

A wide-angle photograph of a Montana landscape. In the foreground, two men wearing cowboy hats stand on the backs of brown horses in a grassy field. Both men are pointing their right hands towards the horizon. The background features rolling hills with patches of green grass and dense evergreen forests. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds against a blue backdrop.

MONTANA CONFLICT REDUCTION CONSORTIUM



MISSION:

To reduce human -wildlife conflict and its impacts while supporting working landscapes that provide both economic viability and wildlife habitat.

VISION:

We envision landscapes where people, livestock, and wildlife all thrive, where effective management practices reduce conflicts, and economic solutions support resilient, biodiverse working lands.



The4Cs

A systems -based framework for
conflict reduction



WHYWE
ARE HERE

2024 Work Plan

- Community Workshops
- Communications
- Partner Positions to support coordination for conflict reduction
- Raising awareness of and refining Federal resources for conflict reduction

The Situation, Challenges, and Solutions related to Expanding Grizzly Bear Conflicts in the West

In order to effectively address challenges in landscape management, such as Grizzly Bear conflicts in the Northern Rockies, it is essential to foster a shared understanding of the situation and challenges that can then inform potential solutions among diverse stakeholders. The goal of this document is to come to a collective understanding of the current situation and the challenges related to expanding human -bear conflict to inform a shared vision of success.



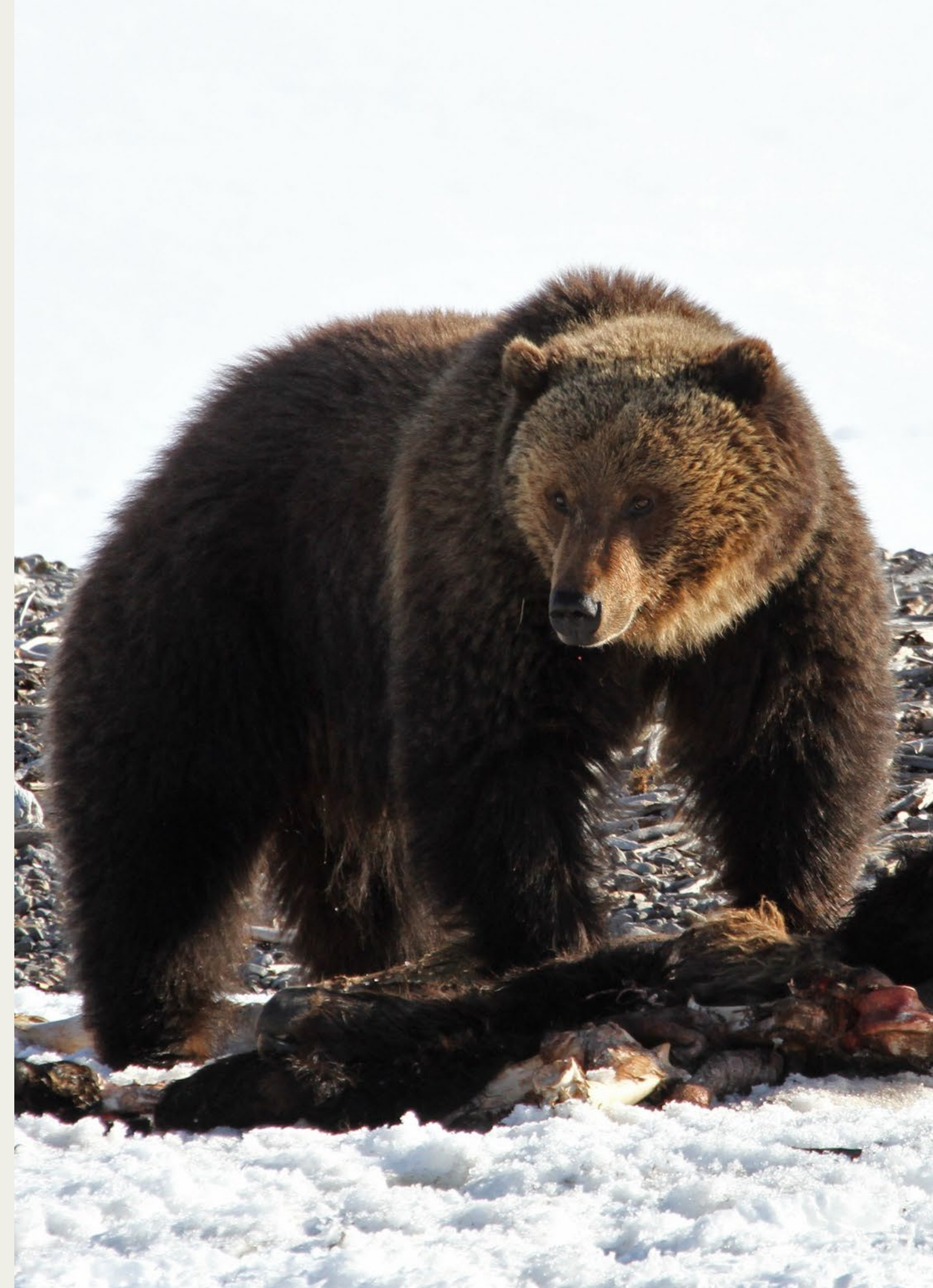
The Situation

- Grizzly bears' range expansion beyond designated recovery zones increases conflicts with humans and livestock on private working lands.
- Challenges arise for landowners, agencies, and conservation efforts as human -bear interactions escalate.
- Coordination among stakeholders is crucial for providing resources and support to affected communities.



Challenge Statement

- The challenge lies in addressing expanding human-bear conflicts, which can disproportionately impact livestock producers and rural communities.
- Regardless of the listing status of the species, conflicts will be present and resources and trust need to be in place to effectively manage those conflicts.
- There is a lack of long-term capacity and consistent, reliable funding that meets the scale of the problem within rural and urban communities, which limits the ability to effectively reduce conflicts.
- A greater understanding of bear population densities at local scales outside of recovery areas will further support targeted response.
- Reducing conflicts will protect working lands and support healthy, connected, and sustainable grizzly bear populations.



The Solutions

- Habitat leasing
- Research and density studies
- Collaboration between stakeholders
- Cost sharing for conflict prevention tools
- Place-based collaboratives
- Awareness of stewardship benefits
- Community bear smart programs
- Recreation access management and trail design





Thank
You!
Questions?