



IGBC Update, 10/7/26

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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

2023

- Bear Smart framework approved
- 40th anniversary of IGBC

2024

- 2nd IEO Summit in CDA
- YES CS signed

2025

- Spring subcommittee meetings, no Fall meetings due to lapse in approps

2026

- February 5, Report to Executives
- July 21, Summer Meeting, Virtual
- December 16-17, Winter Business Meeting, Helena MT

IGBC News/Events

- Yellowstone, 11/18, Jackson WY
- NCDE, 12/1, Helena MT
- IGBC Executives 12/16-17 Helena, MT



Find agendas
and logistics
about specific
meetings!



SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak Subcommittee 2026 Fall Meeting – Coeur d’Alene, ID

October 7, 2026

The IGBC’s Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak Subcommittee is holding its 2026 Fall meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm PT (10 am-4:00 pm MT).

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Posted by **David**

SELKIRK/CABINET-YAAK ECOSYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE

JULY 22, 2026

Feedback Opportunity Due 8/24: Draft Selkirk – Cabinet Yaak Conservation Strategy

July, 22, 2026

Feedback requested: The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) asks that the public focus its feedback on novel components of the strategy, most notably Chapter 2, which describes demographic objectives and associated criteria for distribution, mortality management, and

Save the Date:
Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak Subcommittee, Coeur d’Alene ID, 10/7
Yellowstone Subcommittee, Jackson, WY 11/18-19 tentative
NCDE, 12/1, Helena MT
IGBC Executive Committee, Helena MT, 12/16-17

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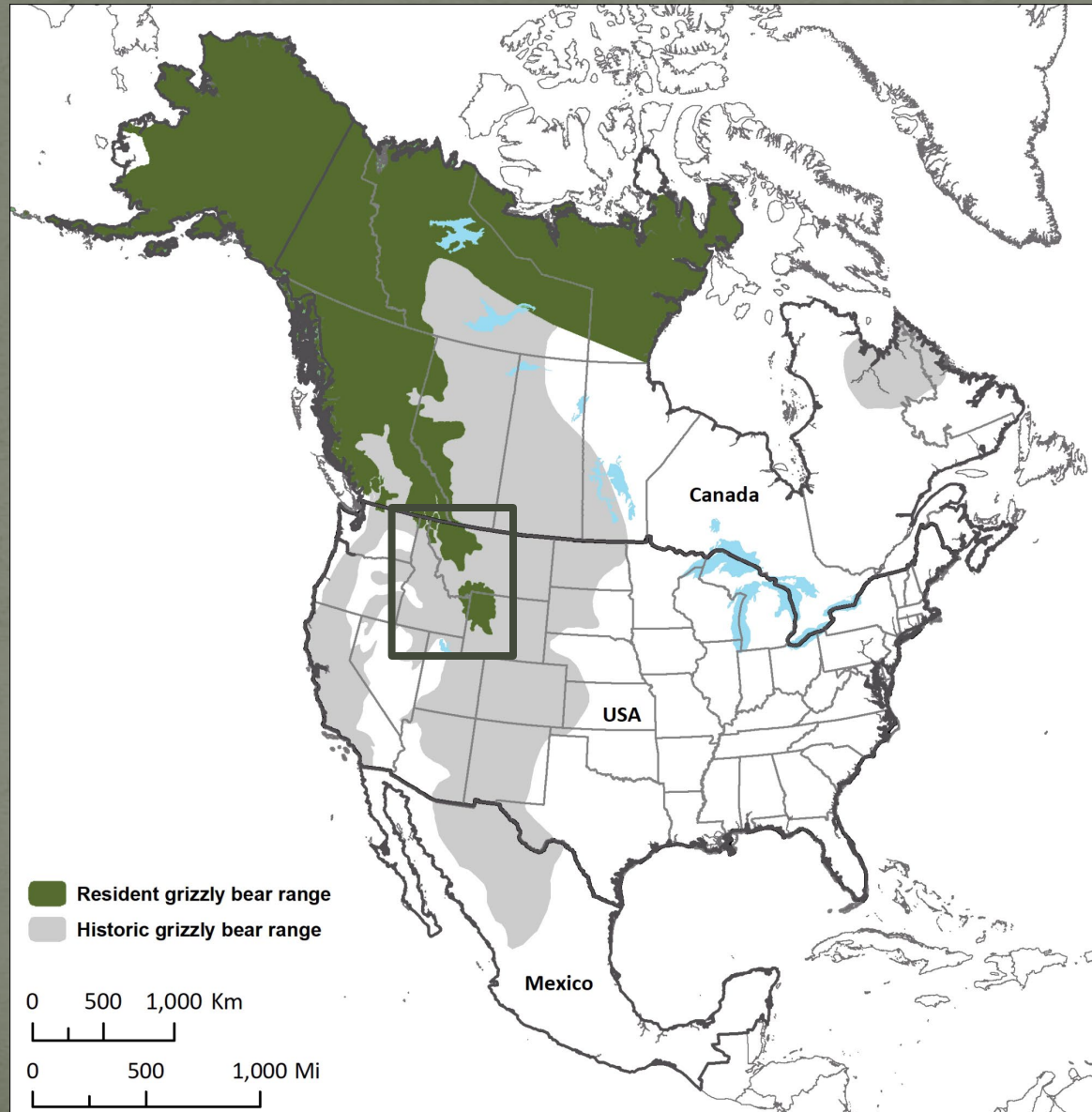
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Big Picture

Grizzly Bears in North America

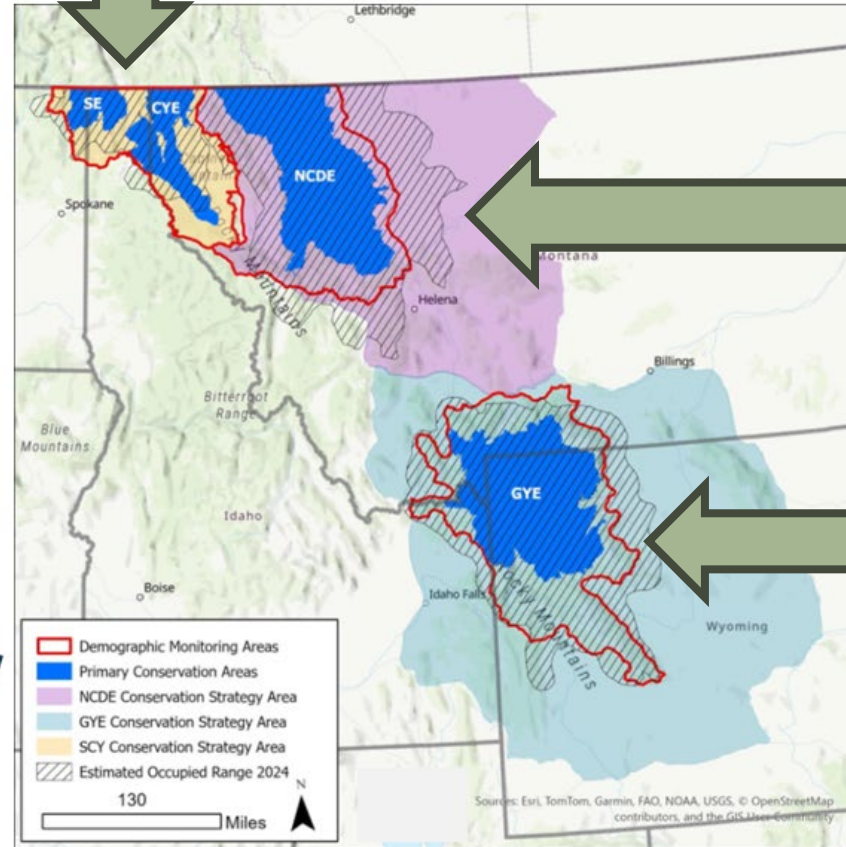
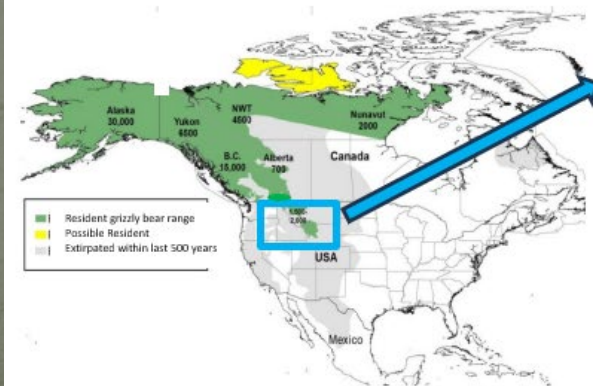


~55,000 grizzly bears in
Alaska and western
Canada.

~2,200 grizzly bears
in the lower-48
(ID/MT/WA/WY)

Grizzly Bears in the Lower-48 – Conservation Strategies

Selkirk-Cabinet Yaak – 2026 draft



Northern Continental Divide – 2018
(2021 admin review; 5-year review in progress)

Greater Yellowstone – 2007, 2016, 2024

Grizzly Bears in the Lower-48 – Conservation Strategies

	Greater Yellowstone	Northern Continental Divide	Selkirk- Cabinet-Yaak
Population estimate (FWS 2024)	>1,000 bears	>1,000 bears	120 bears (minimum)
Estimated occupied range (mi ²) (2024)	26,104	24,049	7,069
PCA (mi ²)	9,210	8,933	3,669
% PCA occupied	100%	100%	96%
DMA (mi ²)	19,278	16,454	8,813 (proposed)
% DMA occupied	97%	93%	72%

Conservation Strategy Functions

- Population & habitat objectives by Strategy Areas
- Describe agency and interagency regulatory mechanisms, conservation actions and monitoring
- Ongoing commitment for interagency coordination
- Could serve as Post-Delisting Monitoring Plans

Conservation Strategy Contents

- Population/Demographic Objectives and Monitoring
- Habitat Objectives and Monitoring
- Conflict Prevention, Response and Management
- Information, Education, and Outreach
- Implementation and Evaluation
- Regulatory and Conservation Framework

Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak CS

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Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak Conservation Strategy Development

2022

- IGBC tasked subcommittee to proceed with a Conservation Strategy.
- SCYE Subcommittee approved developing one Conservation Strategy, with consideration for ecosystem and jurisdictional differences.

2023

- March launch
- October Technical Team

2024

- May 2024 Joint SCY/NCDE Subcommittee meeting
- Alternating monthly meetings of tech team and subcommittee

2025

- Feb – CS work paused (Subcommittee did meet in May)
- December – Reinitiation of CS work by fed/state agencies

Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak Conservation Strategy Development

2026

- Drafting - CS development team
- Tribal coordination
- IGBC Executives (draft published 7/22, feedback sought)
- Public feedback
- Further drafting/feedback response – CS development team
- IGBC SCY Subcommittee meeting presentation/discussion
- IGBC Executives

2026 CS Development Team

- USFWS: Hilary Cooley*, Wayne Kasworm, Justin Teisberg, Ben Jimenez, Craig Hansen
- USDA Forest Service: Timory Peele*, Sarah Sawyer, Jeremy Anderson
- ID: Kathleen Trever*, Morgan Pfander, Toby Boudreau
- MT: Quentin Kujala*, Cecily Costello, Lori Roberts, Ken McDonald
- WA: Subhadeep Bhattacharjee*, Julia Smith, Annemarie Prince, Mike Kuttel Jr
- WY: Dan Thompson*
- Facilitator: David Diamond

Tribal Coordination

- Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Kalispel Tribe
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Feedback – Thank you!

During the public comment period the IGBC received 132 individual comments, 121 of which were via the comment portal. Eleven additional longer letters were received from the following organizations and individuals:

- Boundary County, ID
- Conservation Northwest
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Flathead Lolo Bitterroot Citizen Task Force
- Humane World for Animals
- Idaho Conservation League
- Idaho Farm Bureau
- Inland Empire Task Force and Alliance for the Wild Rockies
- Randy Rannow
- Steve Nadeau
- The Cougar Fund