INTRODUCING GRIZZLY BEAR PLANNING TOOLS

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SPEAKERS

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Scott is a post-doctoral research fellow in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta working on grizzly bear habitat ecology and biodiversity monitoring. Scott has a B.Sc. in biology, a M.Sc. in natural resources, and a PhD in ecology. For his PhD at the University of Alberta, Scott developed spatial models of grizzly bear habitat quality and mortality risk for a large region of west-central Alberta, making use of such products for assessments of long-term population viability and immediate conservation planning. In addition to research on grizzly bear habitats, Scott also has worked on restoration of endangered plant communities, species distribution modeling, plant demography, and adaptive management monitoring.

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Mr. Sklar (Doug) earned a B.Sc (1971) and a B.Sc. (Forestry with Distinction) 1974 from the University of Alberta. Since that time, he has been engaged in forest management work with a number of companies (CanFor, BCFP, Fletcher Challenge, Alberta-Pacific) in Alberta and B.C., as a freelance consultant, and since June 1999 with the Province of Alberta as Executive Director of the Forest Management Branch of the Department of Sustainable Resource Development. Mr. Sklar (Doug) has served on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF), as a councilor on the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC), and as President of the Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association (ARFPA).

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Gord received both his Bachelors and Masters Degree from the University of Manitoba. After graduating he moved to the NWT where he worked as a wildlife biologist for the Northwest Territories government. During this time he focused primarily on polar bear research. However, over a 15 year period in the north he also conducted research and management studies on grizzly bears, barren ground and peary caribou, muskoxen, moose, dall sheep, peregrine falcons, wolves, and arctic nesting geese.

In 1995 Gord relocated to Hinton and worked as a biologist with Weldwood for a 3 year period. Since the fall of 1998 Gord has rejoined government ranks and continues his strong interest in the study of bears.

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