



## Montana's Grizzly Bear Advisory Council

### Meeting Agenda

November 13-14, 2019

FWP Region 3 Headquarters Building | 1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> 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**