

*Grizzly Bear Conflicts
in the Idaho Portion
of the GYE*





Figure 1. Documented human-grizzly bear conflicts and grizzly bear mortalities in Idaho portion of Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE), 2005-2023.

Table 1. Human-grizzly bear conflicts in the Idaho portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, 2023.

Conflict type	Number of conflicts
Encounter situation	16
Public safety threat (habituated, near developed sites, etc.)	12
Unnatural foods-garbage	12
Other conflict types	10
Unnatural foods-other	5
Livestock depredation-cattle	3
Unnatural foods-human foods	2
Unnatural foods-livestock/pet foods	1
Property damage-building	1
Property damage-other	1
Beehives	1
Human Injuries	0
Total conflicts	64



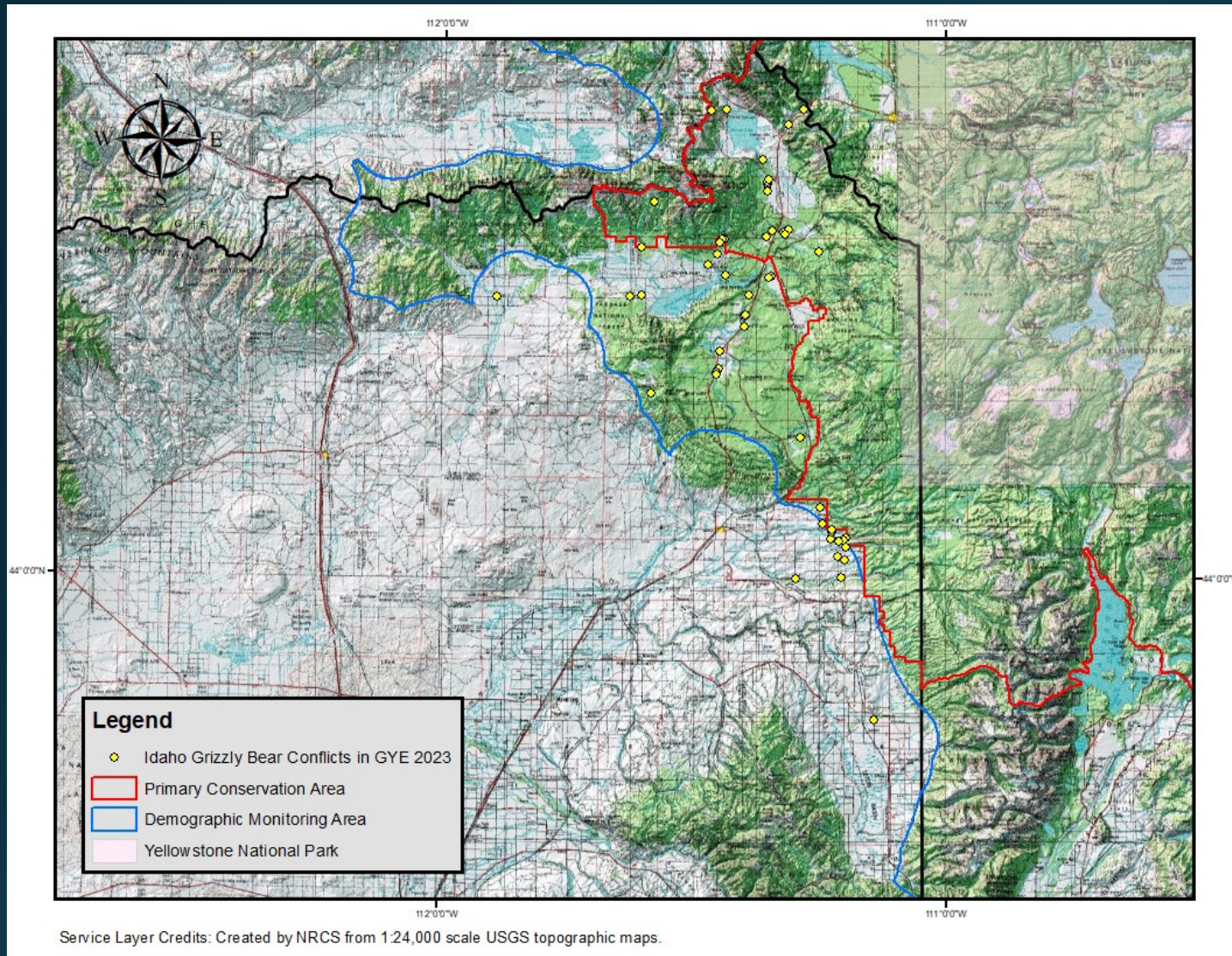


Figure 2. Locations of human-grizzly bear conflicts in the Idaho portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, 2023.

Table 2. Known grizzly bear mortalities in the Idaho portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, 2023.

Mortality Type	Number
Management removal	3
Defense of life	2
Vehicle strike	1
Unknown cause	1
Total Mortalities	7

Grizzly Bear Mortalities in GYE portion of Idaho, 2023.

Two bears were responsible for 20 conflicts:

- Human encounters/public safety threat
- Property damage
- Garbage
- Livestock/pet foods



Managing Human-Bear Conflicts

- Removing/securing attractants
 - Chicken coops and trash cans
 - Bear-resistant containers
 - Electricity, hazing, and automated noisemakers
 - Carcass Removal (>35)
 - Ashton apple collection





Outreach and Education

- Public outreach events
- Education in campgrounds and neighborhoods
- Social media

Outreach and Education

Event	Location	Participants
Idaho Master Naturalists Speaking Series	IDFG Upper Snake Regional Office; Idaho Falls, Idaho	50
Youth Outdoor Skills Day	Beaver Dick Park	530
Sugar City School District	Sugar City, Idaho	100
Friends for Learning Speaking Series	Idaho Falls, Idaho	70
Harriman State Park Employee Training	Harriman State Park	30
Bear Spray Giveaway	Henry's Fork Foundation; Ashton, Idaho	200
Fall River Electric Festival	Ashton, Idaho	150
Idaho Environmental Coalition Safety Days	Sawtelle Street Facility	170
Idaho Environmental Coalition Safety Days	Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center	160
Idaho Environmental Coalition Safety Days	Radioactive Waste Management Complex	150
Henry's Fork Wildlife Association Festival	Ashton City Park	50
Island Park Boy Scouts	Island Park, Idaho	70
Idaho National Laboratory Safety Fair	Idaho Falls, Idaho	220
Heritage Days	Harriman State Park	90
Bear Spray Giveaway	Island Park Ranger Station	500
Harriman State Park Safety Training	Harriman State Park	20
Henry's Lake State Park Speaker Series	Henry's Lake State Park Campgrounds	65
NRF Safety Fair	Idaho National Laboratory	150
Bear Spray Giveaway	Driggs, Idaho	170
Driggs Middle School	Driggs, Idaho	150
Ashton Apple Pickup	Ashton, Idaho	35
Total		3130

Table 3. Idaho Department of Fish and Game grizzly bear education and outreach events in southeast Idaho, 2023.

Bear Spray Events

- 3 bear spray events in 2023
- Free to hunting/fishing license holders
- 711 cans of bear spray in 2023



Education

- Conduct site visits to identify potential conflict situations
- Focused on times of day and week to maximize encounters with public
- Canvas neighborhoods, developed campgrounds, and dispersed campsites

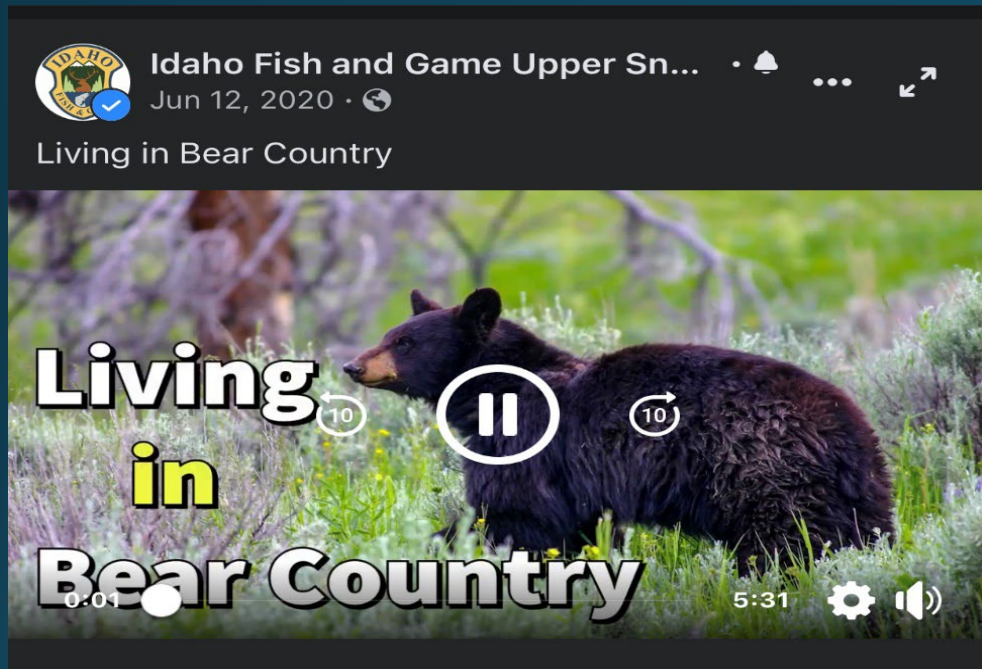


Rental Property Signs

- Rental properties continue to be source of unsecured attractants
- Signage provided to rental property owners
- Over 200 signs given to homeowners and property managers



Social Media



- Spring release-Living in Bear Country and recreating in bear country
- Bears and bear activity throughout summer

QUESTIONS

