



# GOVERNOR'S GRIZZLY BEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## Montana's Grizzly Bear Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

May 11-13, 2020

*This meeting will be live-streamed on the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council's website:  
<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/grizzlyBear/gbac.html>*

*Members of the public are encouraged to submit their public comments via the portal provided  
on the Council's website. All members of the Council receive these comments.*

### Objectives:

- Discuss and refine Council overall timeline and key milestones
- Discuss and refine the Council's Vision for the future of grizzly bear management and conservation
- Identify and prioritize key areas of agreement and areas for additional discussion
- Advance thinking and dialogue around key areas of agreement and areas for additional discussion via "World Cafe" small group conversations
- Discuss and decide upon framework moving forward
- Clarify next steps and action items

### Monday, May 11

- 9:00 AM      **Welcome and Overview of Meeting Agenda and Objectives**
- 9:05 AM      **Council Member Introductions**
- 9:15 AM      **Review Council Timeline and Roadmap**  
*Objective: Provide an opportunity to Council members to discuss their progress  
and priorities moving forward.*
- *Review proposed roadmap*
  - *Discuss milestones and what's needed to reach each milestone*
- 10:00 AM    **Share Working Group Updates**  
*Objective: Provide an opportunity for each working group to share their discussion  
with the Council as a whole.*

**10:30 AM**      **Break**

**10:45 AM**      **Building Out the Council's Vision**

*Objective: Build agreement on the Council's vision, using the working group conversations as building blocks.*

*Review and discuss Working Group 2's Vision Statement, integrating elements from other working group discussions where possible.*

*Working Group 2's Vision:*

We envision fully recovered grizzly populations in the four MT ESA recovery zones and a landscape in between that facilitates physical connectivity. Meanwhile, we recognize that grizzlies may continue to expand outside of the connectivity area. Montana's capacity to accommodate this expansion will be limited in relation to available resources for management, education, infrastructure (e.g. transportation, sanitation), and capacity for supporting ranchers and farmers in prevention, timely conflict response, and mitigation. All those living or visiting in or near the connectivity area should expect to be impacted by the potential presence of grizzly bears, and should be able to access adequate education, assistance and resources to help address these impacts in a timely manner. In Montana, we envision that management decisions continue to be based in sound science that account for local resources, communities, and capacity.

*Guiding questions:*

- *What do you like about this Vision Statement?*
- *Is there anything missing from this Vision Statement that you think is critical?*
- *If you have concerns about the Vision Statement, what are they, and what alternative approach would you suggest for the Council's consideration?*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch Break**

**1:00 PM**      **Building Out the Council's Vision (continued)**

*Objectives: Capture input and feedback; build as much agreement as possible on the content and wording; identify the steps needed to finalize the Vision Statement; and link the Vision Statement to the rest of the Council's discussions.*

**2:00 PM**      **Identify Critical Issues for Discussion**

*Objectives: Building on the results of the working groups and the conversation around the Council's vision, identify issues for in-depth discussion tomorrow.*

**2:30 PM**      **Break**

- 2:45 PM**      **Prioritize Critical Issues for Discussion**  
*Objective: Prioritize those issues that Council members feel are most critical to advance their conversations and inform their recommendations to the Governor.*
- 3:30 PM**      **Public Input**  
*Members of the FWP Communications Team will have an opportunity to share an overview of public comments received during today's discussion.*
- 3:45 PM**      **Summarize Key Take-Aways**
- 4:00 PM**      **Adjourn for the Day**

**Tuesday, May 12**

- 9:00 AM**      **Welcome and Overview of the Day**
- 9:05 AM**      **Introduce World Café Sessions**  
**Focused on Priority Issues Identified in Day 1**  
*Objectives: Provide small groups the opportunity to engage in simultaneous conversations on the priority issues they identified on Day 1.*  
  
*Format: Council members will spend an hour at each of four discussion tables, rotating throughout the day so that they mix with different Council members for each discussion.*  
  
*Breakout room hosts will facilitate a conversation around one or two unique priority issues throughout the day, and Council members will rotate into that discussion at some point during the day. Each new rotation will learn about the previous conversation(s) and add their thoughts and perspectives. Conversations will be captured on shared Google docs that all Council members will have access to.*
- 9:15 AM**      **World Café Session 1**
- 10:15 AM**      **Break**
- 10:30 AM**      **World Café Session 2**
- 11:30 AM**      **Council Check-in / Report Out**  
*This will provide an opportunity share key take-aways so far and to make any necessary process adjustments/improvements.*
- 12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

- 1:00 PM World Café Session 3
- 2:00 PM Break
- 2:15 PM World Café Session 4
- 3:15 PM Council Check-in / Report Out
- 3:45 PM Public Input  
*Members of the FWP Communications Team will have an opportunity to share an overview of public comments received during today's discussion.*
- 4:00 PM Adjourn for the Day

### Wednesday, May 13

- 9:00 AM Welcome and Overview of the Day
- 9:05 AM Summarize Progress on Vision Statement and Priority Issues  
*Objective: Capture and share progress, identify remaining issues and concerns.*
- 9:30 AM Connecting Meeting Progress to the Council's Framework Document  
*Objective: Discuss alternative frameworks for advancing the Council's conversation, reflecting on the merits of the skeletal framework created at the Libby meeting and the alternative approach advanced during Working Group 2's discussion.*
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Moving the Council's Framework Forward  
*Objective: Clarify how members want to advance work between now and the June meeting (e.g., additional working group meetings, writing team meetings, additional informational needs, etc.).*
- 11:15 AM Discuss Future Meetings  
*Share any information or insight we have about the process for planning future meetings in light of the ongoing COVID pandemic.*
- 11:30 AM Public Input
- 11:45 AM Capture Key Take-Aways and Action Items
- 12:00 PM Adjourn