



IGBC Update, 7/21/26

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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 Executive Committee 7/23



- Continued expansion of occupied areas
- Other administrative / legal processes
- Separate decision processes NCE/BE
- 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

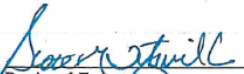
2024 Version

Memorandum of Understanding Detailing Agency Agreement to Implement this Conservation Strategy

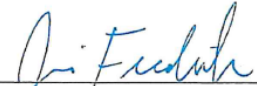
The agencies signing this Conservation Strategy agree to use their authorities to maintain the recovered status of the grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) by implementing the regulatory mechanisms, interagency cooperation, population and habitat management and monitoring, and other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

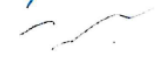
This agreement is subject to and is intended to be consistent with all appropriate federal and state laws. Funding of this MOU is subject to approval and appropriations by approved state and federal entities. All agencies will take appropriate steps to seek funding to implement this document. The adequacy 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.


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


Regional Forester
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
Date


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


Director
Wyoming Game and Fish Department
KATHARINE HAMMOND
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Regional Director
National Park Service, Intermountain Region
Date

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State Director
Bureau of Land Management Idaho
Date

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State Director
Bureau of Land Management Montana
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State Director
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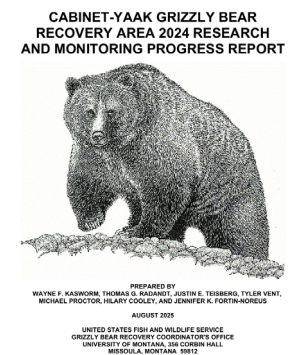
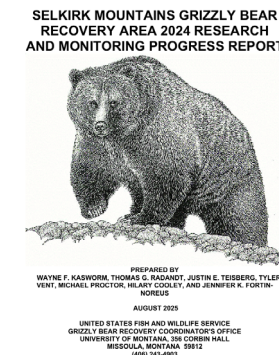
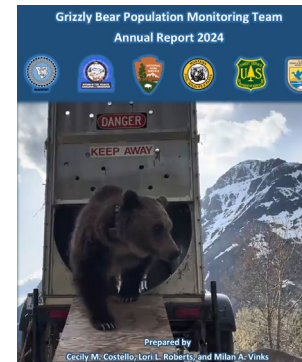
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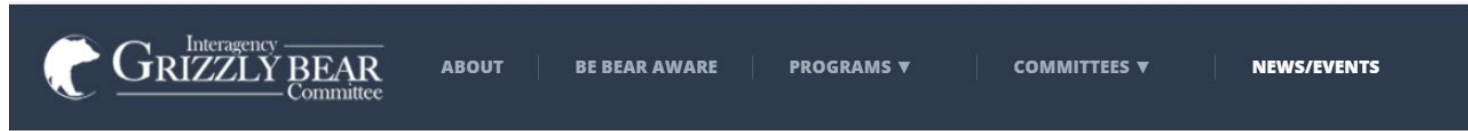
	IGBC Membership December 2024	IGBC Membership July 2026
ID	Jim Fredericks, Director, IDFG (IGBC Chair)	Jim Fredericks, Director, IDFG
MT	Quentin Kujala, Chief of Conservation Policy, MTFWP	Christy Clark, Director, MTFWP (IGBC Chair)
WA	Subhadeep Bhattacharjee, Wolf and Grizzly Bear Policy Lead, WDFW	Subhadeep Bhattacharjee, Wolf and Grizzly Bear Policy Lead, WDFW
WY	Dan Smith, WYGF	Angi Bruce, Director, WDG&F
USFS	- Ben South, Deputy Regional Forester, R1 - Andrea Delgado, Deputy Regional Forester, R2 - Mary Farnsworth, Regional Forester, R4 - Jacque Buchanan, Regional Forester, R6	Jacque Buchanan, Regional Forester, Senior Executive for EMC/Planning and Tribal Relations
NPS	- Jennifer Carpenter, Intermountain Region - Don Striker, Pacific West Region	Dan Niosi, Intermountain Region
USFWS	- Matt Hogan, Regional Director, R6 - Hugh Morrison, Regional Director, R1	- Matt Hogan, Regional Director, R6 - Bridget Fahey, Acting Regional Director, R1
BLM	Amy Waring, Montana / Dakotas State Office	Amy Waring, Montana / Dakotas State Office
USGS	Claudia Regan, NOROCK	Clint Muhlfeld, NOROCK
IGBC	David Diamond, IGBC (USFS)	David Diamond, IGBC (USFS)

Current Reporting

- **IGBC Science**
 - Summary of Grizzly Bear Distribution in the Lower-48 US States (Biannual)
- **Greater Yellowstone**
 - Bear Monitoring and Population Trend
 - Monitoring of Grizzly Bear Foods and Appendix B: Monitoring Whitebark Pine in the GYE
 - Recreation Monitoring (NPS)
 - Human-Grizzly Bear Conflicts in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (3 states, 2 parks, Wind River Reservation) and Appendix C: Wyoming Bear Wise Project Updates
 - Appendix A: Annual Habitat Monitoring Report
- **Northern Continental Divide**
 - Grizzly Bear Population Monitoring Team (annual)
 - USFS Habitat Reports
 - Motorized Access
 - Grazing
 - Developed Sites
 - Conflict Summaries (annual, presented at IGBC NCDE meetings)
- **Selkirk-Cabinet Yaak**
 - Demographics for SCY
 - Habitat – USFS Forest Plan Monitoring Reports



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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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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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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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meeting dates!



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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 Standing Subcommittees

- Science Subcommittee, Cecily Costello, MTFWP
- Inf., Ed., & Outreach Subcommittee, Lori Roberts, MTFWP
- Greater Yellowstone, Dan Smith, WY Game and Fish
- Northern Continental Divide, Katie Stevens, BLM
- Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak, Josh White, USFS
- Bitterroot, Liz Bradley, MTFWP
- North Cascades, Brock Hoenes, WA DFW

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.

Executive Committee

Budgets and Agreements

Contributions

Agency	Agency Contribution
Bureau of Land Management (MT)	\$22,900
National Park Service	\$22,900
Fish and Wildlife Service (Region 1)	\$27,900
Fish and Wildlife Service (Region 6)	\$29,800 (\$1,000 for direct IGBC IT services, \$10,000 to WSU Bear Center)
Forest Service (Region 1)	\$135,000
TOTAL	\$238,500

Challenge Cost Share Agreement



IGBC Information, Education, & Outreach Subcommittee



- Role:
 - to coordinate information, education and outreach among IGBC member agencies in support of grizzly bear recovery and conservation
- Personnel
- December 2026 report





IGBC Science Subcommittee

- Purpose:
 - coordinate research across ecosystems,
 - conduct cross-ecosystem science as needed,
 - inform the Executive Committee of ongoing research efforts on an annual basis, and
 - to respond to requests for cross-ecosystem science from the Executive Committee
- Personnel
- December 2026 report

Ecosystem Subcommittees

- Role:
 - coordinate implementation of the policy, planning, research, management, and communication established by the Executive Committee as necessary to implement the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan
- December 2026 Reports
 - Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak
 - Northern Continental Divide
 - Greater Yellowstone
 - Bitterroot
 - North Cascades

Executive Subcommittee

- Dates/Location
- Agenda
 - IEO
 - Science
 - Bear Resistant Product Testing Program annual report
 - CS reports
 - Special topics
 - Charter review
 - Budget