

Stewarding Kettle-Granby Grizzly Bear Recovery Through Connectivity

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The Ripple Effect Forum

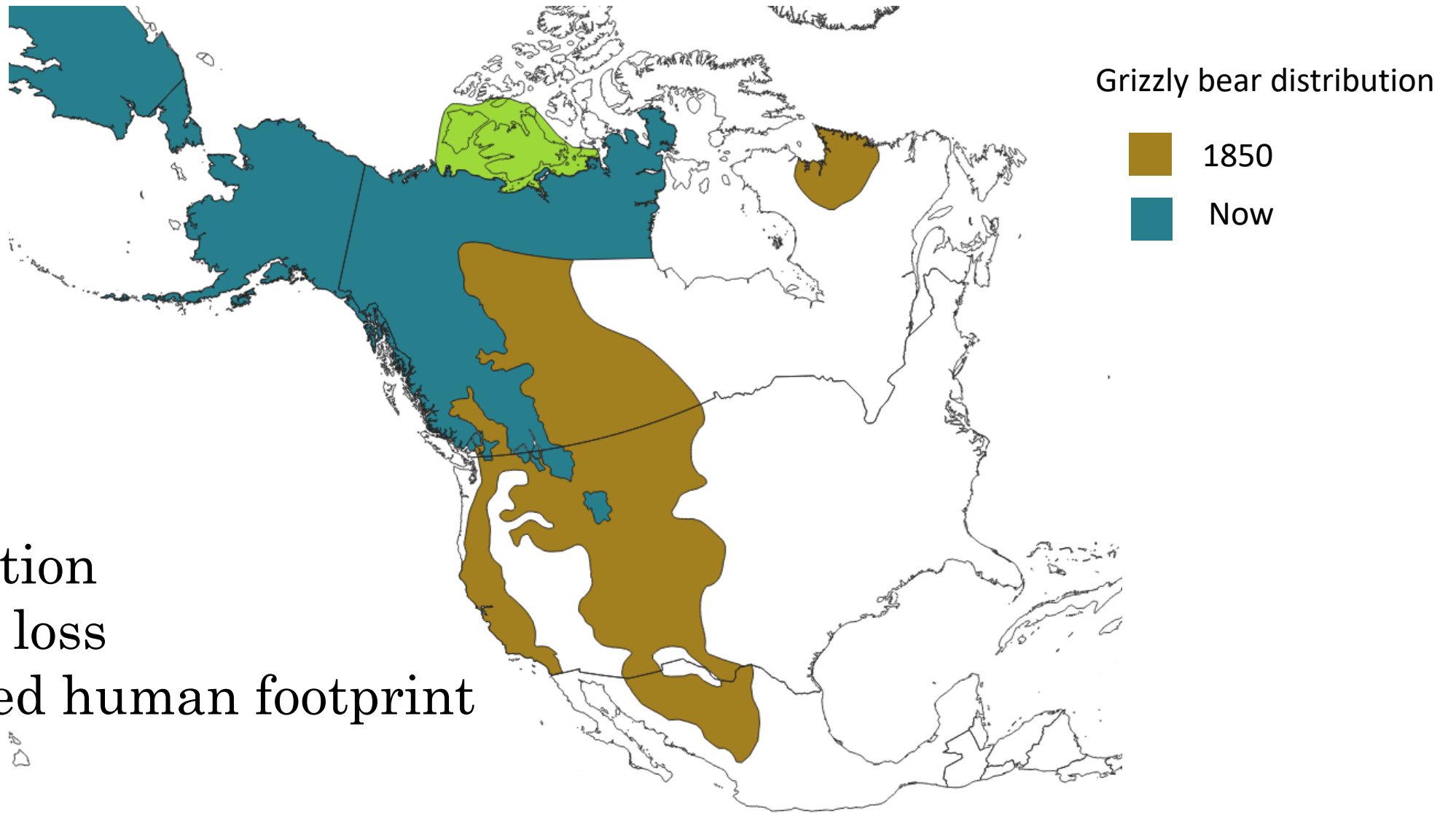
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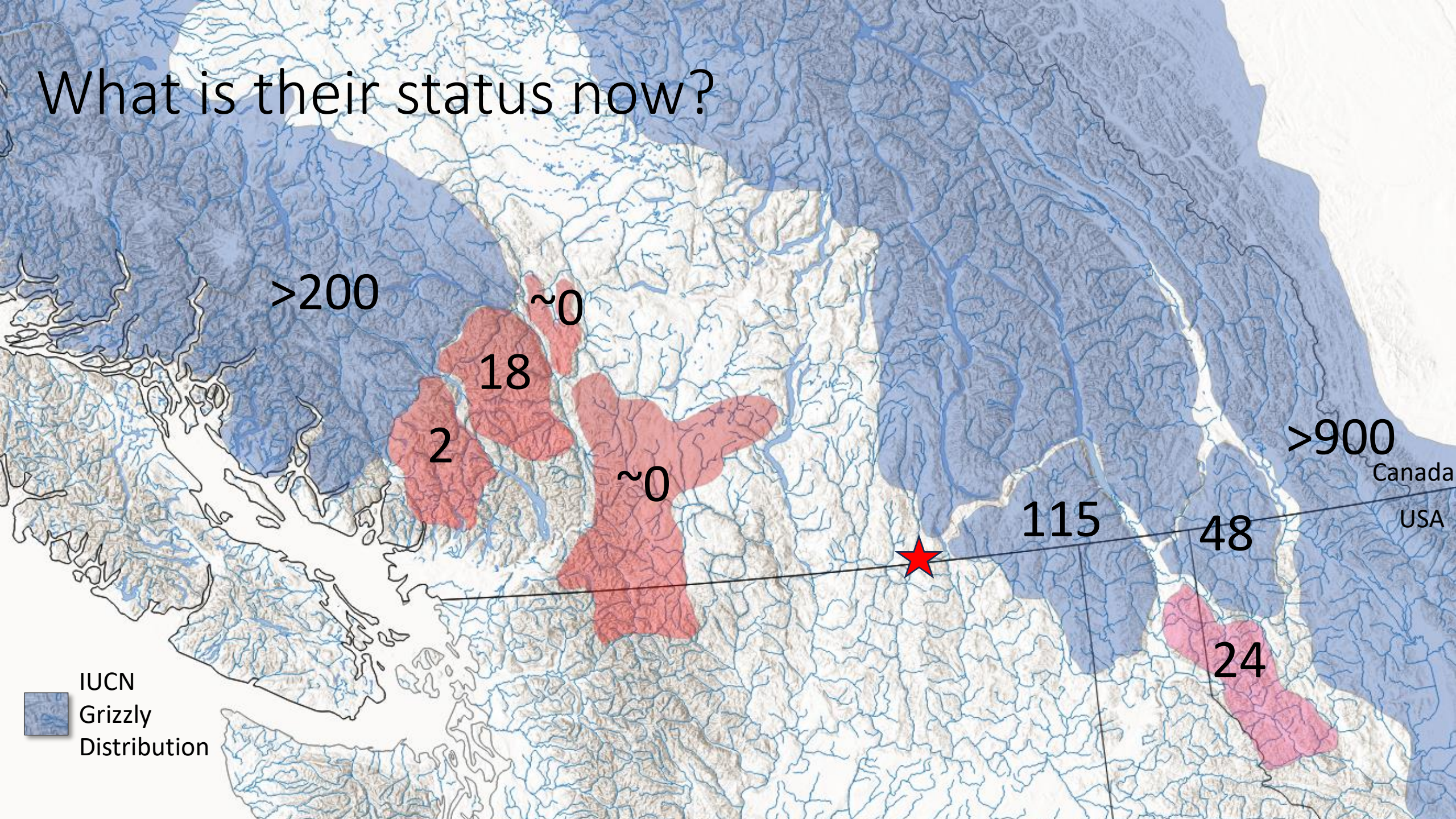
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What are they recovering from?

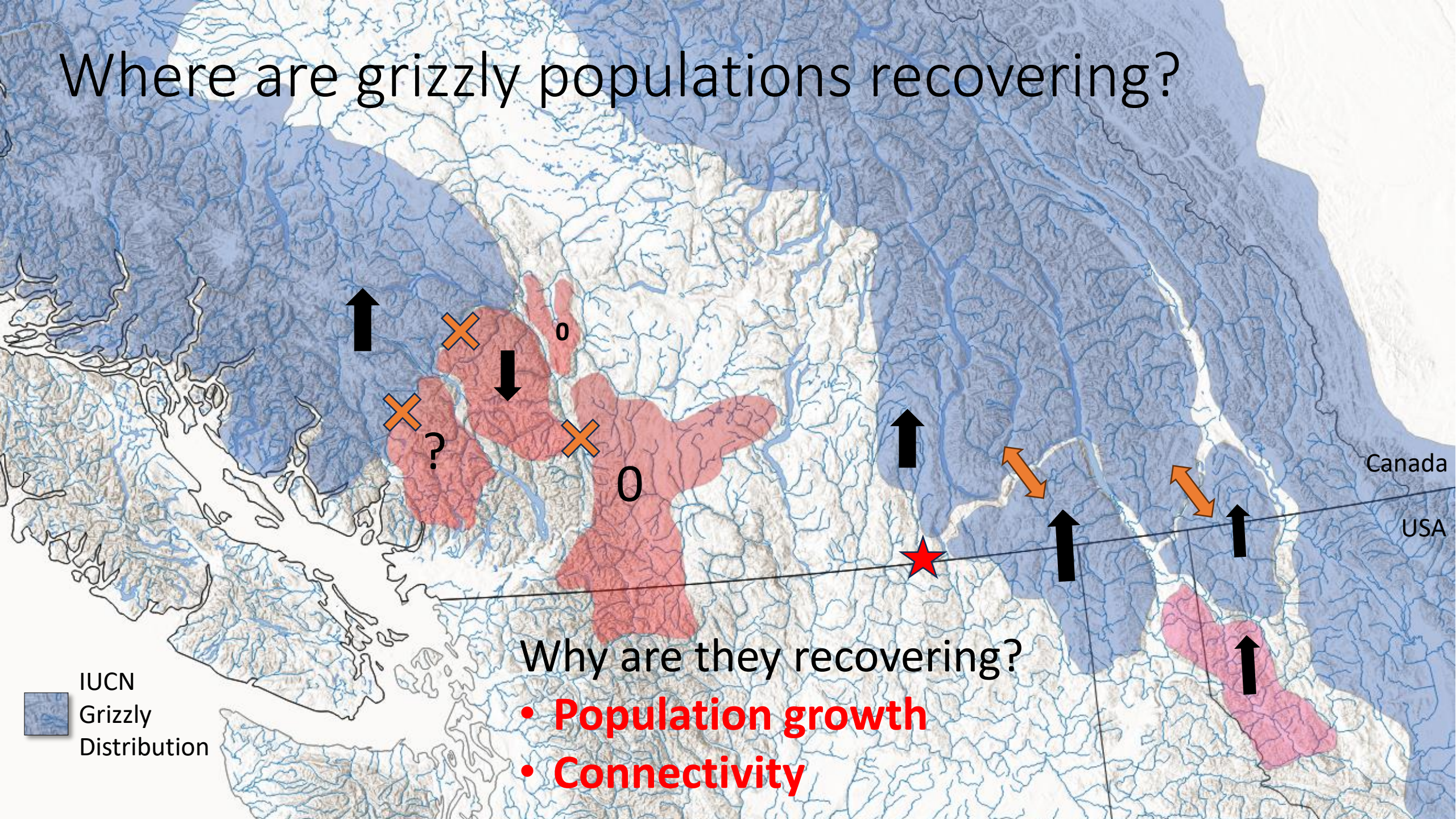


- Persecution
- Habitat loss
- Increased human footprint

What is their status now?



Where are grizzly populations recovering?

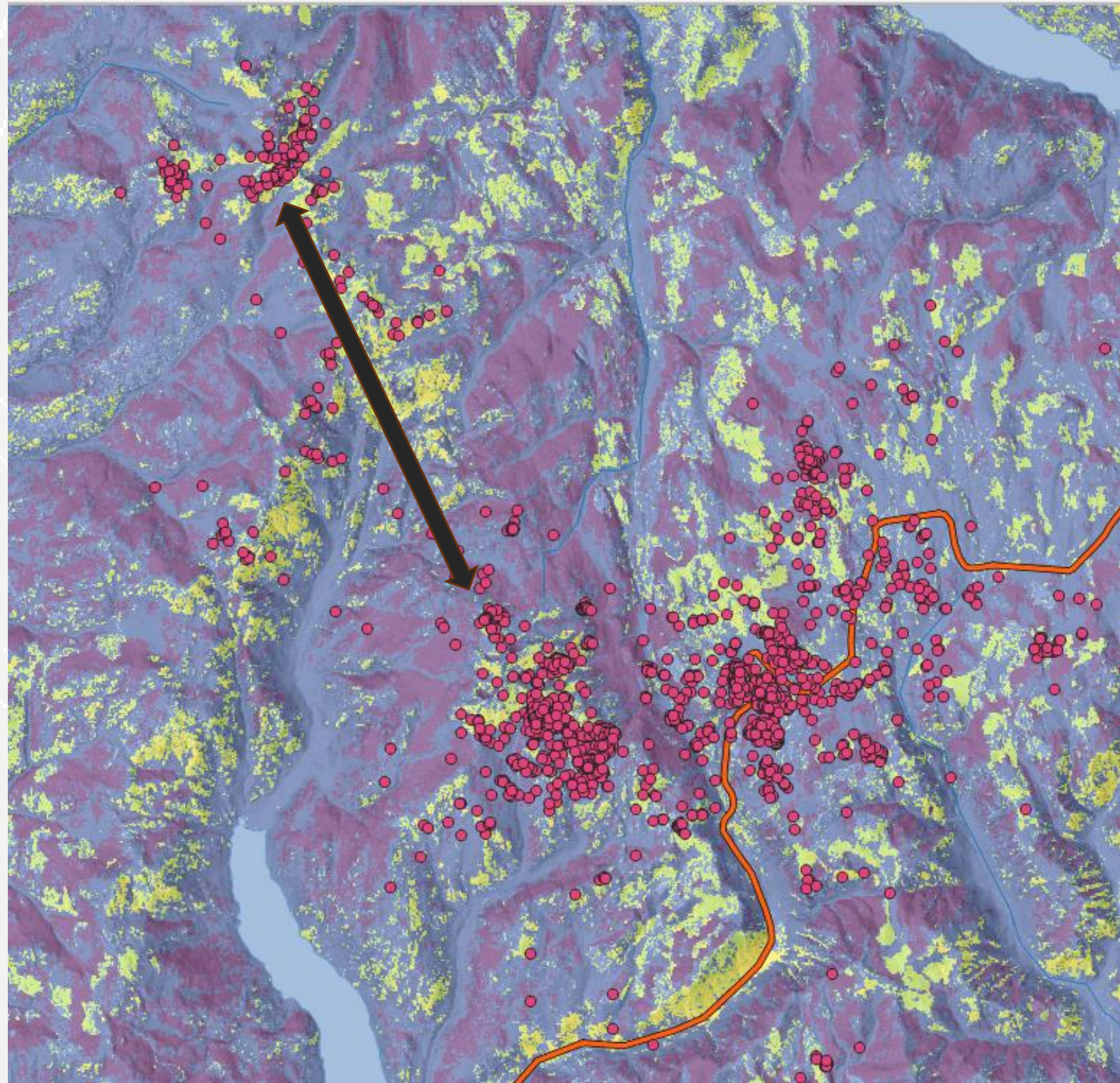


Why are they recovering?

- Population growth
- Connectivity

What is connectivity?

The degree to which the landscape **facilitates** or **impedes** movement among resource patches

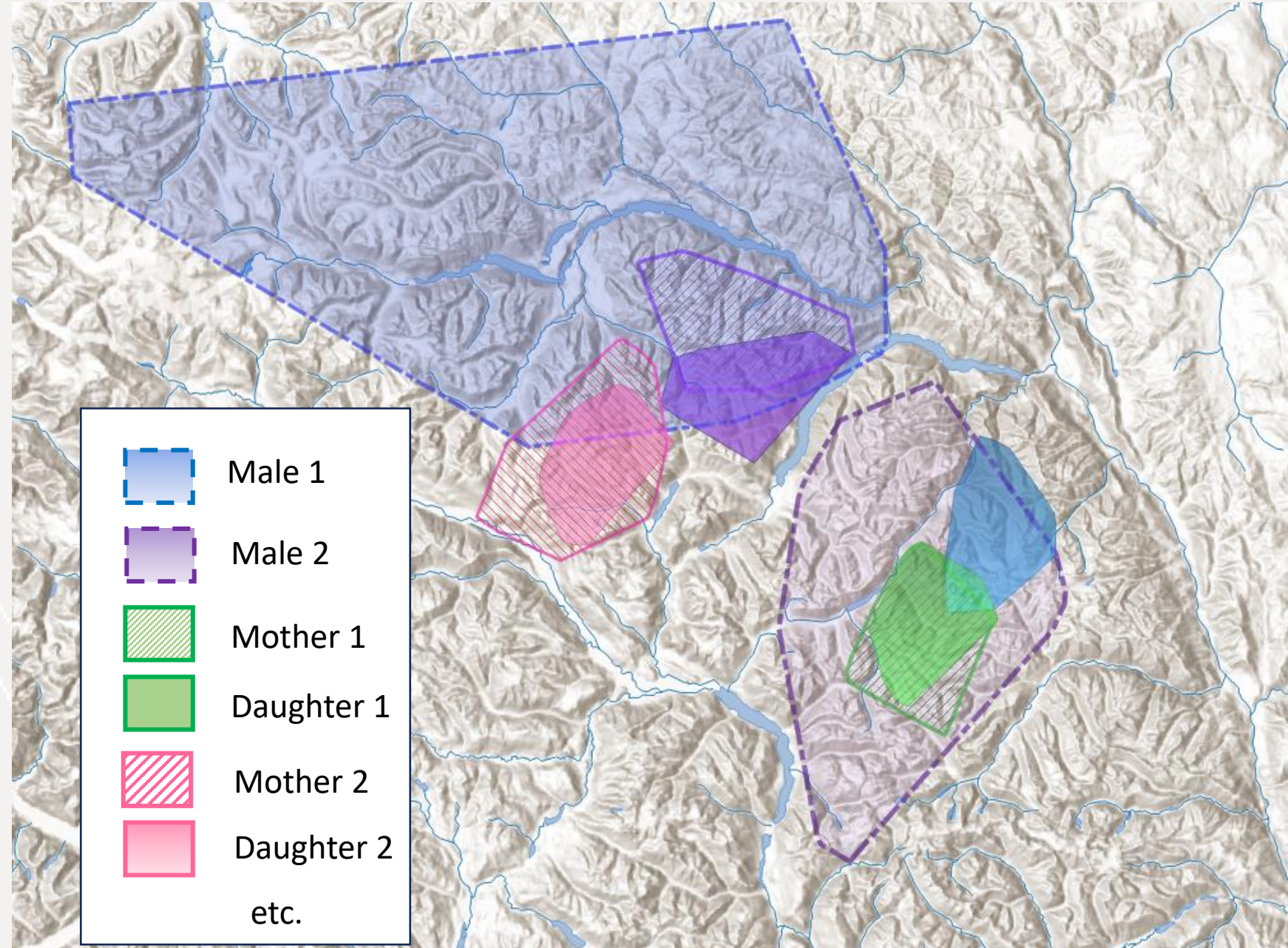


Other reasons to move?

- Reproduction
- Dispersal

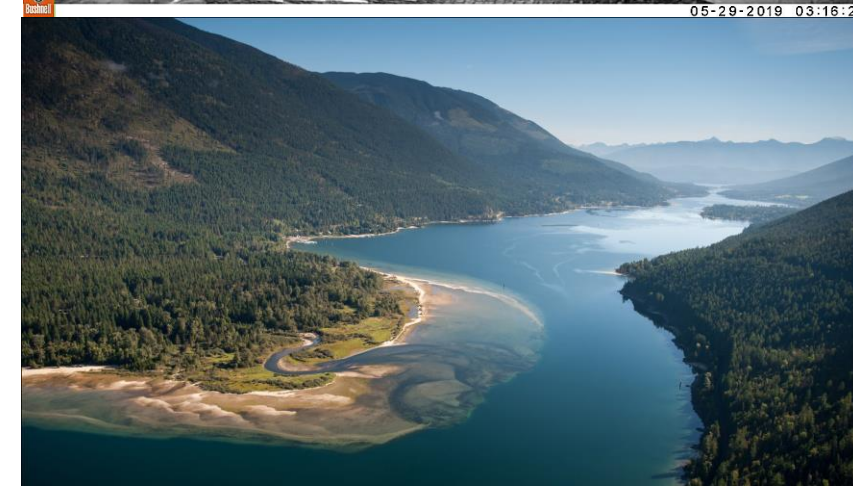
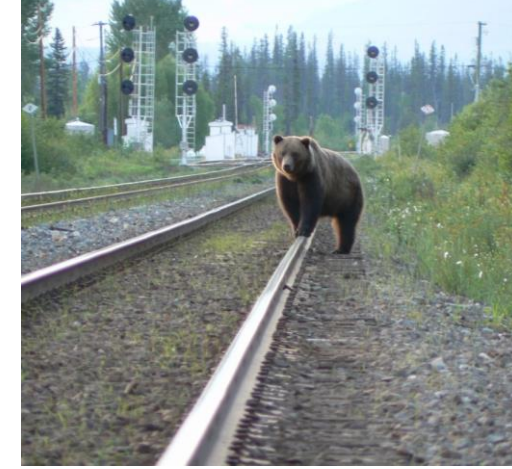


Population Function



Where bears
don't go or
where they
don't survive.

What **Impedes**
movement/survival
among resource patches?

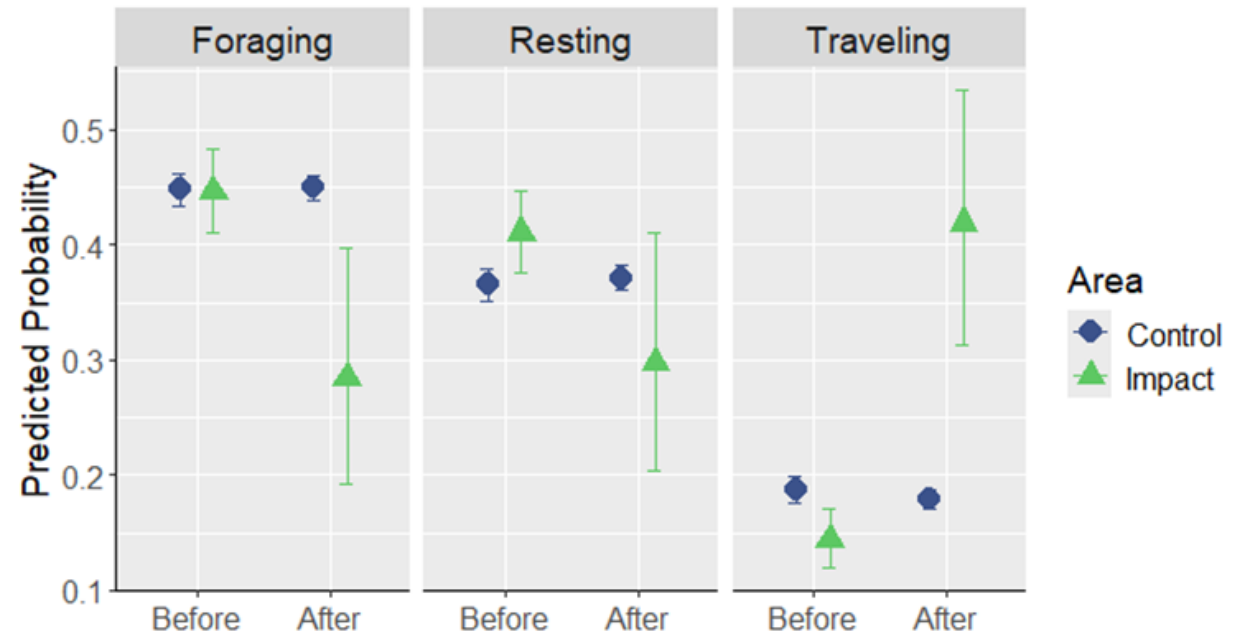


What affects the way the bears move on the landscape?

Human use and habitat change



½ the # of bears use the area & those that did changed their behaviour



What is maintaining the fragmentation?

Mostly mortality associated with conflicts

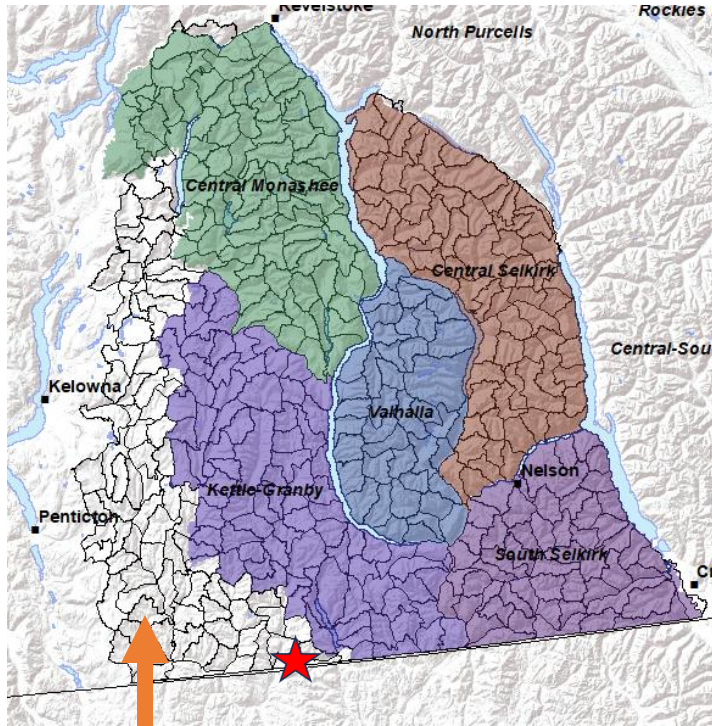


Coexistence is allowing animals to move through without giving them reason to stay

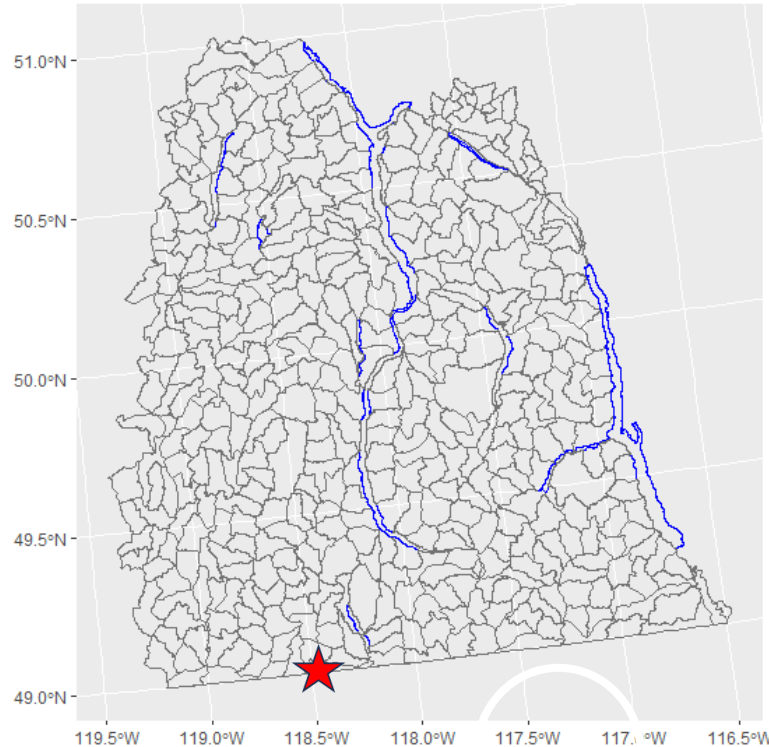
Connectivity Planning for Grizzly Bears



Step One: Work at a Relevant Scale



Including Range expansion zone



Biologically Relevant

- Home Range Size ~ bears

Culturally Relevant

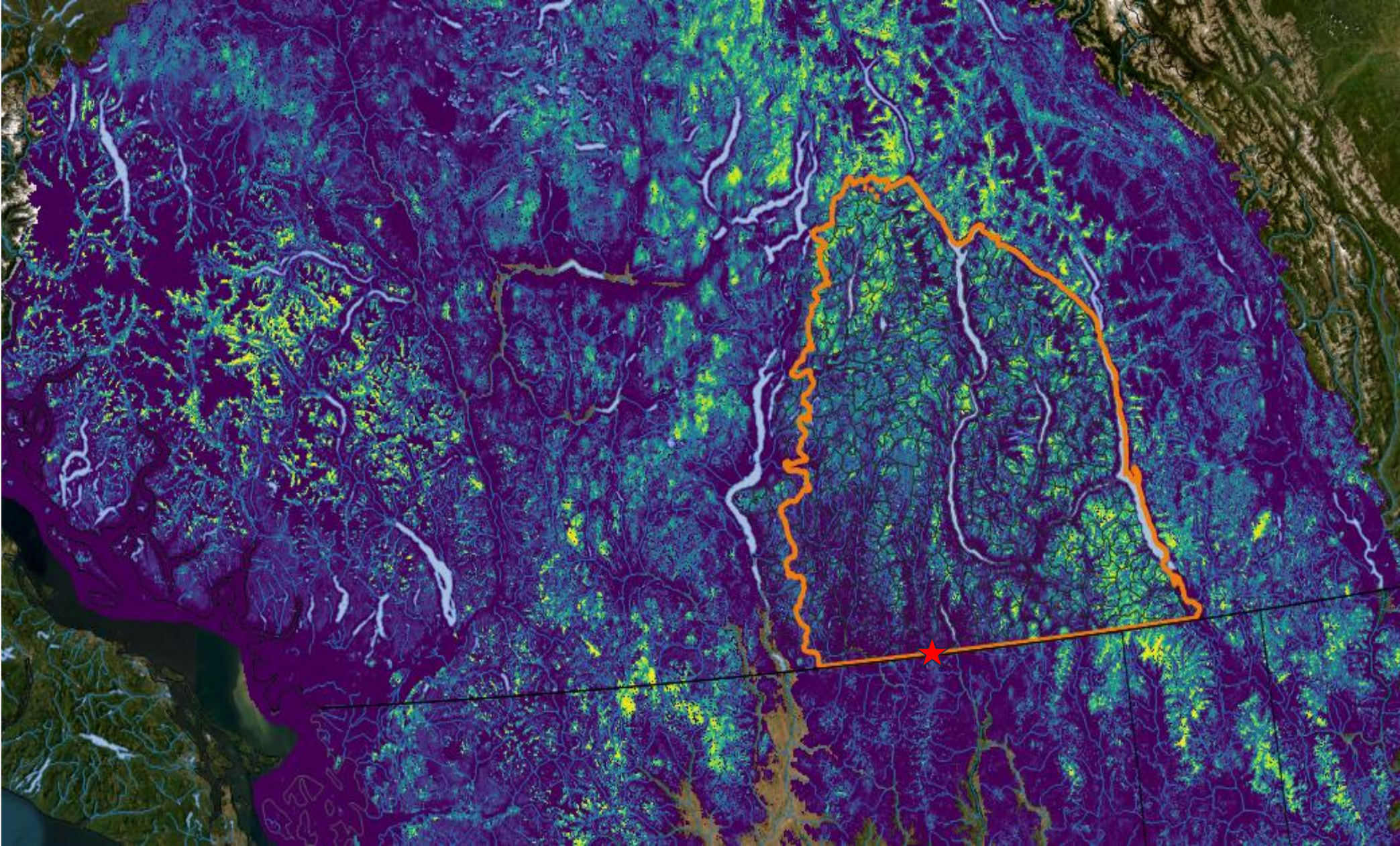
- Encompassing areas with specific cultural importance

Economically/Socially Relevant

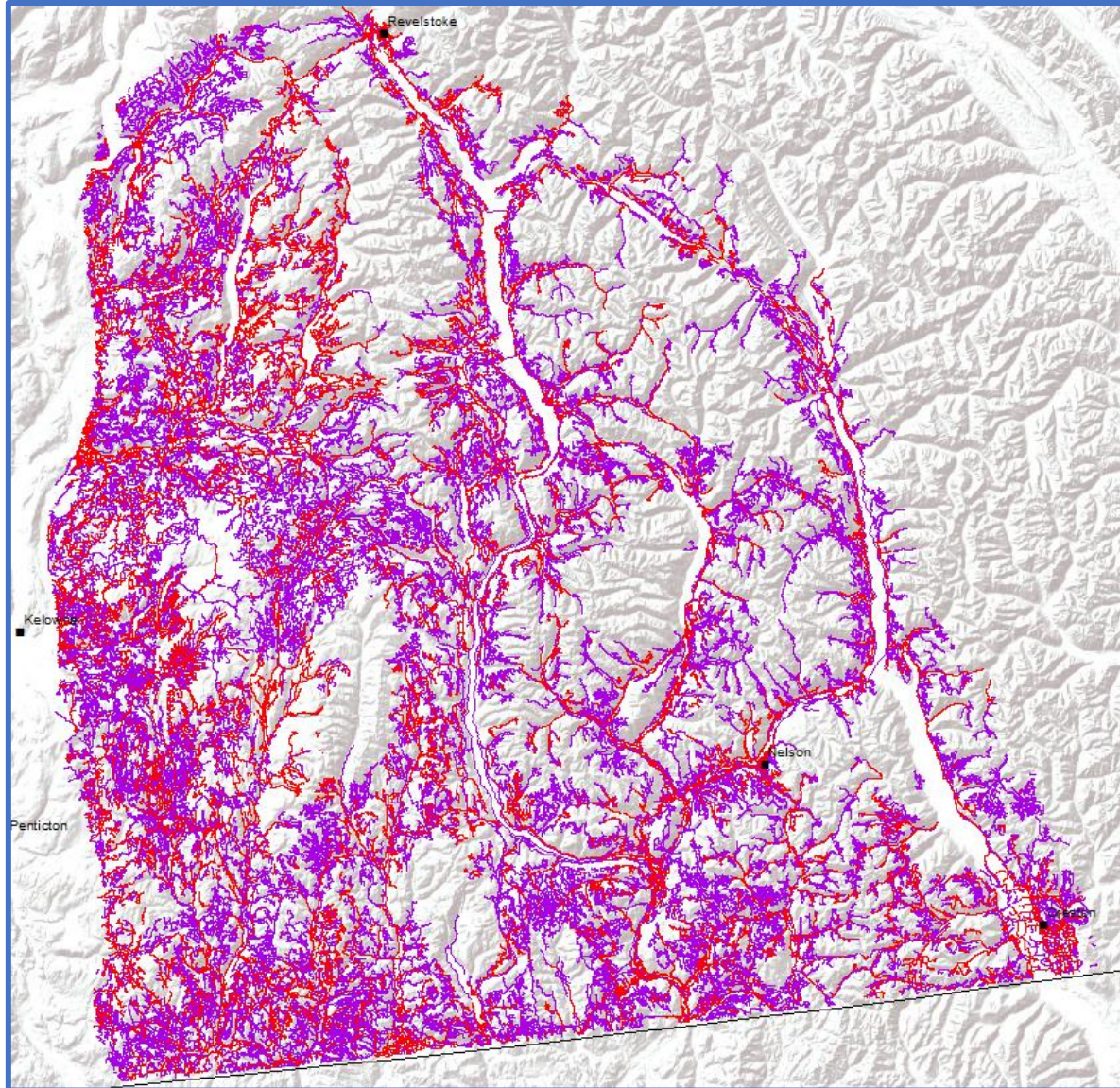
- Other Land-uses
- Parks
- Agriculture
- Highways
- Resource extraction tenures
- Government legal boundaries

Step Two: Identify Core Habitat Areas

Use available research & climate models to predict habitat at a broader scale



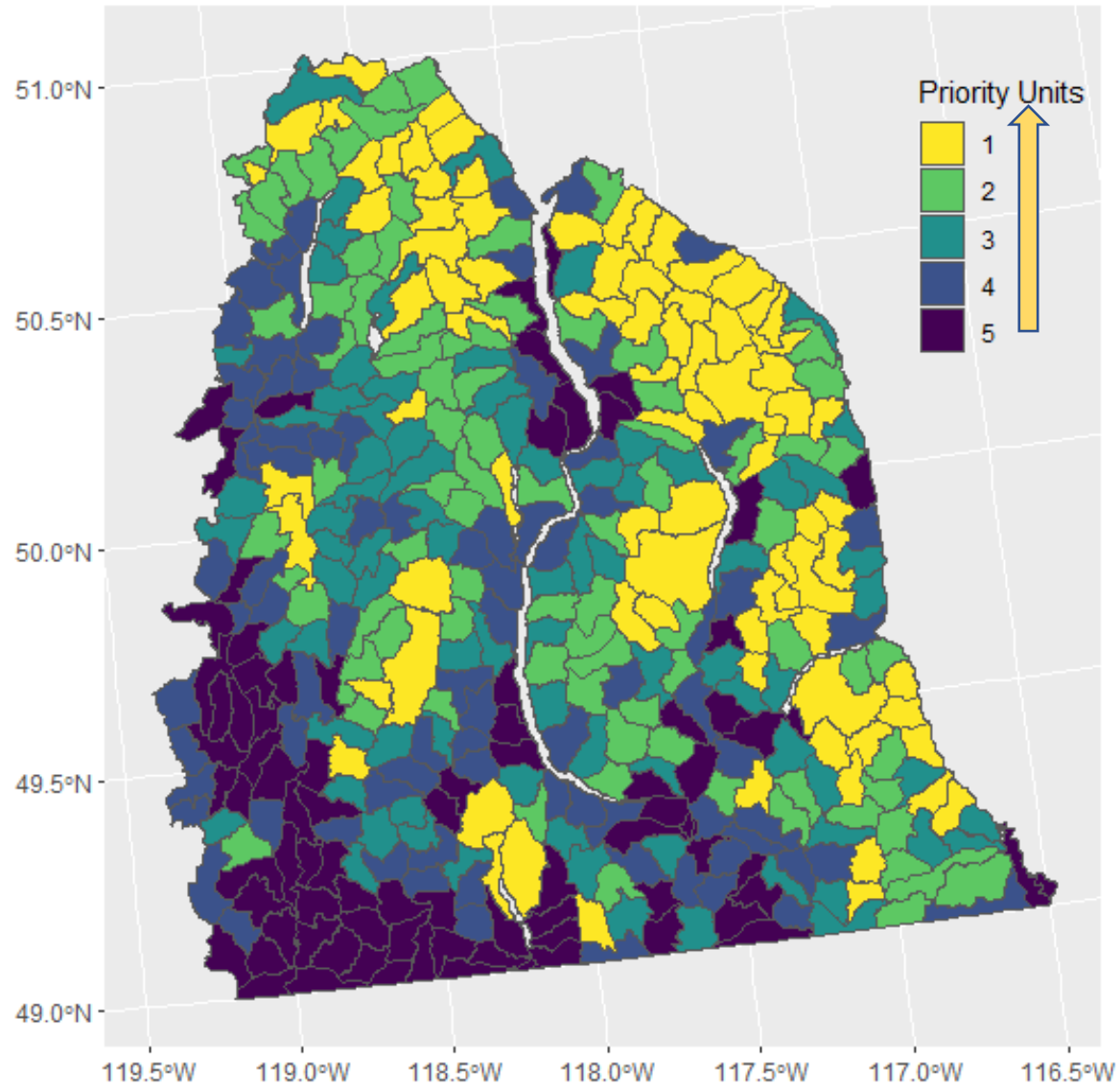
Step Three: Identify impediments to connectivity



- Road Density
- Human Use
- Infrastructure
- Conflict zones



Step Four: Identify Priority Areas for Restoration & Maintaining Connectivity



Broad Scale Action for Maintaining Population Connectivity

- Provincial
- First Nation
- Regional Districts



Fine Scale Action for Maintaining Population Connectivity

- Provincial
- Regional Districts
- Municipalities
- Communities
- Individuals

Attractant management

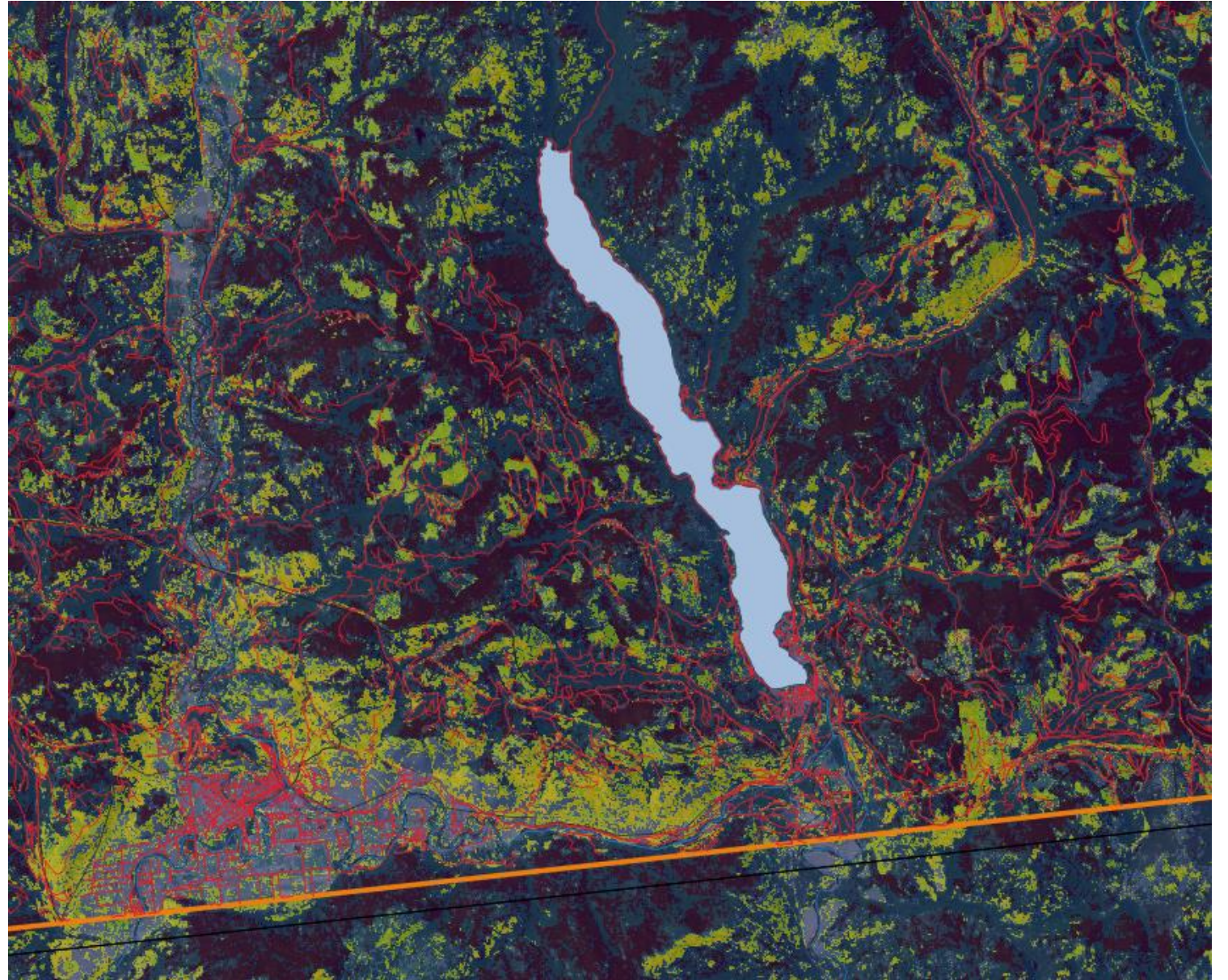
- Incentives & fines
- Infrastructure support
 - Composting
 - Electric fence programs
 - Waste management systems

Agriculturalist Support

- Livestock compensation
- Electric fencing

Individuals-

- Manage attractants
 - #1 Chickens
 - #2 Fruit Trees
 - #3 Garbage/Compost



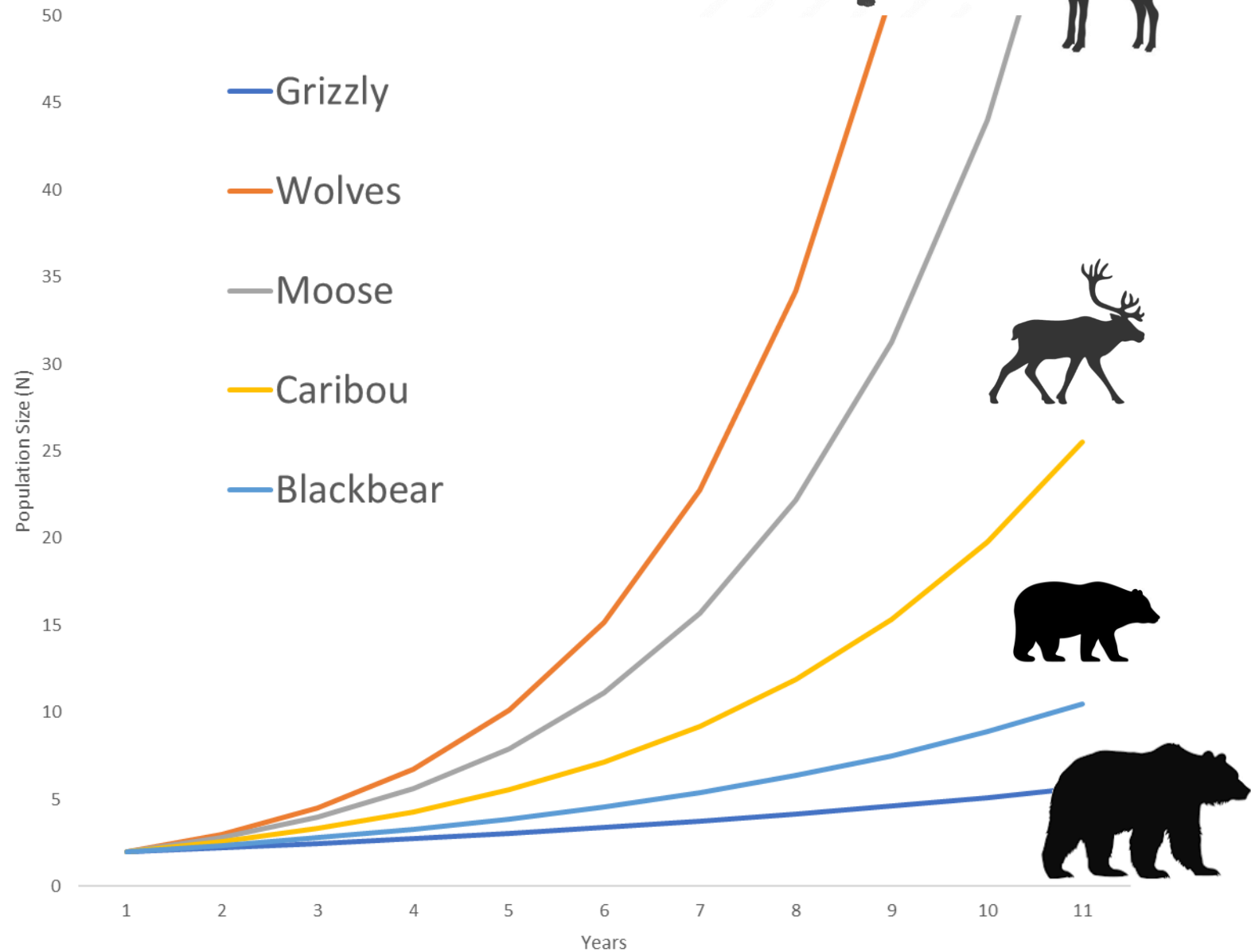
One thing you can do right away to
build landscape connectivity:

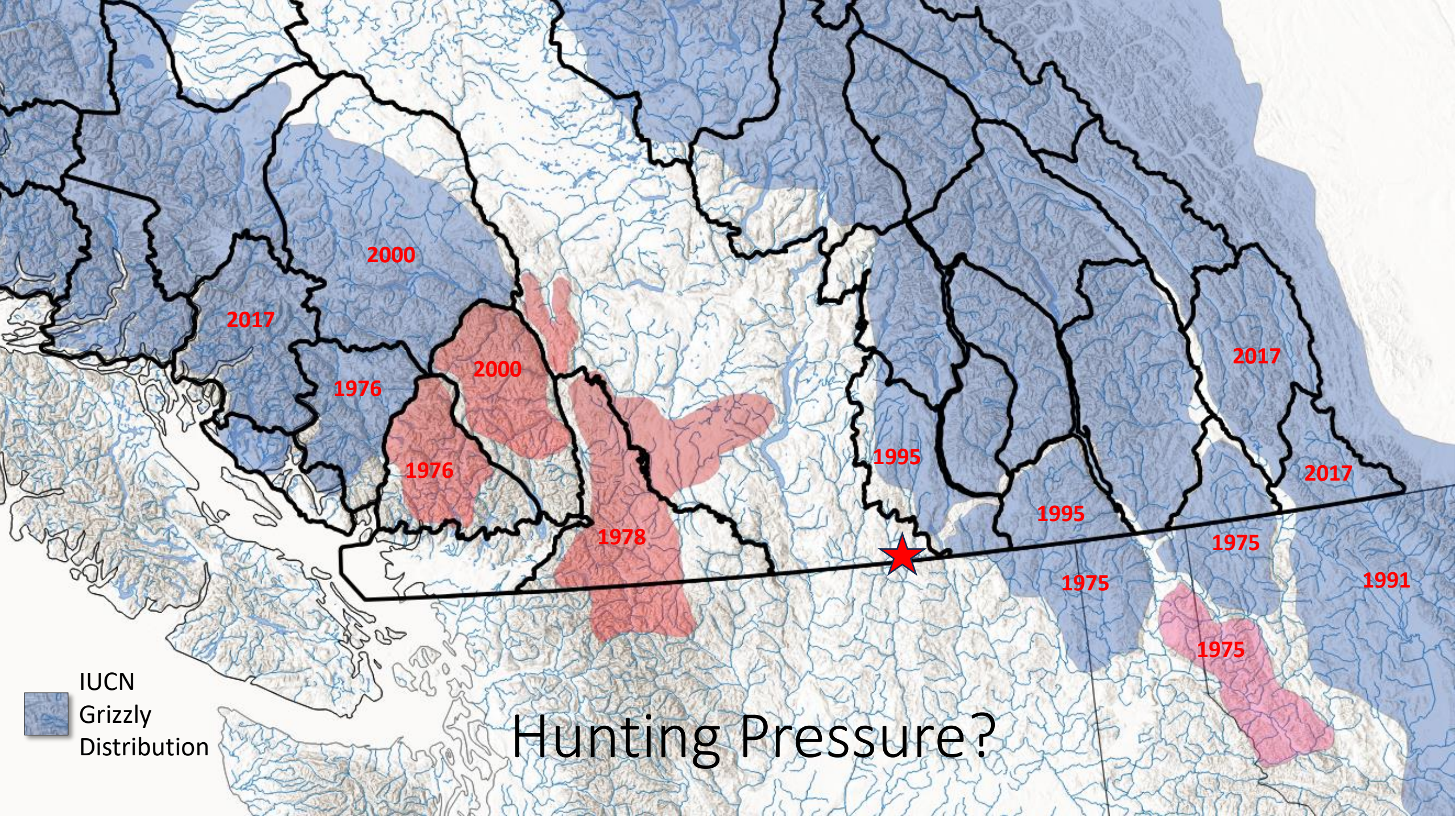
ELECTRIC FENCE YOUR CHICKENS !!!!





How fast can populations recover in the absence of human caused mortality?





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Distribution

Hunting Pressure?

Diet is Seasonal

Bears move to get food

