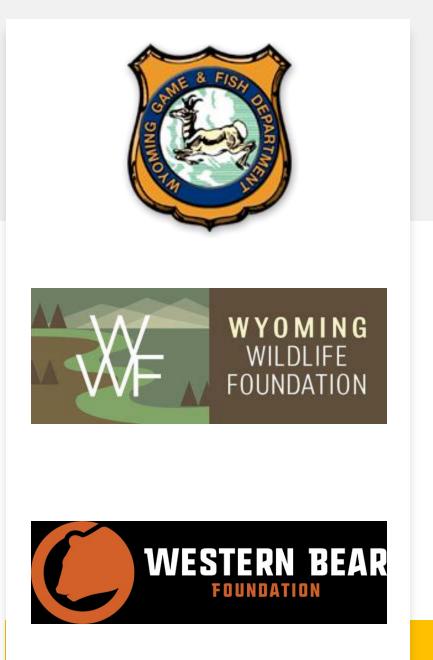
# Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy

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#### SCIF Strategic Approach

- ~2-year process with SCI/F leadership and membership input identified grizzly bears as conservation priority
  - Iconic dangerous game species
  - Prime target for attacks on hunting opportunities
    - British Columbia ban in 2017
    - GYE delisting proposal and transfer to state management
  - SCI/F history of population surveys, bear related litigation and hunting advocacy





## **Conflict Mitigation**

- Potential risk to hunters and significant cause of bear mortality
- Position hunters as positive force for a sustainable grizzly bear population in GYE
- Partnership in Wyoming with SCIF, WYGFD, WWF and WBF represents unified message from sportsmen community

#### Wyoming Bear Spray Giveaway Events

- Target ~450 cans to licensed hunters, anglers and other recreationists
  - May 2021 shed hunting season in high conflict area outside Dubois
  - August 2021 before peak elk season backcountry activity with events in Cody, Jackson and potential other locations
- Continues successful WYGFD program
- Seed funding from \$5,000 WWF grant and SCIF match
- Partner opportunities:
  - Bear spray can donation, branded holsters
  - Expand reach and impact of the program
  - Marketing materials, gear giveaways, pop up shops



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### Future Plans

- Expand conflict mitigation activity for hunters and anglers
  - WYGFD hunter education video for safety in bear country
  - Backcountry infrastructure installments (bear boxes, meat poles)
  - Future bear spray giveaway events
  - Expand to Montana and Idaho





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#### Yukon Population Survey

- Recent call for hunting ban could leave Alaska as only place open
- Lack of reliable survey information limits our ability to derive sustainable harvest numbers
- Partnership with territory government and Yukon Outfitters Association
- Timely and impactful research that supports both bear conservation and sustainable use



#### **Proud Partners**

Grizzly bear conservation can lead to more engagement between SCI/F and local WSF Chapters



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