

IGBST Meeting
7 Nov 2012 8 AM to noon
Goldenrod Board Room, Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman, MT

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Update on executive session with YES committee (van Manen)
3. Update on WBP synthesis document (van Manen)
4. Process and protocol for amendment if GYE chapter of Recovery Plan with regard to a) new methods to estimate population size, b) revised limits for sustainable mortality, and c) revised area within which mortalities will be counted towards mortality limit (Servheen)
5. Annual report - conflict section (Gunter)
Discussion regarding current format, agency lead, efficiency, data and FOIA requests
6. Data and info sharing (Bruscino)
 - a) How do we classify bear mortalities that occur inside the new proposed mortality threshold boundary that are bears that we moved into the area from outside the threshold boundary as part of a management relocation?
 - b) Should we reconsider how we treat fates of weaned and orphaned yearling and COY in survival analyses?
 - c) Management of interjurisdictional roadside/human habituated bears (information sharing, decision making, what works and what doesn't).
 - d) Is setting a mortality threshold based on an unknown population size a scientifically creditable approach to population maintenance? Has it proven impractical?
 - e) What information is provided by mark-recapture analyses from our capture data?
 - f) Helicopter darting in wilderness areas (e.g. Buffalo Plateau) to fill gaps in distribution of radio-collared bears.
 - g) How, when, and where should observation areas and flights be expanded to ensure full coverage of FWS suitable habitat area?
7. Standardizing location information (Haroldson)
8. Miscellaneous announcements