

# Information Education & Outreach Subcommittee 2026 Update

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# Information, Education, and Outreach Subcommittee

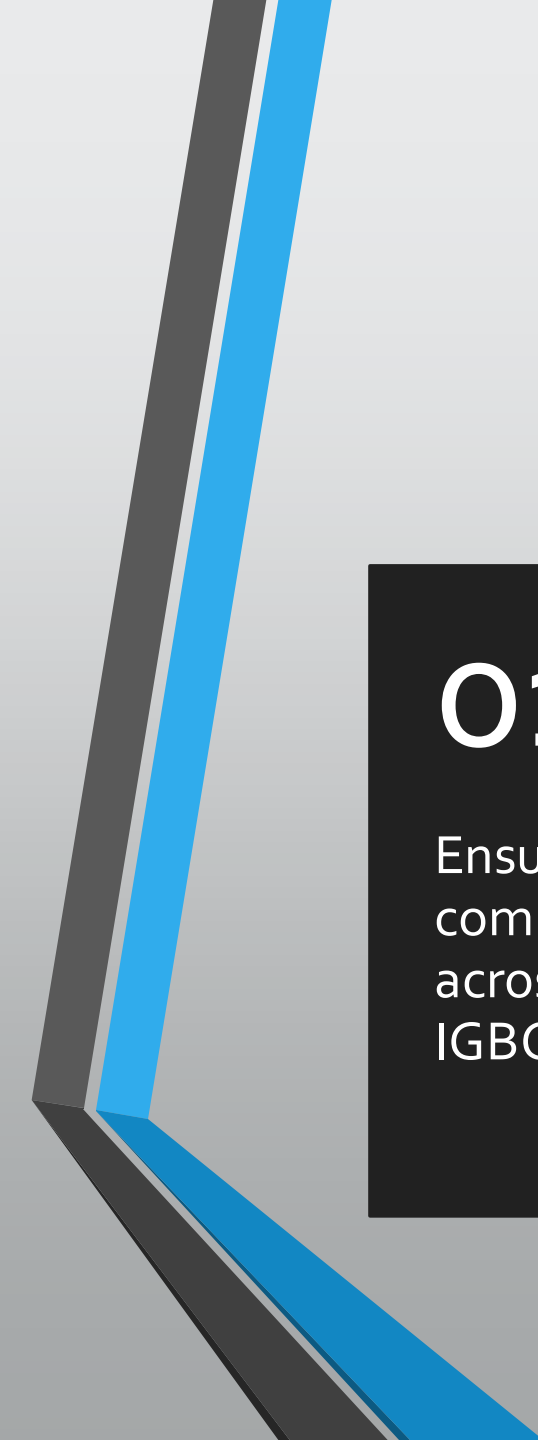
- Vivca Crowser (MFWP), Bitterroot Ecosystem
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- Danielle Oyler (MFWP), Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
- Andrew Lavalley (USFWS), North Cascade Ecosystem
- TBD, Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem



# IGBC Charter

## IEO Role and Responsibilities

The role of the IEO subcommittee is to coordinate information, education and outreach among IGBC member agencies in support of grizzly bear recovery and conservation.



# IEO Subcommittee Goals

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Ensure effective communication across all levels of IGBC

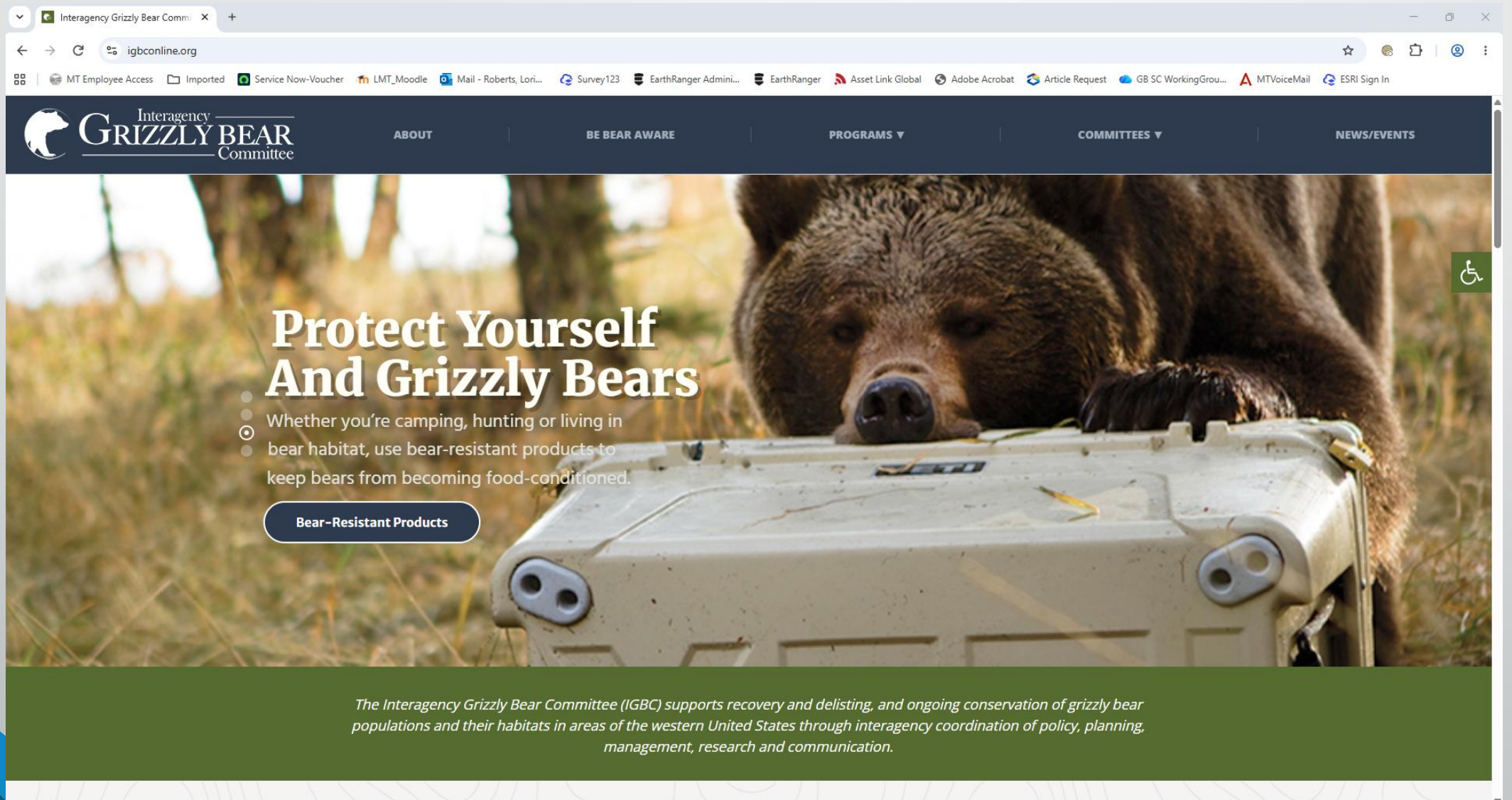
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Ensure consistency of messages across all IGBC IEO agencies

03

Increase use of bear spray by people who live, work, and recreate in bear range.

# Website Update



# Bear Smart Community Framework

INTERAGENCY GRIZZLY BEAR COMMITTEE (IGBC)

**BEAR SMART  
COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK:  
MANUAL FOR COMMUNITIES**

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



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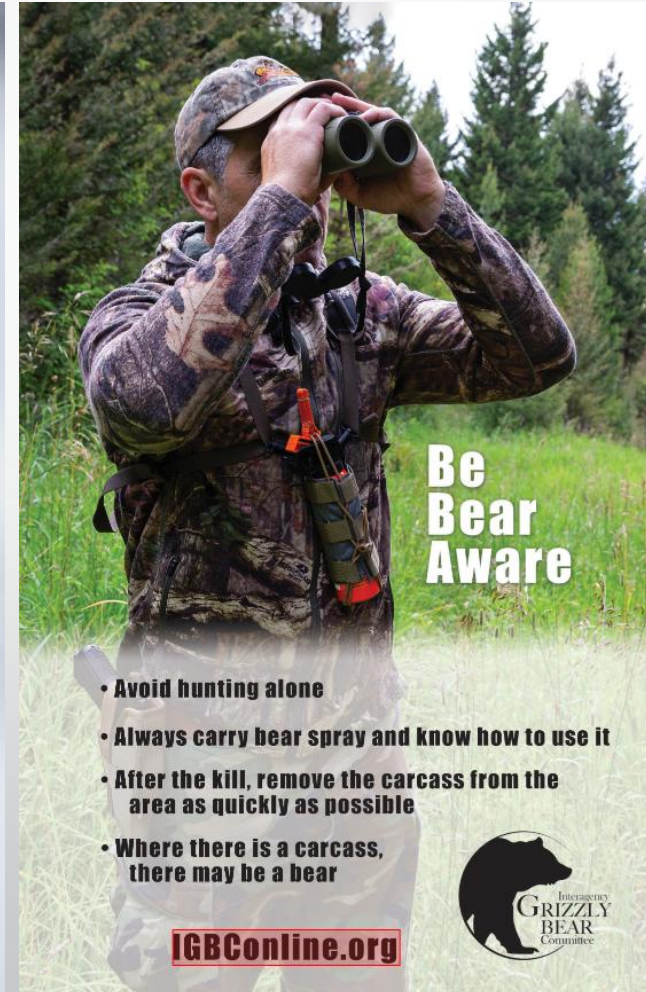
Bear Smart Community of Practice (COP)

- Community Members
- NGO's
- Bear Specialist
- Agencies in those communities

# IEO Summit



# Bear Spray Advertising



# Update Bear Safety Brochure

For information on Bear Safety or Reporting go to:

**Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee**  
[igbconline.org](http://igbconline.org)

**Idaho Department of Fish and Game**  
208-334-3700 • [idfg.idaho.gov](http://idfg.idaho.gov)

**Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**  
406-444-2535 • [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
360-902-2200 • [wdfw.wa.gov](http://wdfw.wa.gov)

**Wyoming Game and Fish Department**  
307-777-4600 • [wgfd.wyo.gov](http://wgfd.wyo.gov)

**State Laws Prohibit Feeding Wildlife**  
Check state laws in effect that make it illegal to intentionally or otherwise leave food waste in places where it will attract large wild carnivores. These laws were designed to keep both people and wildlife safe. Violations are subject to monetary fines.

You can print copies of this bear safety education guide at:  
**[igbconline.org](http://igbconline.org)**

 The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (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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Identify Bears and Learn About  
**Bear Safety**



 A Guide to Living,  
Working and Recreating  
Safety in Bear Country

# FY 2025 Funded Projects- \$37,860

## Bitterroot Ecosystem

- Idaho Fish and Game: \$2,500
- Bitterroot National Forest: \$2,000
- Salmon Valley Stewardship: 3,500

## Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem

- Em Kayan Village Park Water District: \$660
- Idaho Office of Species Conservation: \$3,000

## Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

- Jack Creek Preserve: \$1,500
- Henry's Fork Wildlife Alliance- \$5,000

## North Cascades Ecosystem

- Conservation Northwest: \$2,000
- Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest: \$2,000
- Methow Valley Citizens Council: \$5,200

## Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

- Swan Valley Connections- \$2,500
- Teton Bear Smart- \$4,000
- Blackfoot Challenge: 2,500
- Whitefish Legacy Partners: \$1,500

## Selkirk Ecosystem

## All Ecosystems

- Defenders of Wildlife- \$2,500

\*Reminder the ask total was \$109,085

# FY 2026 Funded Projects- \$43,000

## Bitterroot Ecosystem

- Bitterroot National Forest: \$3,000

## Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem

- Lincoln County Port Authority: \$3,000
- Yaak Valley Forest Council: \$3,280

## Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

- Bear Wise Jackson Hole: \$5,570
- Be Bear Smart Beartooth: \$6,700
- Park County Environmental Council: \$2,000

## North Cascades Ecosystem

- Methow Bear Coalition: \$2,350

## Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

- Swan Valley Bear Resources: \$5,000

## Selkirk Ecosystem

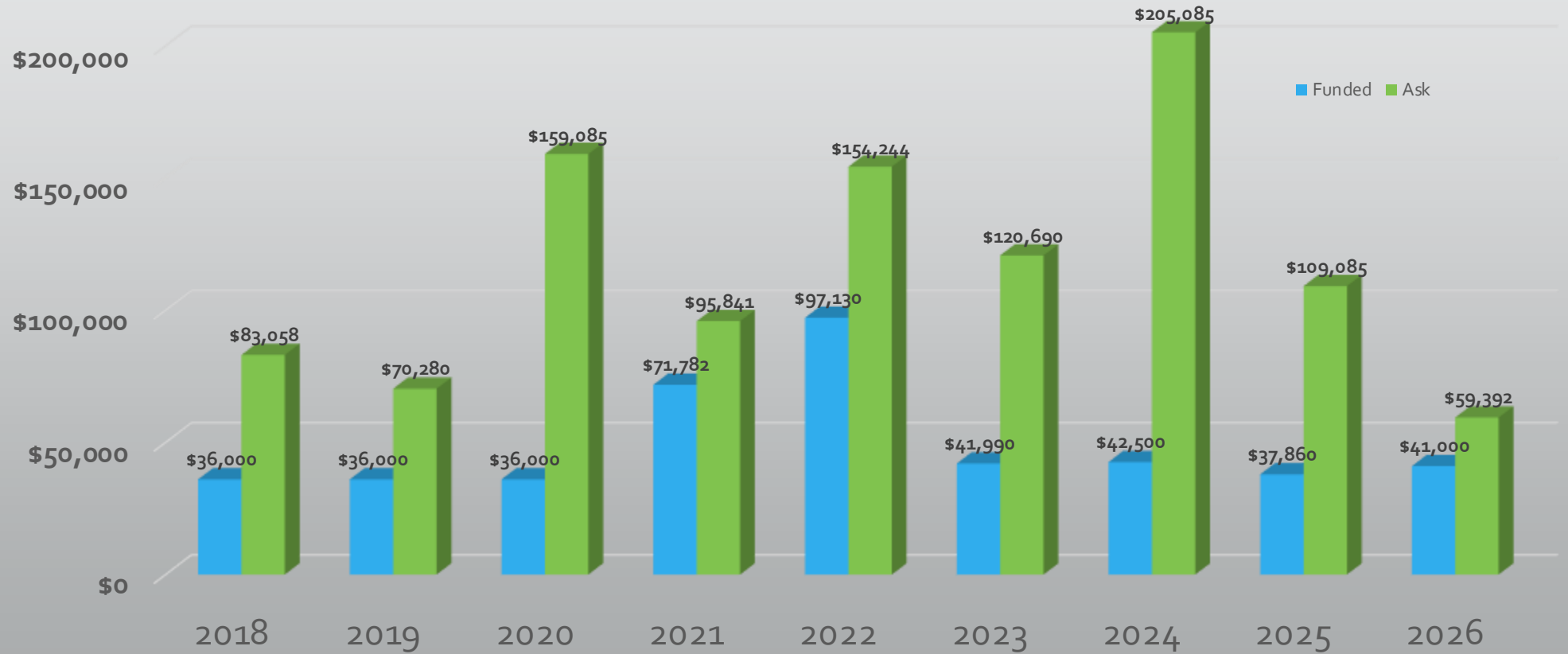
- Idaho Fish and Game: \$2,100

## Multiple Ecosystems

- Bear Smart Alberton: \$5,000
- People and Carnivores: \$3,000
- Safari Club International: \$2,000

\*Reminder the ask total was \$59,392

# IEO Funding Program





# Partners

- Defenders of Wildlife
- People and Carnivores
- Bear Smar Alberton
- Wind River
- Great Burn Conservation Alliance
- Western Wildlife Outreach
- Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders
- Montana Discovery Foundation
- Bear Creek Council
- Henrys Fork Wildlife Alliance
- Jack Creek Preserve Foundation
- Western Landowners Alliance
- American Bear Foundation
- Bear Wise Jackson Hole
- Be Bear Smart Beartooth
- Blackfoot Challenge
- Swan Valley Connections
- Teton Bear Smart
- Rocky Mountain Ranchlands
- Whitefish Legacy Partners
- Yaak Valley Forest Council
- Glacier Institute
- Friends of Scotchman Peak Wilderness
- Yellowstone to Yukon
- Methow Bear Coalition
- Seeley Lake School District
- Lincoln County



# Thank You