



Montana's Grizzly Bear Advisory Council

Meeting Agenda

November 13-14, 2019

FWP Region 3 Headquarters Building | 1400 South 19th Ave | Bozeman, MT

Objectives:

- Continue to build out processes and protocols to support the Council's work
- Build understanding and awareness around grizzly bear distribution and connectivity between ecosystems
 - Provide current information
 - Explore additional informational needs and perspectives
 - Consider management needs and challenges
 - Begin to identify areas where there is shared agreement and where there is not
- Explore ways to build consensus and find common ground
- Reflect on the Council's overall work to date and make any necessary adjustments

Wednesday, November 13

8:00 AM **Introductions, Welcome, and Overview of Agenda**

8:15 AM **Council Member Updates**

Objective: Provide Council members with the opportunity to share insights, updates, and reflections since the October meeting.

9:00 AM **Update on Council Process and Protocols**

Objective: Continue to establish and implement effective processes to support the Council's work, including additions and refinements to the Council's Charter and communications and public engagement activities.

- 9:45 AM **Break**
- 10:00 AM **Panel Presentation: Grizzly Bear Distribution**
Objective: Explore the current state of knowledge around grizzly bear distribution.
- Panelists:
- Hilary Cooley, US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Cecily Costello, Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
 - Mark Haroldson, US Geological Survey
- 10:45 AM **Panel Presentation and Discussion: Management Related to Grizzly Bear Distribution**
Objective: Understand the core questions and considerations that wildlife managers and others face with respect to grizzly bear distribution.
- Panelists:
- Hilary Cooley, US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Cecily Costello, Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
 - Kerry Gunther, National Park Service
 - Mark Haroldson, US Geological Survey
 - Scott Jackson, US Forest Service
- 12:00 PM **Lunch (provided for Council members)**
- 1:00 PM **Table Discussions: Grizzly Bear Distribution**
Objective: Provide Council members with an opportunity to ask questions as well as discuss their interests and concerns with panelists.
- 2:00 PM **Report Back and Reflections: Grizzly Bear Distribution**
Objective: Capture key insights and take-aways from the panel and table discussions.
- 2:30 PM **Break**
- 2:45 PM **Emerging Ideas: Grizzly Bear Distribution**
Objective: Begin to identify a menu of ideas that respond to the opportunities and challenges presented by grizzly bear distribution in the state.
- 3:45 PM **Identifying Areas for Future Council Work**
Objective: Identify several of the “emerging ideas” from the previous section for further inquiry and exploration.

- 4:15 PM Open Forum for Public Input
- 4:45 PM Capture Key Take-Aways and Action Items
- 5:00 PM Adjourn for the Day

Thursday, November 14

- 8:00 AM Welcome and Overview of Day 2
- 8:15 AM **Finding Common Ground**
Objectives: Explore the approaches and practices that help diverse groups find common ground.
- 9:00 AM **Panel Presentation: Connectivity between Ecosystems**
Objective: Explore the current state of knowledge around connectivity between ecosystems.
- Panelists:
- Hilary Cooley, US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Cecily Costello, Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
 - Mitch Doherty, Vital Ground
 - Mark Haroldson, US Geological Survey
- 9:45 AM Break
- 10:00 AM **Panel Presentation: Management Related to Connectivity between Ecosystems**
Objective: Understand the core questions and considerations that wildlife managers and others face with respect to grizzly bear connectivity between ecosystems.
- Panelists
- Hilary Cooley, US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Cecily Costello, Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
 - Mitch Doherty, Vital Ground
 - Liz Fairbank, Center for Large Landscape Conservation
 - Deb Wambach, Montana Department of Transportation

- 11:00 AM** **Table Discussions: Connectivity between Ecosystems**
Objective: Provide Council members with an opportunity to ask questions as well as discuss their interests and concerns with panelists from the two panel presentations.
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch (provided for Council members)**
- 1:00 PM** **Report Back and Reflections: Connectivity between Ecosystems**
Objective: Capture key insights and take-aways from the panel and table discussions.
- 1:30 PM** **Emerging Ideas: Connectivity between Ecosystems**
Objective: Begin to identify a menu of ideas that respond to the opportunities and challenges presented by grizzly bear connectivity between ecosystems.
- 2:30 PM** **Identifying Areas for Future Council Work**
Objective: Identify several of the “emerging ideas” from the previous section for further inquiry and exploration.
- 3:00 PM** **Open Forum for Public Input**
- 3:30 PM** **Capture Key Take-Aways and Action Items**
Objectives: Capture key thoughts, accomplishments and actions items; prepare a series of high-level talking points to share with partners and the media.
- 4:00 PM** **Adjourn**