



Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy

Safari Club International Foundation

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



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



Western Bear Foundation

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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