



# IGBC Update, 5/6/26

David Diamond, IGBC

## Partner Agencies



# 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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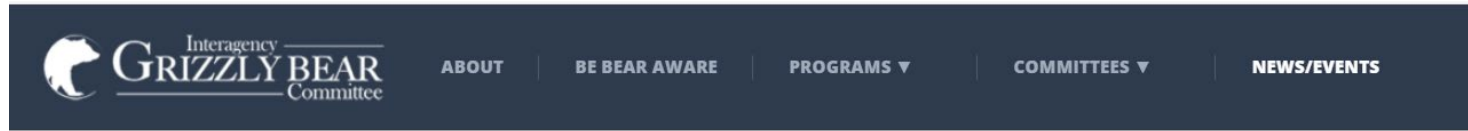
# IGBC Purpose



- “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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# IGBC News/Events



Find agendas and logistics about specific meetings!



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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Posted by **David Diamond** **YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE**

MARCH 31, 2024

**Bitterroot Subcommittee Spring 2024 Meeting - 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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Posted by **David Diamond** **BITTERROOT ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE**

**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 Bear Resistant Product Testing Program



- In 2025, we tested 49 products including coolers, hard-sided backpacking canisters, backpacking sacks, panniers, metal garbage can enclosures, and a truck bed tonneau cover, 22 of the 49 products passed (45%).



<https://igbconline.org/programs/bear-resistant-products>



# IGBC Information, Education, & Outreach Subcommittee



- In 2025 the total requested was \$109,086, and we awarded \$46,860. 15 proposals received full or partial awards.
- In 2026 we had \$59,392 requested and we have awarded \$43,000 to 13 organizations for projects to be completed this year.



IGBC was a sponsor for the 7th International Human-Bear Conflicts Workshop, October 2025.

# Partners

- Bear Smart Communities
- Conflict Reduction

## BEAR SMART COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK: MANUAL FOR COMMUNITIES

PREPARED BY ANDREA MOREHOUSE AND THE IGBC BEAR  
SMART COMMUNITY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP



MAY 2023

## EXPANDING HUMAN-GRIZZLY BEAR CONFLICTS - THE SITUATION, CHALLENGES, AND SOLUTIONS



MONTANA CONFLICT REDUCTION CONSORTIUM  
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## MONTANA GRIZZLY CONFLICT REDUCTION COLLABORATIVE

*Dedicated group of state and federal agency, Tribal, local government, nonprofit, and community partners implementing and supporting grizzly bear conflict reduction efforts across Montana.*

# YES Charter – Roles and Responsibilities



- **YES Subcommittee:** The mission of YES is to achieve the recovery and delisting of the GYE grizzly bear population and to support ongoing conservation of their habitats through interagency coordination of policy, planning, management, research and communication.
- **Information and Education Team:** Supports development, implementation, and dissemination of coordinated information useful for people who visit, live, work, and recreate in bear habitat to minimize bear-human conflicts and provide for human safety while building support for viable bear populations....
- **Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team:** Conducts research and monitoring that provides information needed by various agencies for immediate and long-term management of grizzly bears inhabiting the GYE...

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# Conservation Strategy for the Grizzly Bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem


2024 Version


## Memorandum of Understanding Detailing Agency Agreement to Implement this Conservation Strategy

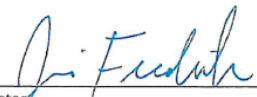
The agencies signing this Conservation Strategy agree to use their authorities to maintain the recovered status of the grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) by implementing the regulatory mechanisms, interagency cooperation, population and habitat management and monitoring, and other 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.

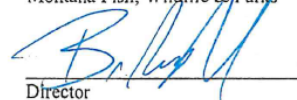
  
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U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region  
Date: 6/13/2024

  
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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

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

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

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Thank you!



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