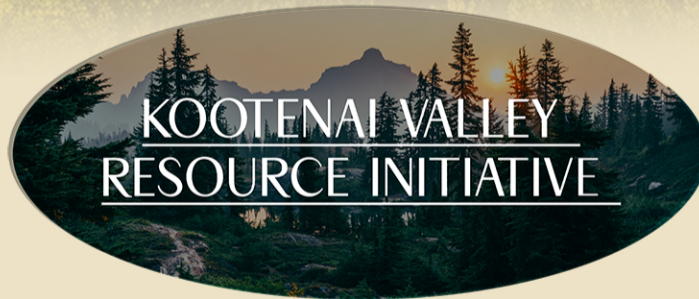


KOOTENAI VALLEY RESOURCE INITIATIVE

Developing Innovative Strategies
Collaboratively

MISSION:

The purpose of KVRI is to serve as a community-led initiative dedicated to enhancing, preserving, and revitalizing the societal, cultural, and environmental aspects of our community. Our members and partners reflect the rich and varied tapestry of our community, united in their commitment to coordinate impactful programs.



Members & Represented Interests:

Landowner/Industrial
Business/Industry
Conservationist/Environmentalist
Soil Conservation District/Agricultural Landowner
Corporate Agriculture/Landowner

Boundary County/County Government
City Of Bonners Ferry/Municipality
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
U.S Forest Service/Bonners Ferry Ranger District
Idaho Fish & Game Commission
Social/Cultural/Historical

GRIZZLY BEAR SUBCOMMITTEE

Weaving Together a Future for Our Bears



MISSION:

Like threads in a tapestry, each species plays an integral role in our ecosystem's vibrancy. The grizzly bear is one such crucial thread. In recognition of this, the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) has created the Grizzly Bear Conservation Committee - a platform to understand, protect, and advocate for our grizzly bear populations.

Our first focus is on the life of grizzly bears and their habitats. By exploring and understanding their needs, we can strengthen our efforts to protect these magnificent creatures and their natural homes.

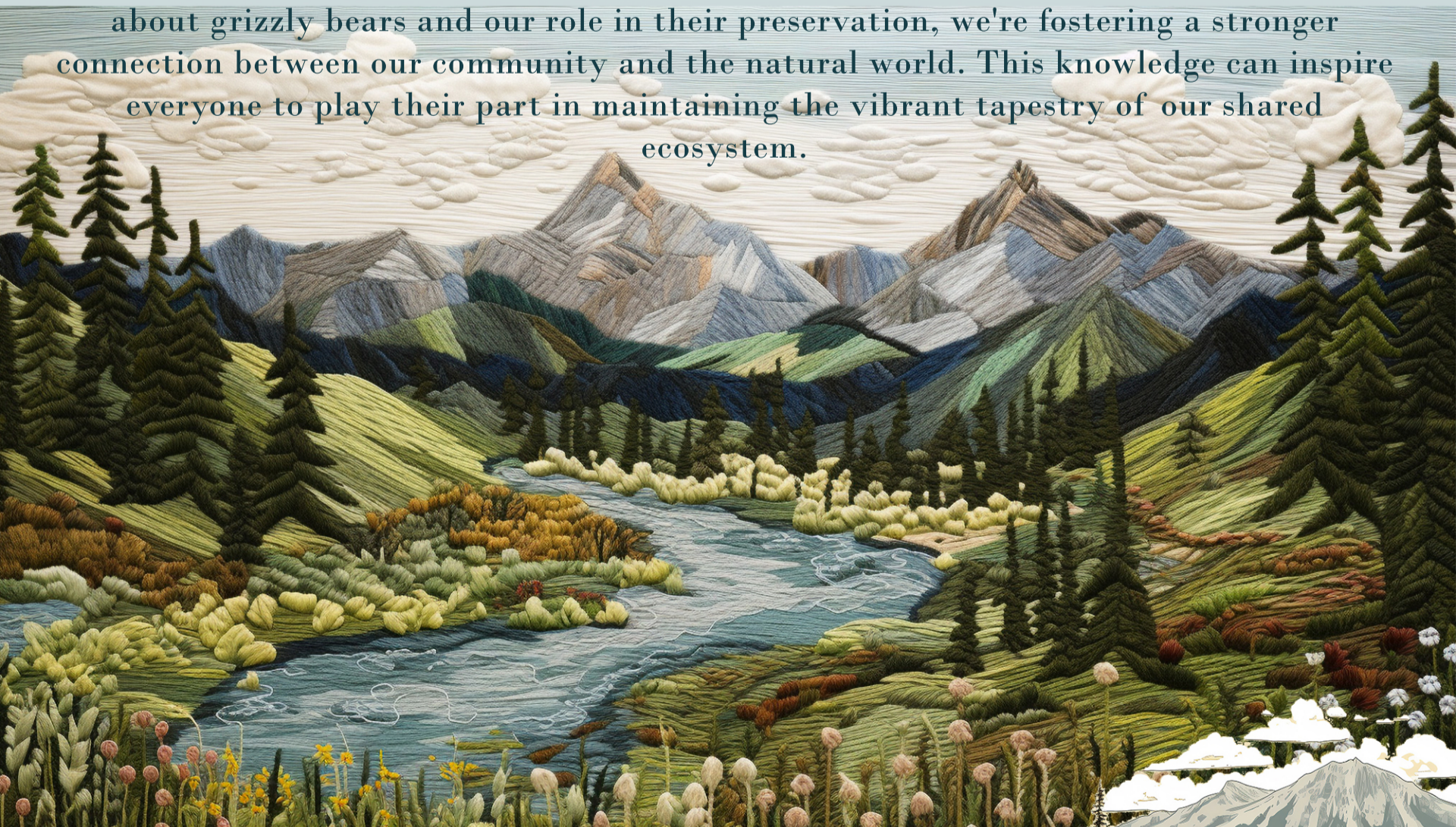


Integral to this initiative are the contributions of various agencies, including the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service. Their roles and responsibilities can be complex, like the pattern in a woven fabric. Our aim is to provide clarity about how these agencies are intertwined in the protection and recovery of grizzly bears.



Recognizing that the most resilient tapestries have flexibility, we're committed to exploring adaptive strategies for grizzly bear recovery. A significant part of this involves inviting the community to take part in conservation efforts. Everyone should have the opportunity to add their unique stitch to this important work.

Education is the guiding pattern in our mission. By offering learning opportunities about grizzly bears and our role in their preservation, we're fostering a stronger connection between our community and the natural world. This knowledge can inspire everyone to play their part in maintaining the vibrant tapestry of our shared ecosystem.



The KVRI warmly invites you to join us in this endeavor. Together, we can weave a brighter future for grizzly bears, enrich our local ecosystems, and strengthen our bond with the natural world around us.



FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE

Sustaining Our Forests, Enriching Our Future

MISSION:

Our dedicated Forestry sub Committee has been working tirelessly to safeguard the natural beauty of our community. We are entrusted with the significant task of taking care of approximately 800,000 acres of forest, out of which 413,000 acres are directly under our stewardship..

Our long-term objective is a simple but profound one: We want to make the vast expanse of the Boundary County National Forest lands an enduring model of sustainability. This isn't just about the ecological health of our forests, but also about its economic viability and social impact. In other words, we want our forests to thrive, support local economies, and enhance the well-being of our community.

To achieve this, we lean heavily on the scientific expertise of our professional Forest Service staff. These individuals have extensive knowledge of forestry, and their contributions enable us to make informed, effective decisions for our forests.



Finally, an important aspect of our work involves education. We strive to share our knowledge and passion for forestry with the wider community, teaching them about the importance of sustainable forest management, and how each individual can contribute to this goal.

But our efforts don't stop there. We believe in the power of collaboration. We actively seek and cultivate partnerships with various stakeholders, finding common ground and areas of agreement that facilitate effective forest management. This joint work extends to the development and implementation of restoration projects, which wouldn't be possible without the support and "social license" provided by our partners.



As we continue our efforts, we hope to sow the seeds of change, promoting growth in every aspect of our forest lands. Thank you for joining us on this journey of growth and sustainable living."

THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) SUBCOMMITTEE

Charting the Course for Cleaner Waters

MISSION:

Our ecosystem is like a fabric, each part interlaced with the others, and water quality is an integral thread. Recognizing this, the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) established the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Committee.

Responsibility for this task is shared among our partners, weaving a strong network of stakeholders committed to the well-being of our water bodies. A special focus lies on Temperature TMDL and promoting natural vegetation to maintain the right 'climate' for aquatic life.

The TMDL Committee is a testament to KVRI's commitment to a healthy environment. Join us in weaving a brighter future for our waters and reinforcing our bond with the natural world.

The Subbasin Assessment forms the underlying fabric of our mission, offering a detailed analysis of our watersheds to better understand their health and needs. This includes the process of Load Allocation and Analysis, which helps us determine the maximum amount of pollutants our waters can handle, much like determining the strength of a fabric before stitching.



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