



Idaho Panhandle Public Lands Initiative (IPPLI)

Overview of Grizzly Bear Access Amendment

Grizzly Bear Access Amendment


- Covers the Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystems in WA, ID, MT
- Amendment to the land management plans for the Colville, Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai and Lolo National Forests
- Limits motorized access to roads and trails during the active bear year





Active Bear Year

- **Selkirks Ecosystem:** April 1st - November 15th
- **Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem:** April 1st - November 30th



Bear Management Units (BMUs)

- Both recovery zones are divided into multiple BMUs.
- Each BMU is approximately 64,000 acres, which equates to the average home range size of a female grizzly bear.
- Motorized access is limited in each BMU.



Access Management Definitions

- **Open Motorized Route Density:** The number of miles of roads and trails per square mile that are open to public motorized use.
- **Total Motorized Route Density:** The number of miles of roads and trails per square mile that are open to both public and administrative motorized use.
- **Core Habitat:** The proportion of land within a BMU that is at least 500 meters away from any road or trail open to public or administrative motorized use.



Access Management Standards (Generally)

- **Open Motorized Route Density:** Open motorized route density (OMRD) of greater than 1 mile per square mile on no more than 33 percent of a bear management unit (BMU).
- **Total Motorized Route Density:** Total motorized route density (TMRD) of greater than 2 miles per square mile on no more than 26 percent of a BMU.
- **Core Habitat:** Core area of at least 55 percent of the BMU.

BMUs in the IPPLI mission area	OMRD > 1 mi/mi ² (%)		TMRD > 1 mi/mi ² (%)		CORE (%)	
	<i>Standard (max)</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Standard (max)</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Standard (min)</i>	<i>Current</i>
Ball-Trout	20	17	13	11	69	72
Blue-Grass	33	31	26	19	55	56
Boulder	33	30	29	29	55	53
Callahan	33	28	26	28	55	58
Grouse	59	53	55	50	37	38
Kalispel-Granite	33	30	26	24	55	55
Keno	33	32	26	23	59	61
Lakeshore	82	80	56	45	20	22
Long-Smith	25	24	15	15	67	71
Myrtle	33	30	24	23	56	59
North Lightning	35	35	20	18	61	65
NW Peak	31	28	26	23	55	56
Salmo-Priest	33	27	26	22	64	68
Scotchman	34	34	26	26	62	65
Spar	33	29	26	26	59	62
Sullivan-Hughes	24	23	19	18	61	63



Non-Motorized Trails

- Non-motorized trails with an average use of 20 or more parties per week during the active bear year are treated like motorized roads and trails and are deducted from OMRD, TMRD and CORE calculations.



Bears Outside of Recovery Zones (BORZ)

- Areas of “recurring” grizzly bear use adjacent to recovery zones.
- Based on three or more credible observations in the last sixteen years.
- Delineated at the 6th order hydrologic unit code scale.
- No net increase in motorized access allowed in BORZ areas.



BORZ In The IPPLI Mission Area

- Mission-Moyie
- Priest River
- Pack River



More Information

- A map illustrating BMUs, BORZ and CORE is posted to the IPPLI website.
- See IPNF Land Management Plan, pages 151-155.