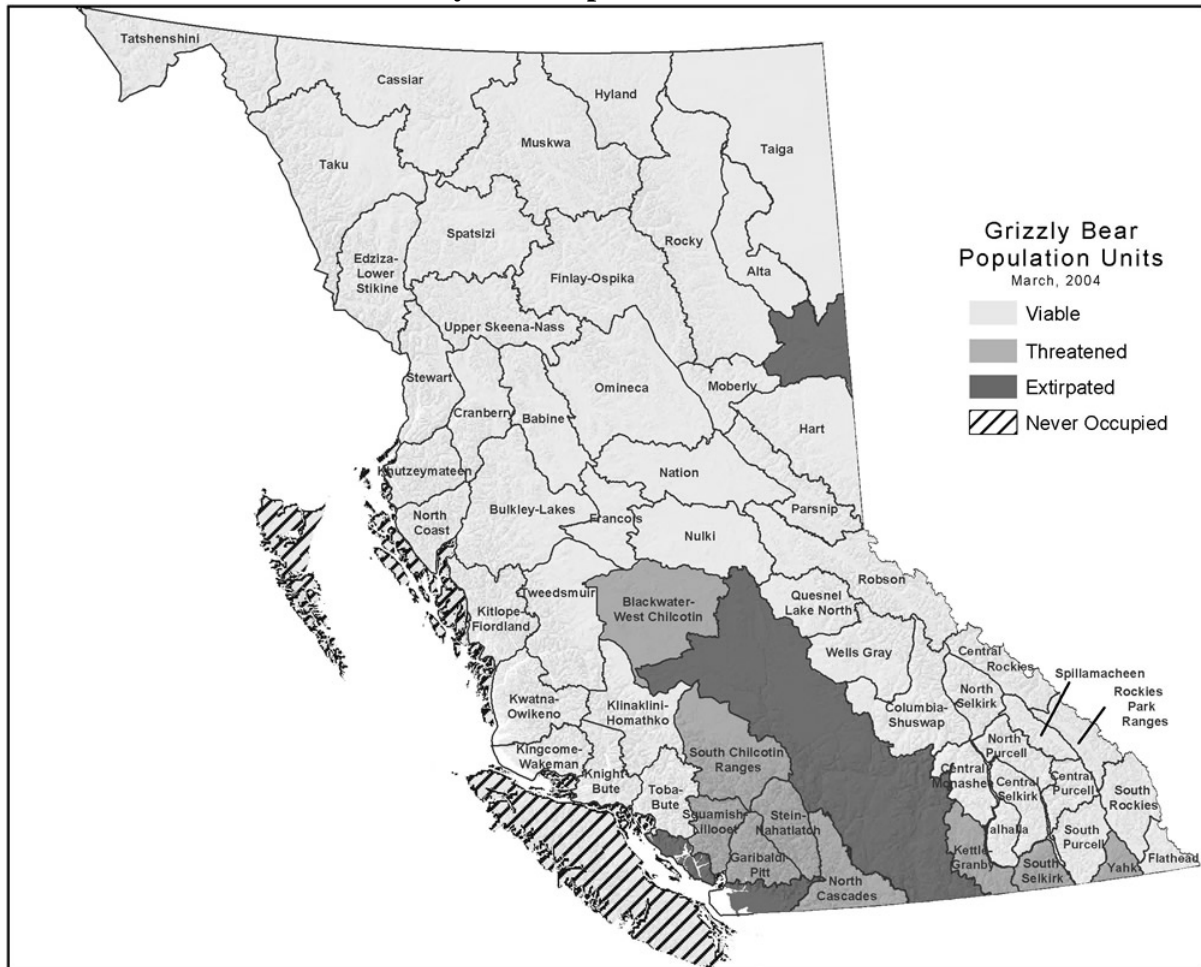


Grizzly Bear in British Columbia

Distribution and Status of Grizzly Bear Population Units in B.C.



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Summary of population size and trend

The population of Grizzly Bears in B.C. is estimated at approximately 17,000 (WLAP 2004; see link to Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy below). While trends are not available from current data, populations are considered stable overall, with local populations classed as Threatened in 8% of their historic range, extirpated in ~10% and possibly increasing in a few areas. Grizzly Bears use forested habitats for feeding, security, bedding and denning sites. Grizzly bears are sometimes affected by forestry road construction and use, harvesting and subsequent silviculture and by fire suppression practiced to protect commercial forests (Tony Hamilton MoE, pers.comm.).

For more information on the Grizzly Bear in British Columbia:

- B.C. Species and Ecosystems Explorer:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/atrisk/toolintro.html>

- Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/grzz/index.htm>
- Identified Wildlife Management Strategy:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frpa/iwms/documents/Mammals/m_grizzlybear.pdf
- Ministry of Environment Big Game information: Grizzly Bear
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/grizzlybear.pdf>

Criteria for selection of the Grizzly Bear for this indicator:

- A species selected by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) as a national indicator species;
- A species designated as Identified Wildlife under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*;
- A species at risk where timber management is a known major threat;
- A species of economic significance; *and*
- A species of social/cultural significance.