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2026 Conflict Prevention Priority Areas

The Vital Ground Foundation worked with more than 60 grizzly bear biologists and managers to complete an inventory and prioritization of conflict prevention needs within grizzly bear habitat in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Wyoming in 2017. A new inventory is currently underway. Priority areas are updated annually based on feedback from biologists and managers. Partner grant applications that include projects designed to address the following conflict prevention needs will be prioritized for funding, but all project will be considered.

- **Increase in agency capacity**
  Kootenai Valley, Island Park, ID; Upper Clark Fork, MT; Lander, Wind River, WY

- **Securing of attractants**
  Eureka, Columbia Falls, Blackfeet Reservation, Livingston, Gallatin Valley, Madison Valley, Missoula, Evaro/Rattlesnake, Seeley Lake, Ninemile, Alberton, Ferndale/Swan Lake, Swan Valley/Condon, Red Lodge, Gravelly Range, Ruby Valley, Lower Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot Valley, Upper Clark Fork/Georgetown Lake, Lower Clark Fork (Sanders County), Alberton, Superior, Helena, Bozeman, Bigsky, West Yellowstone, Gardiner, Cook City, Rocky Mountain Front, Lewiston, Mission Valley, Red Lodge, MT; Kootenai Valley, Sandpoint, Island Park, Priest Lake, Pack River, ID; N. Fork and S. Fork of Soshone, Cody, Jackson, Moran, Dubois, Lander/Wind, WY; Lower Pend Oreille, WA

- **Agriculture commodities/livestock security and carcass pickup program**
  Rocky Mountain Front; Lewiston, MT, Blackfoot, Little Blackfoot, I-90 corridor, Drummond, Philipsburg, Big Hole Valley, Tom Miner Basin, MT; Dubois, Lander, Moran, Jackson, WY; Blackfoot Valley' Deer Lodge/Upper Clark Fork; Kootenai Valley, ID

- **Community outreach and education**
  Rocky Mountain Front, Whitefish, Flathead Valley, Columbia Falls, Bigfork/Swan Lake, Swan Valley, Gardiner, Big Sky, Madison Valley, Bozeman, Upper Clark Fork, Lower Clark Fork, Thompson Falls, Helena, Evaro/Rattlesnake, Bitterroot, Missoula. Gateway communities to Yellowstone, Yellowstone National Park, Red Lodge, Bigsky, MT; Kootenai Valley, Sandpoint, Priest River, Priest Lake, Island Park, ID; Lander/Winds, Dubois, Cody, Lander, Jackson, WY

