

# *Grizzly Bear Conflict Management in Wyoming - 2023*



Wyoming Game and Fish Department - Large Carnivore Section





# *All Connected*

- Nothing we do is mutually exclusive:
  - Monitoring and conflict resolution data used to better understand and manage the species
- Proactive efforts and educational programs within Bear Wise Wyoming
  - State, local, national and global reach
- **Team approach**, bolstered by public support



# Sighting/Encounter



# Conflict





# *Conflict Potential*

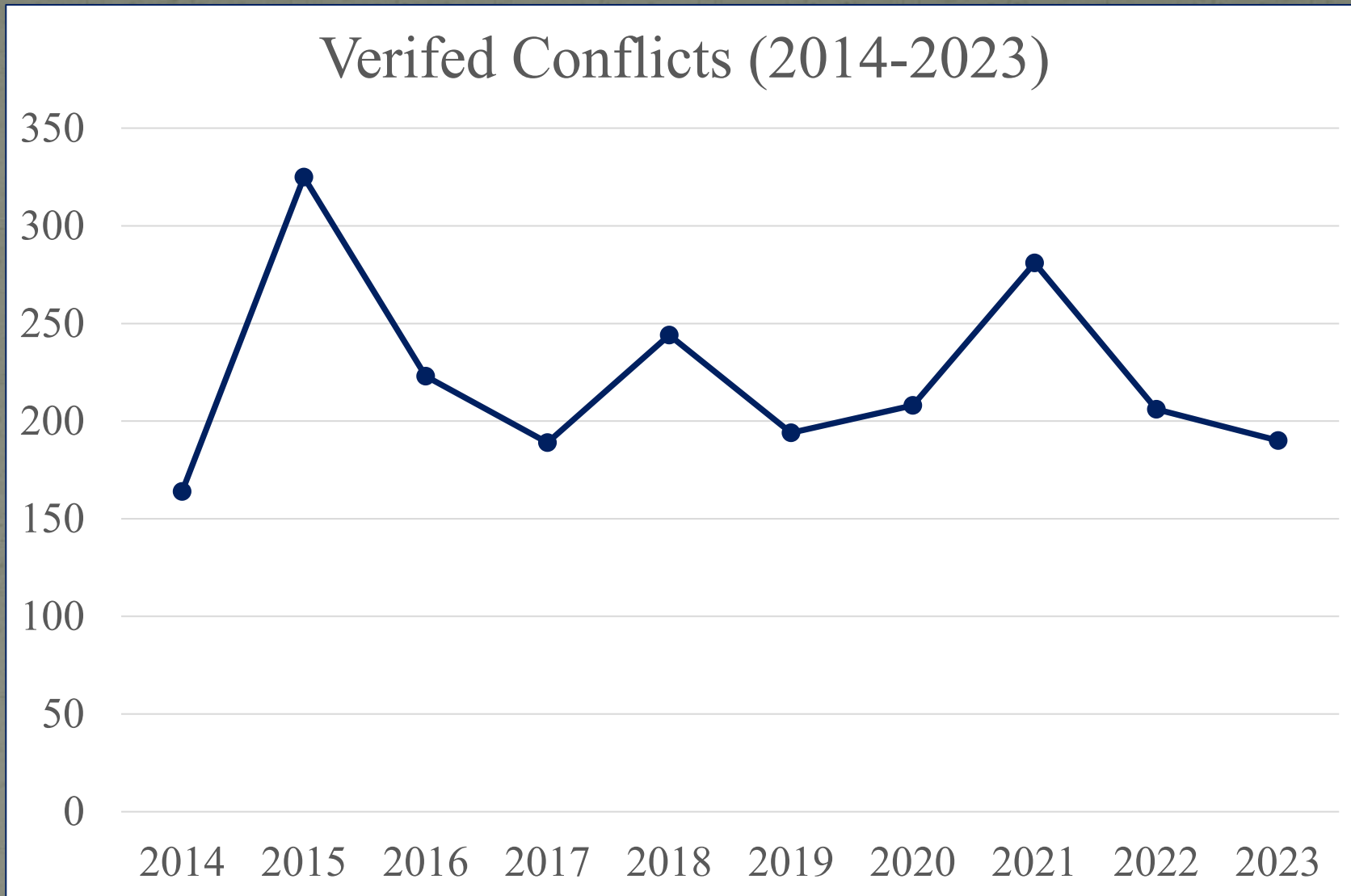




# Verified Grizzly Bear Conflicts- 2023

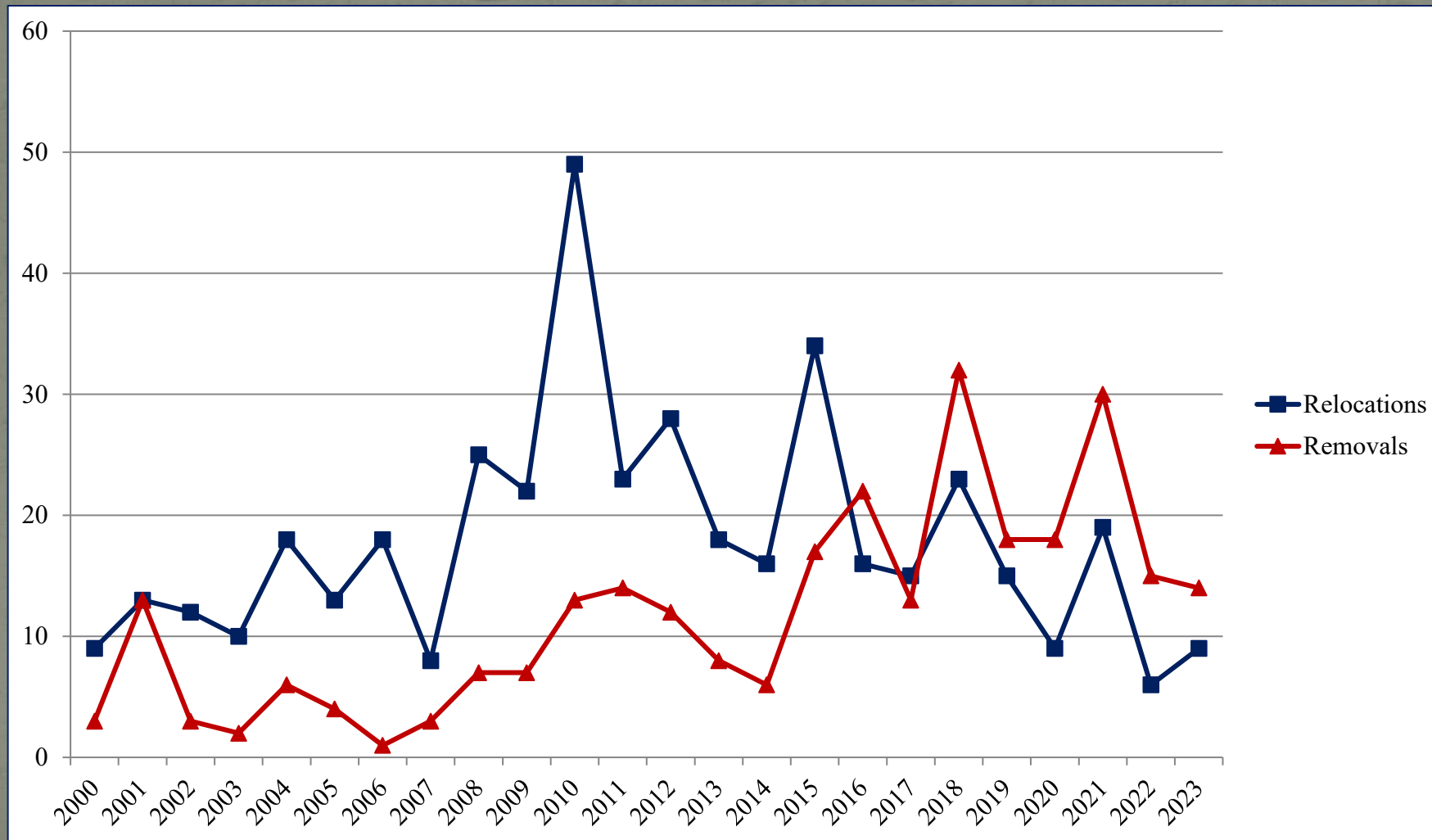


190 Total



- 38% of verified conflicts occurred on private lands in Wyoming

# Hands-on management actions





# Field Response Program



- Conflict Management/Prevention  
Information and Education  
Securing Attractants
- Management of Individual Animals  
Aversive Conditioning  
Deterrence and Securing Attractants  
Relocation  
Removal
- Compensation Programs



# *Bear Wise Wyoming – Worldwide Outreach*

- These proactive efforts and educational component serve as the foundation for grizzly bear management and maintaining large carnivores on the landscape



Google "Bear Wise Wyoming"



# *Bear Wise* – Upcoming Projects

- Electric Fencing – *Bears and Corn Mazes*
  - Securing funding together with SCIF, NRCS, Gallagher Electric Fencing, and GYC to fence out a large conflict area in the Cody region
- Digital Outreach - Airports
  - Video message with Jackson Hole Airport and SCIF for baggage claim area demonstrating proper bear spray deployment
  - Developing an interactive bear spray Virtual Reality simulator for use in Jackson Hole Airport
- Digital Outreach – Gas Pump Monitors
  - Exploring marketing options for gas pump advertising in Wyoming to promote Bear Wise messaging to a larger audience.







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