



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.

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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).



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

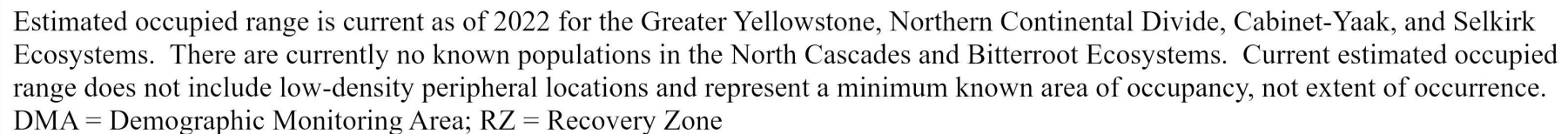
<https://igbconline.org/about-us/>



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

2022 update



IGBC Executive Committee



9/15/23 Strategic Meeting Statement

- 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

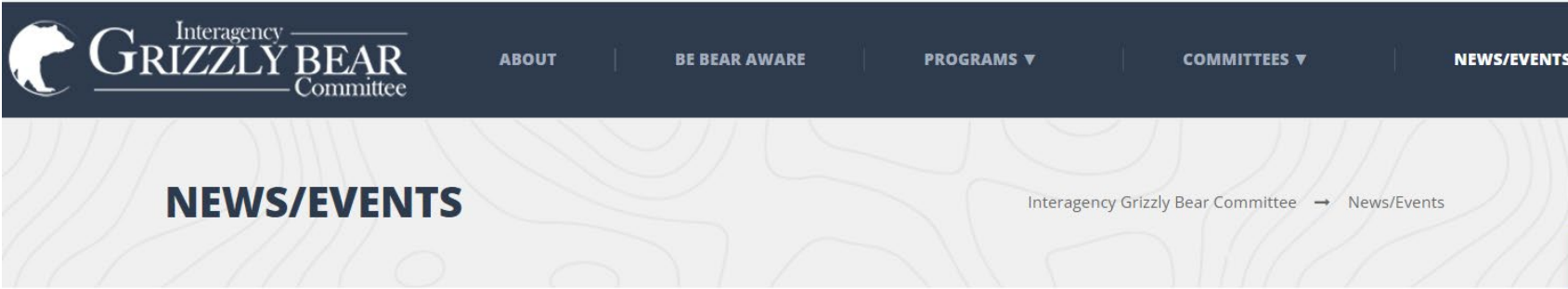


Agenda Overview



- Agency Updates
- **Science Update**
- **IEO Update**
- Partners – transportation/private land conflict
- BRPTP Update
- **Ecosystem Subcommittee Updates**
- Work Plan
- 2024 Meetings

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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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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Thank you!



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