



IGBC Update, 10/17/24

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Partner Agencies



1973: Endangered Species Act

1975: Grizzly Bears Listed as Threatened Species

- Listing Factors:
 - Habitat: Range curtailment; Land use practices
 - Overutilization: Illegal killings, Defense of Life, Hunting
 - Other Factors: Isolation & genetics; Increasing human use
- Listed entity: lower-48 grizzly bears

Recovery Planning (1983, 1993, 1997)

Requirements for Recovery:

1. Meet Demographic & Habitat Recovery Criteria
2. Develop Interagency Conservation Strategy

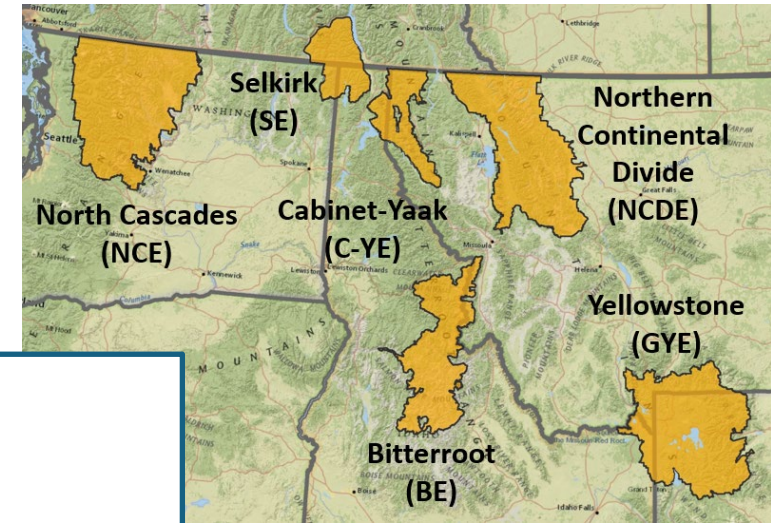
6 Recovery Zones

Demographic Recovery Criteria

- Minimum Population Size
- Distribution of Females with Young
- Human-Caused Mortality

Habitat-Based Recovery Criteria

- Secure Core Habitat
- Developed Recreation Sites
- Livestock Allotments



Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan

Supplement: North Cascades Ecosystem Recovery Plan Chapter

(Original Approved: January 29, 1982)

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1997

Approved:

Ralph O. Morgenweil
Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
June 23, 1997
Date

IGBC Purpose



- “Evergreen”
 - Coordination to ensure best use of resources and prevent duplication
 - 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 recovered status
 - Support revisions to CSs as warranted by new info

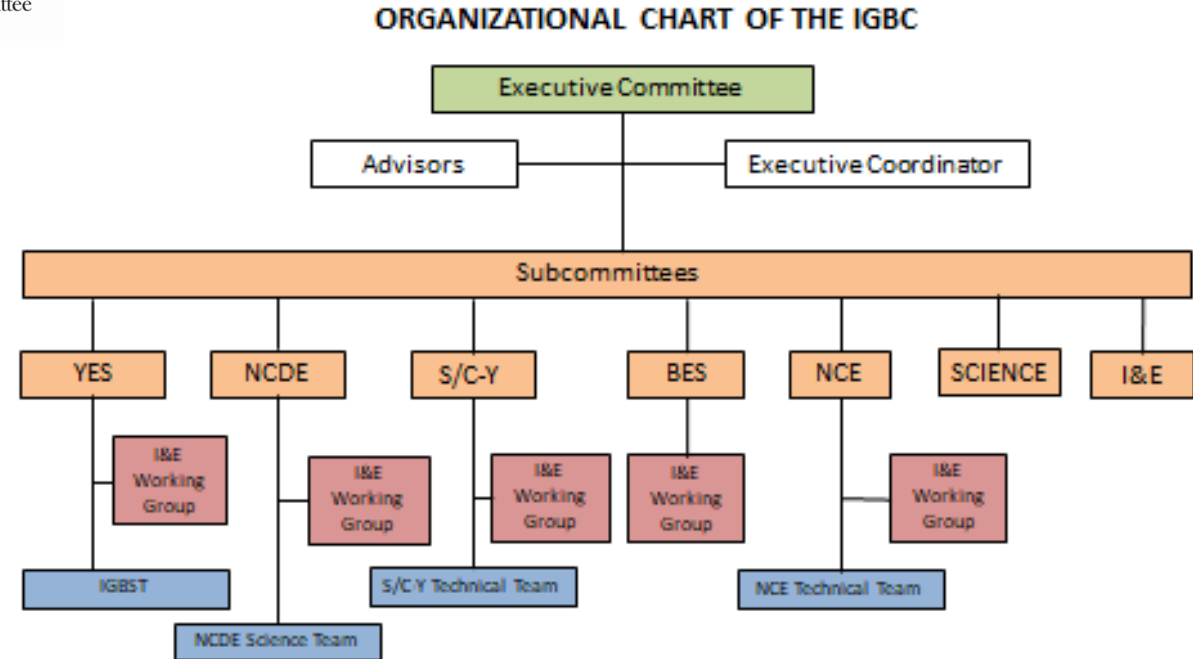
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Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee



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.



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USFWS
Species
Status
Assessment,
1/21/22

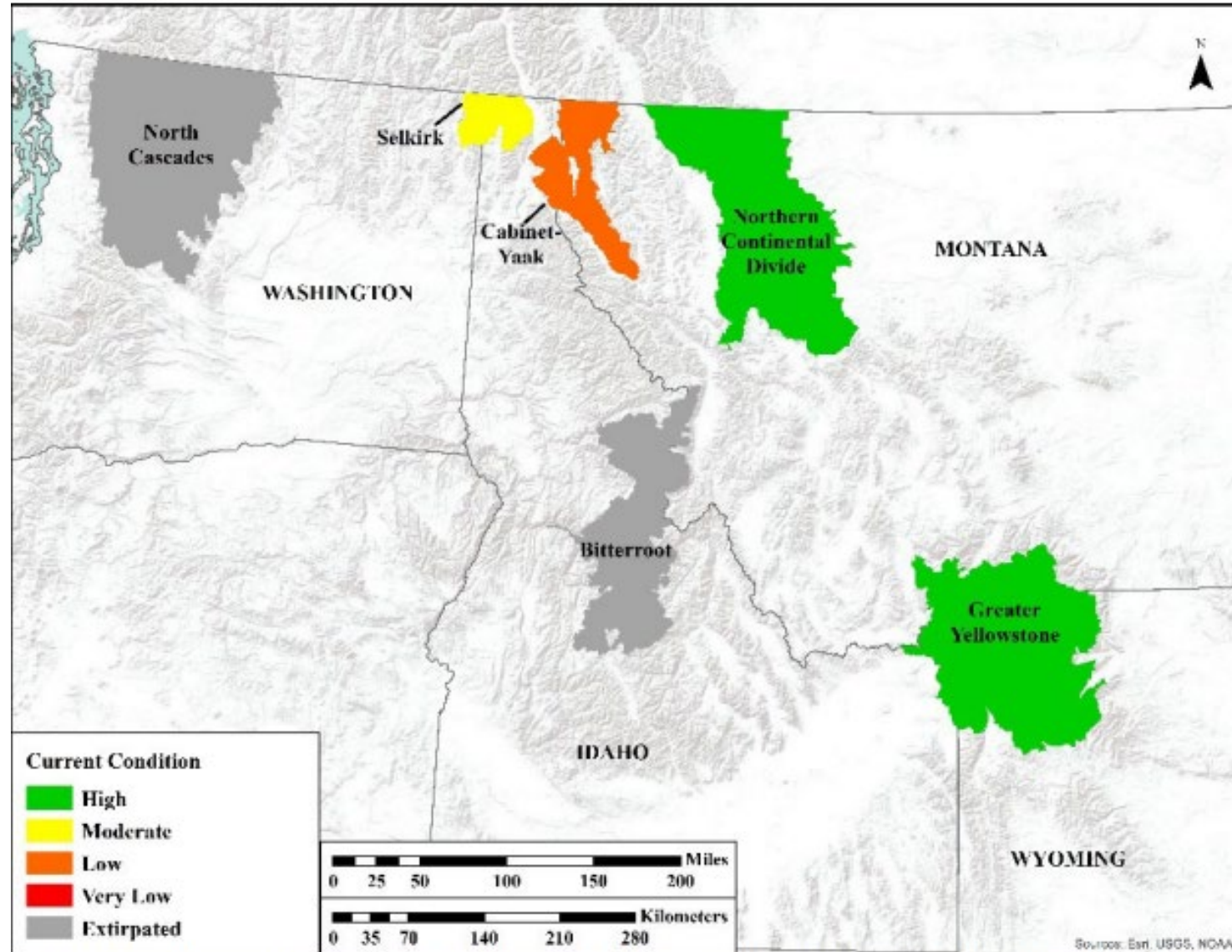


Figure 5. Map of the overall current condition for the six grizzly bear ecosystems in the lower-48 States, in terms of resiliency, redundancy, and representation. Colors represent the current resiliency for each ecosystem, based on the current condition of two habitat factors and six demographic factors for each ecosystem. Ecosystems with higher levels of resiliency are at less risk from environmental and demographic stochasticity. Currently, the Greater Yellowstone (GYE) and Northern Continental Divide (NCDE) ecosystems have high resiliency, the Selkirk ecosystem (SE) has moderate resiliency, and the Cabinet-Yaak ecosystem (CYE) has low resiliency. The North Cascades and Bitterroot (BE) ecosystems are in an extirpated condition currently, so have no resiliency. Four ecosystems (GYE, NCDE, SE, and CYE) distributed as illustrated on the map contribute to redundancy and these ecosystems feature a diversity of ecological types used by the grizzly bear for representation.

Washington State Univ. Bear Center Visit, 6/12



Conservation Strategy for the Grizzly Bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem


2024 Version


Memorandum of Understanding Detailing Agency Agreement to Implement this Conservation Strategy

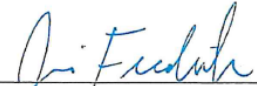
The agencies signing this Conservation Strategy agree to use their authorities to maintain the recovered status of the grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) by implementing the regulatory mechanisms, interagency cooperation, population and habitat management and monitoring, and other provisions of the Conservation Strategy as per the details and responsibilities described in this document. All signatories recognize that each has statutory responsibilities that cannot be delegated and that this agreement does not and is not considered to abrogate any of their statutory responsibilities.


This agreement is subject to and is intended to be consistent with all appropriate federal and state laws. Funding of this MOU is subject to approval and appropriations by approved state and federal entities. All agencies will take appropriate steps to seek funding to implement this document. The adequacy of the regulatory mechanisms demonstrated by this Conservation Strategy are dependent upon funding being available to fully implement the management and monitoring actions detailed in this document. This Conservation Strategy does not go into effect until all agencies have signed this document and the final rule delisting the GYE grizzly bear DPS has been published in the Federal Register. This Conservation Strategy will remain in effect for the foreseeable future, well beyond the delisting and the minimum five-year monitoring period required by the Act to address the long-term need for continued coordination among signatory agencies. This Conservation Strategy will be adaptive in nature and will be re-evaluated at least every 5 years beginning on the date of the last signature below.



Regional Forester
U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region
6/13/2024
Date


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U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region
6/13/2024
Date


Regional Forester
U.S. Forest Service, Intermountain Region
6/24/24
Date


Director
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
6/13/24
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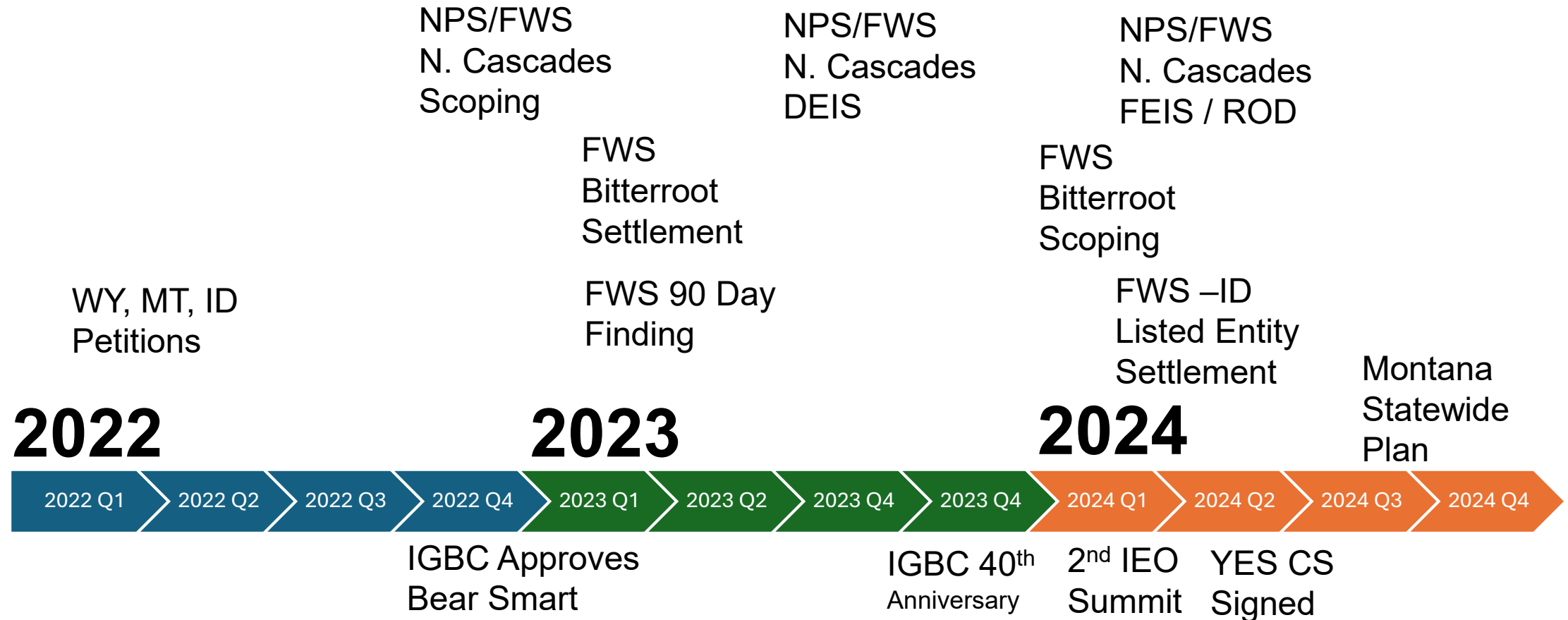
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Looking Back

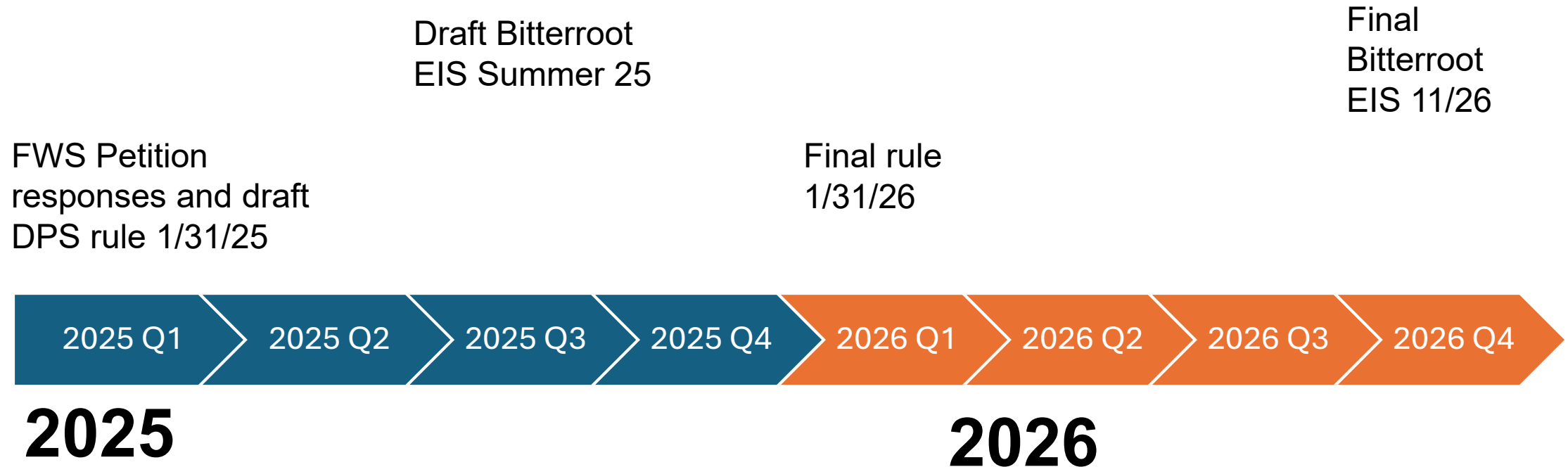


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Jacque Buchanan, USFS

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Looking Ahead

N. Cascades ROD Implementation and Next Steps?



IGBC Next Steps? New players, new tools, new resources?

IGBC Chair
Jennifer Carpenter, NPS


2024 IGBC Fall/Winter Meetings



- 10/17: North Cascades, Wenatchee WA
- 10/23: Bitterroot, Virtual
- 11/13-14: YES, Cody WY
- 11/21: Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak, Bonners Ferry ID
- 12/3-4: Northern Continental Divide, Choteau MT
- 12/17-19: IGBC Executive Winter Meeting, Bozeman MT

IGBC News/Events





APRIL 10, 2024

Yellowstone Subcommittee Spring Meeting 2024 - Bozeman, MT


April 24-25, 2024

The IGBC's Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee is holding its Spring 2024 meeting April 24th and 25th at the Courtyard by Marriott, 2168 Boot Hill Ct, Bozeman, MT 59715.

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YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE



MARCH 31, 2024

Bitterroot Subcommittee Spring Meeting 2024 - VIRTUAL


April 11, 2024

The IGBC's Bitterroot Ecosystem Subcommittee is holding its 2024 Spring meeting on Thursday, April 11th from 9:00am-4:00pm MST

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BITTERROOT ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE



NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Interagency GRIZZLY BEAR Committee

2024 Save the Date:

4/11 Bitterroot, Virtual
4/24-25 Yellowstone, Bozeman, MT
5/8-9 Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak, Kalispell, MT
5/9-10 NCDE, Kalispell, MT
5/29 North Cascades, North Bend, WA
6/12-14 IGBC Executive Summer Meeting, Moscow, ID
10/23 Bitterroot, Virtual
11/13-14 Yellowstone, Cody, WY
12/17-19, IGBC Executive Winter Meeting, Bozeman, MT

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IGBC IEO Call for Proposals



IGBC FUNDING PROGRAM

Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee → Programs → Bear Education → IGBC Funding Program

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) funding program helps partners and agencies to disseminate consistent messages about grizzly bears and to promote effective actions and techniques to increase human safety and decrease the likelihood of a bear-human conflict. Using the IGBC mission statement as a guide, we look to fund projects that support recovery and delisting, and ongoing conservation of grizzly bear populations and their habitats in areas of the western United States.

Criteria for proposals:

- Must be submitted by a qualified non-profit organization, an association, city or county, or be a state, federal, or tribal entity and focused on grizzly bear conservation. (In the US.)
- Must be consistent with the mission statement of the IGBC and the role and responsibilities of the IEO subcommittee. Must be in or near to at least one IGBC ecosystem
- Application must be completely filled out by close of business day November 12, 2024.

Additional considerations that will strengthen your proposal:

- Proposals that include partners and/or leverage grant dollars with in-kind or matches from partners.
- Proposals that are useable in multiple ecosystems
- Proposals that benefit multiple agencies and organizations.
- Proposals with new ideas or partnerships are encouraged.

The IGBC is seeking proposals for grants to partners and agencies to disseminate consistent messages about grizzly bears and to promote effective actions and techniques to promote effective actions and techniques to increase human safety and decrease the likelihood of bear-human conflicts. The IGBC is anticipating that \$42,000 will be available for grants in FY2025; actual project funding will be contingent on agency funding levels. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Roberts, IGBC IEO Chair, lroberts@mt.gov, 406-751-4581. **The deadline to apply for 2024 grants is Nov 12, 2024.**



FY25 Request for Proposals for IGBC IEO Funding

FY25 Award Submission Form

Find request for proposal and submittal form!



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Thank you!

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