

# Teton County Wildlife Committee Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 10, 2024

Start Time: 3:00pm

Location: **Zoom and In-person**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81854768477>

Location: Commissioners' Room

Call to Order.

Roll Call:

ACTION ITEM: Approve previous meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEMS:

TOPIC	PREPARATION	PROCESS/ACTION
<b>Bear Overlay:</b> Where are we with grizzly and black bear data and map revision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IDFG Bear Conflict Data &amp; bear habitat descriptions</li> <li>- Beckmann black bear habitat models</li> <li>- Landfire habitat data (Ryan Walker contact)</li> <li>- Sarah Sells models</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update &amp; discussion</li> <li>○ Possible determination of revisions to existing map</li> <li>○ Possible <u>Vote</u> if draft map completed</li> </ul>
<b>IDFG Data Share Agreement with Teton County:</b> What still needs to happen and when?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- List of pre-qualified consultants/county staff</li> <li>- Financial arrangements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update</li> <li>○ Determine timeline for pre-qualified consultants</li> </ul>
<b>WHA:</b> Is the revised checklist in final form?	<b>Committee:</b> Review revised checklist and make/bring comments or suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Determine needed changes, if any.</li> <li>○ If no changes, incorporate into WHA</li> </ul>
<b>WHA:</b> Do we recommend name change of Natural Resource Overlay (NRO) to Wildlife Habitat Overlay (WHO)?	<b>Committee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review section 1-4 of 2022 Land Development Code</li> <li>- Consider if Bear Conflict Map should be renamed to Bear Habitat Overlay and incorporated into NRO/WHO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discuss implications of change</li> <li>○ Answer question of incorporating/renaming Bear Conflict Map</li> <li>○ Determine recommended name and inclusions of overlay map</li> </ul>
<b>WHA:</b> What is the county vegetation classification and is there consistency between the LDC, the WHA and IDFG?	<b>Committee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review section 5-4-1-D of 2022 Land Development Code</li> <li>- Cross-reference with IDFG 2022 Summary for Teton County, Figure 2, Major Plant Communities (Landfire data) - extracted from US National Vegetation Classification taxonomy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Determine classification names for Teton County</li> <li>○ Define each classification</li> </ul>

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<b>WHA:</b> Are exemptions for WHA fully determined?	<b>Committee:</b> Review exemptions in revised WHA Section 3.0,pg 2.	○ Yes/No - recommended changes if No
<b>WHA:</b> Is bear conflict language in WHA appropriate and adequate?	<b>Committee:</b> Review WHA Section 4.0 Conservation Plan, pages 11-12.	○ Yes/No - recommended changes if No
<b>Wildlife Crossings:</b> How do we evaluate need for and location of crossings on Highway 33?	<i>Wildlife Vehicle collision data</i> <i>Seek other data sources</i>	○ Review and discuss ○ Determine deadline/timeline for recommendations to BoCC
<b>Wetlands Protections:</b> Are there any updates from the federal level yet?		○ Update
<b>New committee members:</b> Any suggestions?		○ Suggestions
<b>Other</b>		

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Motion to adjourn:

Vote:

Time: