

Incorporating the Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy Into Management of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

It is important that the management strategies outlined in *the Conservation Strategy for the Grizzly Bear in the Greater Yellowstone Area* be implemented by all cooperating agencies in a timely manner after delisting has occurred. The National Park Service will accomplish this through a 3-tiered procedure. First, the superintendents will implement the *Conservation Strategy* by amending their respective Superintendents' Compendiums. The Compendiums cover the designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the superintendent [36 CFR 1.7(B)]. Language will be incorporated stating that management of grizzly bears will be in accordance with the guidelines and procedures outlined in the *Conservation Strategy*. Second, the two park Superintendents will prepare a document for the Regional Director's concurrence that this mechanism will stand in place until such time that each park is able to incorporate the strategy into a General Management Plan. This process would be similar to that followed for an approval of a FONSI or a Record of Decision. Third, the superintendents of each park will incorporate the guidelines and procedures outlined in the *Conservation Strategy* during their next respective updates of the park General Management Plans.