Defenders of Wildlife Proposal  RANK 3

Seek $3000 to fulfill a $12,092 budget to install bear-resistant electric fencing on at least 5 locations and provide outreach to in WY.

Cost-share program; $500/applicant

No Partners?
Unsure of installation costs – Strange given that they’ve done this since 2010 in MT & ID. Why didn’t they ask for more funding to complete more fencing projects?
They don’t mention specific names of “high-conflict areas”.
They don’t mention their outreach/media strategy but want $ for it.

Proposed project has merit: can benefit controversial wildlife by preventing damage and educating public, yet also unfocused on any particular area and seems like a pilot project to assess desirability to landowners of this program in WY.

Greater Yellowstone Coalition Proposal  RANK 2

Seek $6000 to fulfill a $31,620 budget to 1) purchase and install 20 bear-safe food storage bins and 6 new dumpsters at the Treasure Mt Boy-Scout Camp, Alta WY, and 2) engage in education/outreach campaign in 2016.

Partnership with Scouts, USFS, Teton Co Idaho, RAD Curbside Waste Services
Interesting WGFD not listed as active partner in Narrative, but will provide in-kind services in Budget Narrative, then not listed as in-kind in the itemized budget.
Unsure what “structured education programming” means in terms of number of presentations or visits

Proposed project has merit: can benefit controversial trophy game and TSE wildlife species by preventing conflict and educating scouts through established partnerships. I would like to see more structure in their education program, and I want to know if WGFD is actually a partner or not.

Yellowstone Country Bear Hunters Association  RANK 1

Seek $6200 to fulfill an $8400 budget to purchase 8 certified bear resistant containers to be installed at Spence/Moriarity and Whiskey Basin HMAs by WCBHA and WGFD.

Partnership with WGFD, Robertson Enterprises (container manufactuerer)
Say they have sites ID’d to install, yet have range of number of boxes to install at each location.
Project goes from purchasing 8 to 6 to 10 containers
Grant request goes from $6200 (Cover) to $6720 (Budget Narrative)
No education/outreach component.

Proposed project has merit: will mitigate conflict at WGFD HMA’s that are heavily used by hunters.