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Thanks for the convo today, Ladies. This is where I landed with the draft agenda;

What did I miss?

Timeslots for each?

To Dos:

- Contact Sarah and Wayne to see about presentations
- Flesh out talking points for each of your assignments
- Working Group Summary Matrix (for sharing on screen) – Lydia
- Room number at UCC, map, parking passes info (Jennifer/Lydia)
- Tie in with Planning Shop on Food Storage Order approach (Lydia)

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BITTERROOT ECOSYSTEM GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT FORUM—ROUND II
AGENDA -- March 14 2023 (8:30 – 3:00 Mountain Time)
In Person: University of Montana UCC #_____

Participants

USFS: Ben South, Chris Savage, Barbara Garcia, Karl Petrick, Cheryl Probert, Caroline Upton, Matt Anderson, Mark , Linda Jackson, Lydia Allen, Amy Jacobs (notes)

USFWS: Hilary Cooley, Jennifer Fortin-Noreus, Lisa Ellis, Sandi Fisher, Ben Conard, Wayne Kasworm, Christy Johnson-Hughes

Guest Presentors: Sarah Selles

Objective: Continue leadership dialog on grizzly bear recovery in the Bitterroot Ecosystem, including implications for forest planning, important connectivity research developments, recent litigation implications, and agency expectations. For past notes/information please go the interagency box site: <https://usfs.box.com/s/osm6hby3osc4gtjnv8my8x307e3g0te5>

Topics	Discussion Lead(s)	Time (MST)
Welcome, Introductions, Background	Chris Savage	
Why Are We Here? Grizzly Bear Expansion & the Bitterroot Ecosystem (Presentation)	Hilary Cooley	
Recap of Priority Work Accomplishments to Date (see handout) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Communication Plan ⇒ IEO ⇒ Relocation Plans ⇒ Other 	Sandy Fisher Allie/Scott Jackson? Ben Jimenez	
BREAK		
Updated MBP map and implications for the BE	Jennifer	
Petition Response and Delisting Status (Petitions, SSA, 12-month finding)	Hilary	
Recent Litigation & Implications (Brebner Flats, Soldier Butler, 2000 Bitterroot Reintroduction EIS)	Jennifer & Hilary	
LUNCH		
Research Updates and Implications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Sarah Selle's Connectivity research (presentation) ⇒ Wayne Kasworm habitat modeling in Bitterroot 	Sarah Selles Wayne Kasworm	
Forest Planning & Analysis Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Status of Forest Planning efforts in/around the Bitterroot RZ (NP-CNF, LNF, BNF, S-CNF, PNF) ⇒ Speak to approach on grizzly bears as they expand; implications of new connectivity research if relevant; food storage orders 	Forest Supervisors	
Management & Recovery Analysis Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ In Recovery Zone Boundary: BMUs, secure habitat; baseline) ⇒ Outside Recovery Zone: GBAUs & secure habitat 	Jennifer/Hilary Lydia/Amy	
Priority Work Discussion and Action Items	All	

- **Welcome and Background (Forum 1-January 2020) (Forest Service: Lydia and/or Chris)**
- **Why are We Here Today? Grizzly Bear Expansion Overview**
- **Recap of Priority Work and What has Been Accomplished to Date (Various)**
 - Sandy-Communication Plan
 - Allie/Scott Jackson-IEO (Action Items)
 - Ben J-GB relocation plans
 - Show matrix of work and accomplishment (Lydia)
- **Updated MBP map and implications for the BE (Jennifer)**
 - Overview
- **Petition Response and Delisting Status (Hilary)**
 - Petitions
 - 12-month finding; updating SSA
- **Recent Litigation & Implications**
 - Brebner Flats
 - Soldier Butler
 - Bitterroot Reintroduction EIS 2000
- **Connectivity Research Update & Implications**
 - Selle's connectivity research
 - Kasworm habitat modeling in Bitterroot
- **Forest Planning**
 - Nez Perce Clearwater (Cheryl/Marty) status
 - Lolo (Carolyn/Jeremy) status
 - Bitterroot (Matt)
 - Salmon-Challis (Mark)
 - Payette (Linda)
 - Status; Approach to grizzly bears as they expand their range; Implications of upcoming research on existing and new plans; Food Storage Orders
 - Mapping the Bitterroot (i.e., BMUs, connectivity/linkage areas, baseline conditions (secure habitat, allotments, developed recreation). (Jennifer)
 - Science Team assignment (Action Item?)
- **Section 7(a)(2) analysis for bears outside Recovery Zone (analysis units and metrics) (Amy/Lydia)**
 - Recap of where R1 has gone
- **Priority Work Discussion and Action Items**