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Bears have also done well in the NCDE but as to why they are not doing as well in the other places they exist, Chris will have to weigh in.

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On Mar 4, 2016, at 12:55 PM, Serena Baker <serena_baker@fws.gov> wrote:

> On media question:
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> I'm interested to know more about why the bears flourished in the Yellowstone area compared to other places?
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> Proposed answer:
> Recovery of grizzly bears has been occurring in other ecosystems, as well. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is one of the largest geographical areas and has one of the largest populations of grizzly bears. Since the early 1980s, the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Study Team has been conducting a tremendous amount of monitoring and population surveys on the Yellowstone grizzly bear. A Recovery Plan was drafted in 1993, and updated regularly. Partners have voluntarily switched out food storage containers to ones that do not attract bears, thus reducing human/bear conflicts. Partners have also done extensive research on food sources for grizzly bears in the GYE and bear adaptability.
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> Happy to change in any way! Thanks!
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