



IGBC Update, 12/17/24

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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 (1982, 1993)

Requirements for Recovery:

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

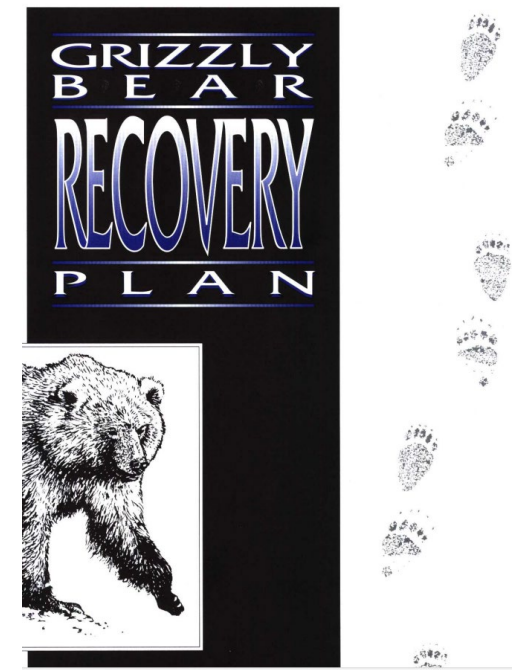
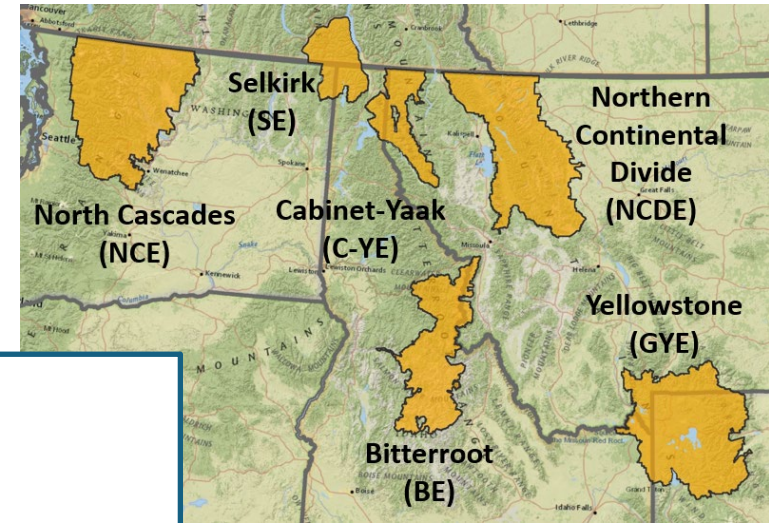
6 Recovery Zones

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



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

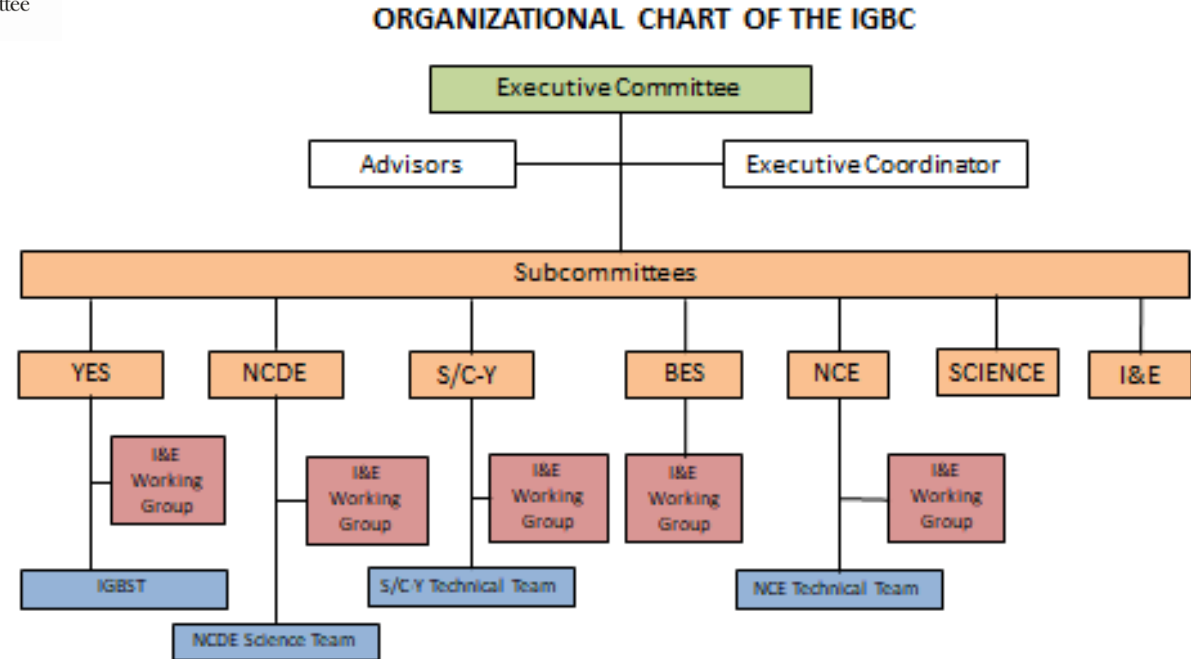
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Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee



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.



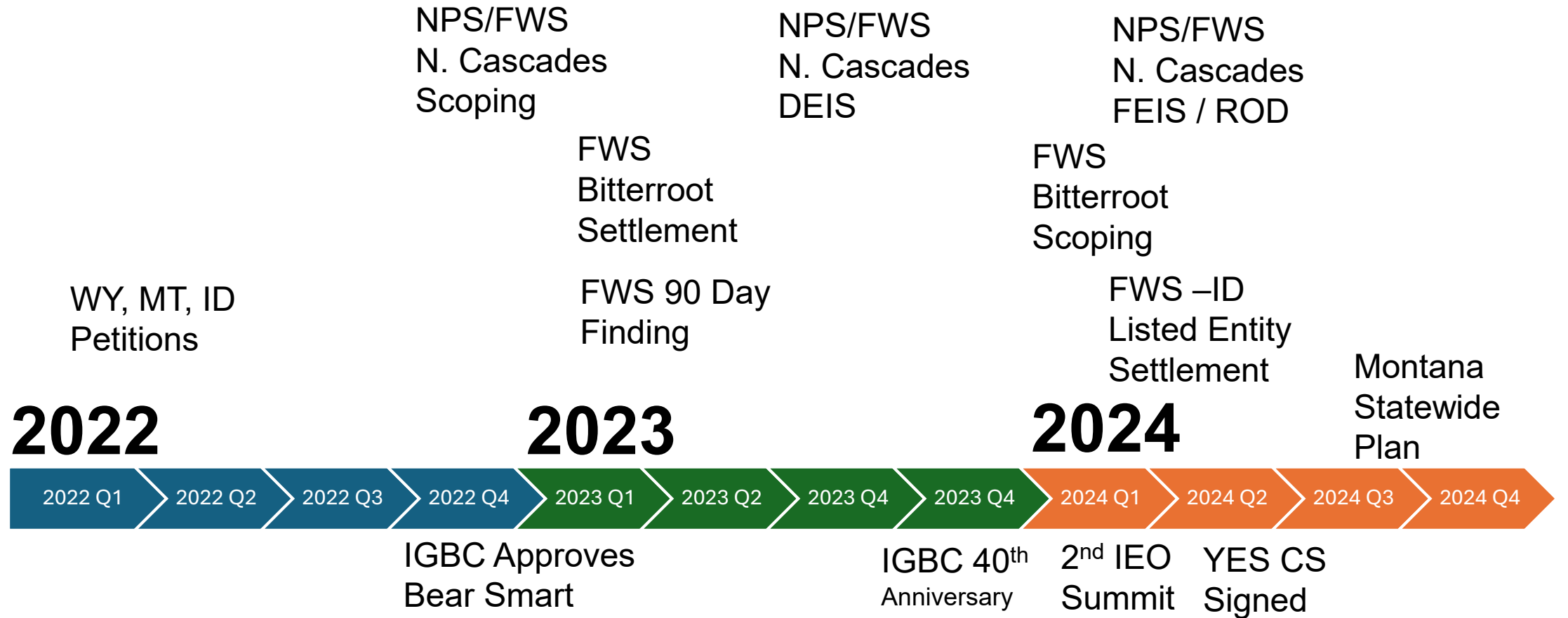
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IGBC: 40 years of accomplishments



- Science
- Information, Education, and Outreach (IEO)
 - Universal messages
 - Website
 - Bear Smart Communities
 - IEO Summit
- Bear Resistant Product Testing Program

Looking Back



<p>IGBC Chair Jacque Buchanan, USFS</p>	<p>IGBC Chair Jim Fredericks, IDFG</p>
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IGBC Executive Committee 7/23



- 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



Conservation Strategy for the Grizzly Bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

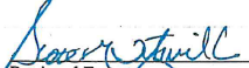
2024 Version


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.

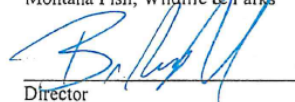

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U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region
Date: 6/13/2024


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


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


Director
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Date: 6/13/24


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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Date: 6/13/24


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Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Date: 7/8/24

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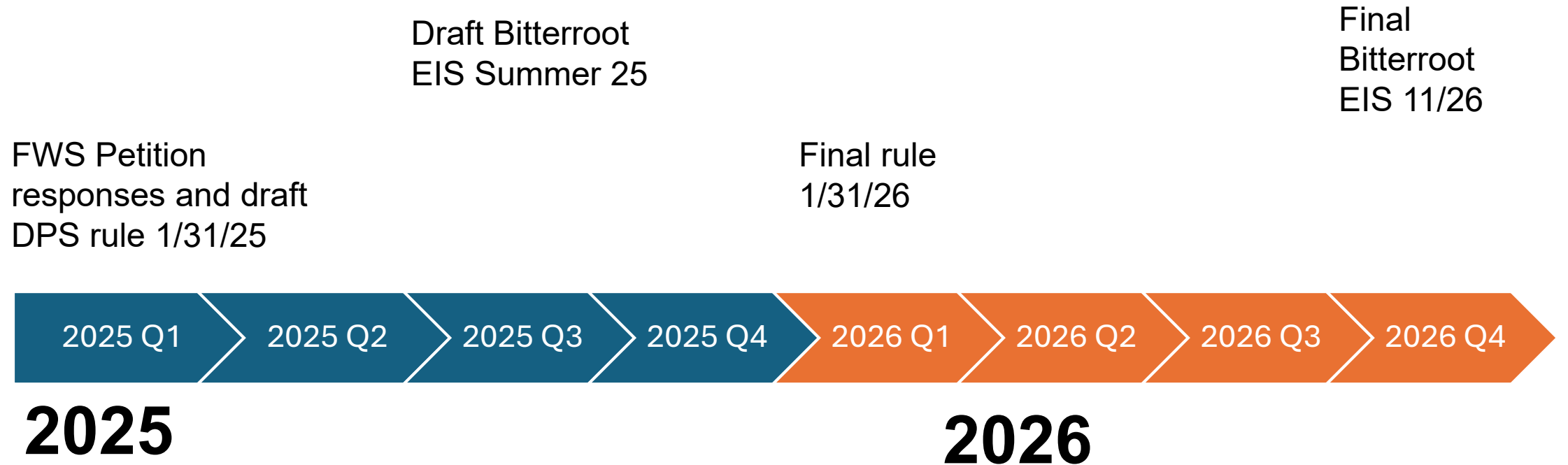
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Looking Ahead

N. Cascades ROD Implementation and Next Steps?



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

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Jennifer Carpenter, NPS

Thank you!



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