

The state wildlife agencies (Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement setting forth how they will coordinate bear management actions and limit discretionary mortality to ensure it will not jeopardize the recovery and survival of the GYE grizzly bear population (Appendix P). This document also summarizes each state's regulatory mechanisms for regulating discretionary mortality, including harvest. The states may use regulated harvest as a management tool when and where appropriate. All known and probable mortalities will be limited by the overall mortality limits within the DMA as described in Table 2, and Table 4.

The States' Memorandum of Agreement establishes the conduct of an annual meeting to evaluate the status of the population and develop allowable discretionary mortality by state. The Parties will confer with the NPS, the USFS and the BLM annually and will invite representatives of both GYE National Parks, the NPS regional office, the GYE USFS Forest Supervisors and a representative from the BLM to attend the annual meeting.