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YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM SUBCOMMITTEE SET TO HOLD SPRING MEETING IN JACKSON, WYOMING

IDAHO FALLS - The multi-agency group responsible for the coordination of grizzly bear recovery in the Yellowstone Ecosystem is set to hold its spring meeting on April 7 & 8 at the Wort Hotel in Jackson, Wyoming. The facility is located at 50 North Glenwood. The first meeting session will start at 1:00 PM on Wednesday the 7th and end at 5 PM that day. The meeting will then resume at 8:00 AM Thursday the 8th and end at noon.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the various state and federal agencies that oversee grizzly bear recovery efforts in the Yellowstone Ecosystem to come together and coordinate future management actions. The managers of member agencies will hear presentations made by various partners working on different aspects of grizzly bear recovery in the ecosystem. Reports will be heard from the grizzly bear study team, the biological working group, and the information & education working group. Representatives of organizations interested in grizzly bear recovery will also be present, as well as representatives from county governments in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

The meeting is open to the general public, but because of time constraints the meeting is very structured and follows an agenda set previous to the actual meeting. A short period is traditionally allotted at the end of each day to allow for general comment from the public.