

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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## **Grizzly Bear Occupancy Management Proposal Public Meeting Dates and Locations**

Public meetings have been scheduled to present the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's proposal for managing grizzly bear occupancy in northwest Wyoming when delisting occurs. A power point presentation covering the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Proposal, including rationale, will be provided followed by a moderated question and answer period. Game and Fish personnel will remain for small group discussions from the end of the question and answer period till 10:00 pm.

The draft guidelines were developed by an internal Department working group and include an analysis of public opinion gathered during the drafting of the grizzly bear state management plan in 2002. The purpose of the meeting will be two-fold. First, we want to inform you of the draft grizzly bear occupancy recommendations for Wyoming once grizzlies are delisted and the Wyoming Game and Fish takes over management. Secondly, we want to understand the degree to which stakeholder concerns have been addressed.

The Department agreed to further refine the grizzly bear occupancy guidelines following completion of the final grizzly bear state management plan process. This commitment came after concern was expressed that the outer boundary initially described in the plan was too vague and included significant amounts of private property and habitats that were unsuitable for bear occupancy.

All meetings will start at 7:00 pm and conclude no later than 10:00 pm. Each attendee will be given a comment and meeting evaluation form as they register. The completed form will be accepted at the end of the meeting, may be mailed to the below address, or comments may be submitted online at the department's website at <http://gf.state.wy.us>. Written and online comments will be accepted between November 13, 2004 and January 14, 2005.

Mail written comments to:

Wyoming Game and Fish Department  
Attn: Grizzly Bear Occupancy  
5400 Bishop Blvd.  
Cheyenne, WY 82006

Meeting schedule is as follows:

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<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Green River	November 15	WWCC Green River Campus in the John Wesley Powell Room
Afton	November 16	National Guard Armory
Jackson	November 17	Grand Room at the Snow King Resort
Pinedale	November 18	Senior Center
Laramie	November 30	Room 117 in the UW Classroom Building
Casper	December 1	Pronghorn Room, Casper WGFD office
Sheridan	December 2	CTEL Presentation Hall at Sheridan College
Dubois	December 6	Headwater Arts and Conferences Center
Riverton	December 7	Riverton Holiday Inn
Thermopolis	December 8	Bighorn Federal Savings Bank
Cody	December 9	Cody Holiday Inn