



**Participating Agencies**

**National Park Service**

Grand Teton National Park

Yellowstone National Park

**U.S. Geological Survey**

Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team

**Bureau of Land Management**  
Idaho, Montana, Wyoming

**Forest Service**

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

Bridger-Teton NF

Caribou-Targhee NF

Custer National Forest

Gallatin National Forest

Shoshone National Forest

**States and Counties**

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Association of Counties

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana Association of Counties

Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Wyoming County Commissioners Association

**Indian Tribes**

Shoshone Bannock

Eastern Shoshone

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**Agenda:** Yellowstone Grizzly Coordinating Committee (YGCC)

**Dates:** Wednesday, November 12

**Location:** Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, West Yellowstone, MT

**Wednesday, November 12**

0900 Welcome and Introductions Larry Timchak, Chair

0915 Annual incident summary and reports

Wyoming Game and Fish	Mark Brusino
Yellowstone NP	Kerry Gunther
Grand Teton NP	Steve Cain
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	Kevin Frye
Idaho Fish and Game	Bryan Aber

1000 Public Comment/Questions

1015 Break

1030 Grizzly Bear Genetic Study Chuck Schwartz  
Grizzly Bear Trapping Protocol

1100 Lawsuit Update and Other News	Chris Servheen
Open Space Conservation Strategy	Larry Timchak
Idaho MOU	Steve Schmidt
Succession planning/spring meeting	Larry Timchak
Roundrobin	

1200 Lunch

**Whitebark Pine Workshop**

This workshop is directed at providing the most current information on the status and value of whitebark pine, with particular emphasis in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. It is our objective to inform and educate members of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, the Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Coordinating Committee, and interested publics regarding this important species in general to ecosystems, wildlife, and grizzly bears in particular.

1300-1330	<p>Role and value of whitebark pine and the importance of the species. Broad general overview of whitebark pine.</p> <p>As a high mountain conifer  As a keystone species  Its value to wildlife  As a regulator of water runoff  Current threats to WBP  Consequences of loss</p>	WardMcCaughey
1330-1400	<p>Blister rust in whitebark pine  Prevalence in North America  Short lesson on the biology of rust</p>	John Schwandt
1400-1430	<p>Blister rust in the Great Yellowstone Ecosystem  Results for the whitebark pine health monitoring program</p>	Cathy Jean
1430-1445	BREAK	
1445-1515	<p>Mountain pine beetle in whitebark pine  History  Current status  Level in GYE</p>	Ken Gibson
1515-1545	<p>Global climate change and whitebark pine  Implications and expected changes in distribution due to climate change</p>	Ron Neilson
1545-1615	<p>Importance of whitebark pine to grizzly bears</p>	Mark Haroldson
1615-1645	<p>Whitebark pine restoration  Natural regeneration  Strategies for management  Silvicultural  Fire  Plus trees  Planting</p>	Bob Keane
1645-1700	<p>Questions</p>	