive Committee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) will meet in person December 13-14 in Bozeman, MT.

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Posted by **David Diamond**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### 2024 Save the Date:

1/30-2/1 IGBC IEO Summit,  
Coeur d'Alene, ID

4/24-25 Yellowstone,  
Bozeman, MT

11/13-14 Yellowstone, Cody,  
WY

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# 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 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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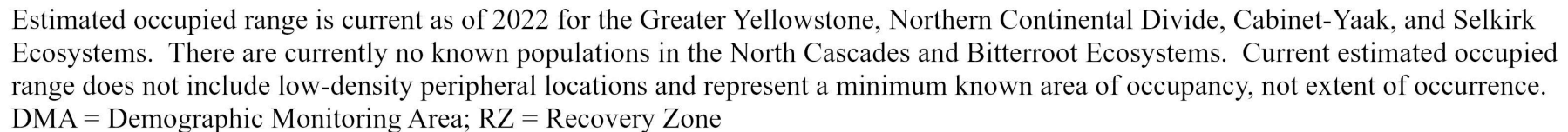
# IGBC Executive Committee

- 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





# 2022 update



# Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

- **Complete the delisting process and transition to management of a delisted population**
- **Reduce human-bear conflicts and public safety concerns in areas newly-occupied by bears**
- **Improve conditions that allow interchange and dispersal between NCDE and Bitterroot, Cabinet-Yaak, and Yellowstone Ecosystems and Canada**

## Ongoing efforts

- Transportation conflict – HCP for Railroad; crossing coordination
- Livestock conflicts
- Habitat - habitat protection in landscape between NCDE and CYE
- Research

# Thank you!



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