

Chapter 12

Grizzly Bear Management Plan

Your task is to design a grizzly bear management plan for the North American Grizzly Bear south of the Canadian-American border. Having viewed the appropriate film, you already realize that the remaining habitat for the grizzly is limited to portions of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. The majority of the remaining grizzly populations in the lower 48 states are largely restricted to habitat within Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and to adjoining national forest and private lands.

Based upon the film discuss this project with your fellow classmates at your table. Working together list the steps and conditions you would take to insure the preservation of the big bear. Using the spaces provided, develop a management plan that includes ideas from the film as well as any supplemental ideas from your group. Your instructor will briefly discuss the concepts of “umbrella species” and “charismatic megafauna” to aid in a more thorough analysis of the management problem.

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