



GOVERNOR'S GRIZZLY BEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Montana Governor's Grizzly Bear Advisory Council Vision Discussion Summary May 26, 2020

Council members focused much of their time in May on developing and refining a Vision Statement to guide their overall approach and more detailed recommendations. The latest version of their draft vision statement is included directly below. It builds upon the May 11 draft that follows. Below each draft vision statement is a set of brief notes that capture areas for future discussion and consideration. Following each Council-wide meeting, the Council's five-person writing team discusses how best to capture and incorporate the feedback they have received into an updated and revised Vision Statement.

DRAFT Vision Statement for Recommendations Report

Writing Team revised version as of 5.22.20 used for Discussion

We envision fully recovered grizzly populations in the four recovery zones located in Montana, and landscapes in-between that accommodate grizzly bear presence and facilitate connectivity.

We also recognize that grizzlies will likely continue to move beyond these areas. Therefore, all those living in or visiting Montana should expect the potential presence of grizzly bears, and should be able to access adequate education, assistance and resources.

This vision brings challenges to working lands and local communities on both public and private lands as the human population of Montana also increases. Advancing this vision will require an inclusive and proactive effort and significant resources.

Management should follow current law and the best available science and account for localized conditions.

Notes from GBAC 5.26.20 Zoom meeting

Discussion points/Key ideas missing

State management within a range - resource allocation; population objectives an important piece of management; sense of and recognition of limits

Need for protected habitat

Envision sound management by the state

Possible revision for 5th sentence: Advancing this vision will require significant resources and an inclusive, proactive and timely approach to conflict response and conflict prevention. Suggested addition to last sentence: and laid out in Montana's statewide grizzly bear management plan."

'New' resources

Possible revision: We also recognize that grizzlies will likely continue to move beyond these areas. Replace with to move EAST

Concern remains around using language – 'facilitate connectivity' - revision possibly 'allows for'

GBAC Meeting via Zoom – 5.11.20

DRAFT revised version of vision from large group discussion

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All those living in or visiting Montana should expect the potential presence of grizzly bears, and should be able to access adequate education, assistance and resources.

Meanwhile, we recognize that grizzlies will continue to expand. Montana's capacity to accommodate this expansion will have limitations, and grizzly bear management will have to be informed by the best available biological and social science to allocate sufficient resources and account for localized conditions.

Notes summarizing end of day (Monday 5.11.20) discussion on possible missing thoughts/intentions

Concerned about the wording of 'facilitates connectivity'

Recognizing public and private land differences

Revisit preamble to see if these are addressed

Incorporate tribal

Accommodating industry in first sentence - local communities and livelihoods

Want to ensure this reads as a proactive approach - what we hope to see