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Cc: [Lockman, Dave- FS](#); [Trimbo, Rory](#); [Hampson, Eli](#); [Martens, Justin - FS](#)
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Sorry, Jamie. I will not be available on those dates. I wonder if I can work with you in advance to understand what the questions might be? Alternatively, I can look at dates after that.

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Will do. Randy and Jennifer, I met with the Bitterroot National Forest today to discuss tentative relocation sites on the Bitterroot National Forest should we have an emergency capture situation of a non-conflict grizzly down that way and the need for some relocation sites to bring before the FWP Commission. There were a few questions regarding interim relocations sites in areas of the Bitterroot National Forest categorized as "grizzlies may be present" verses not? See below for details, but we were wondering if you two might be able to attend for further discussion? The dates of August 26th and 27th were suggested.

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Thanks Jamie – Dave and Justin will put together a list of sites that will include sites in both present and not present mapped areas. We can modify during or after our larger meeting with Lydia and FWS.

Looks like Lydia has time available on the afternoon of Thursday 26th and all day Friday 27th. Can you see if Randy and Jennifer have time available those dates to meet with our group?

Thanks - Cole



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Here is our draft spreadsheet for the interim relocation sites for the Recovery Zone and Zone 1 of the Blackfoot/South NCDE.

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How about 10:30? I'll send out a Teams invite. If we have to adjust, no problem.

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I can work around your schedule. I am here all day working on emails. So what ever time is good for you.

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Hi Jamie – I got your phone message. I'm available most of the day. Is there a time that would work good for the group to have a Teams or Conference call?



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Hello Cole. I'll give you a call here shortly.

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Sounds good. Eli and I will touch base with you in the morning and we can make a plan.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: griz bear relocation sites on USFS Lands throughout the Region 2 area and outlying areas

Hi Jamie – Sounds like it would be good if we could setup a meeting with you discuss potential relocation sites and nuances. Could let me know your availability next week and we'll be happy to work with you to come up with a plan. Should we also invite Rebecca Mowry to the discussion?

Thanks – Cole



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Sorry guys, missed this last week when it came through. Just noticed that you weren't on the mailing list. Not necessarily anything new beyond what we discussed yesterday, but maybe we'll be dealing directly with Jamie instead of Rebecca on this?

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Subject: Fw: griz bear relocation sites on USFS Lands throughout the Region 2 area and outlying areas

Hello Jennifer: I know that you have lots of USFS contacts in the Bitterroot and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests, with the work you have been doing on your grizzly bear DNA study. Could you loop in all the folks that you have been working with in the USFS on this email. Eli and I have been working with Chad Bell and Scott Tomson on the Lolo, Pat Shanley on the Helena, and two years ago I worked with Dave Lockman in the Bitterroot, but if you know some other USFS folks that need to be involved from your DNA study contacts--loop them in. I believe Rory Trimbo has been visiting with Jenna Roose on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge.

First, guys, read the email below for some background. Eli, Jennifer and I have been working with Chad Bell on this effort. We are in the process of pulling all our historically used relocations sites in around Region 2 for the Recovery Area and what is Zone 1 under the grizzly bear conservation strategies. But we will be needing your help. Chad Bell is assisting us with selecting some new sites (for non-conflict/non-target grizzlies) in the outlying areas on the

Lolo NF. But we are needing some site suggestions for Zone 2 areas under the conservation strategies and other outlying areas on the national forest lands on the Bitterroot, Helena NF (south) and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge. We must get a list together by September 1. So let us know if you know of any appropriate sites ASAP and Jennifer will get them on the map and on the list. I have attached our R2 Protocol for Relocations and the R1 Protocol and map of sites for comparison.

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Cc: Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer K <jennifer_fortin-noreus@fws.gov>; Cooley, Hilary <Hilary_Cooley@fws.gov>

Subject: RE: griz bear relocation sites.

Yes, Eli and I met with Jennifer today. We have a good thing going with the Lolo, and trying to coordinate with Bitterroot. Rory is reaching out to Beaverhead-Deerlodge

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On Aug 4, 2021 12:44 PM, "Arnold, Randy" <rarnold@mt.gov> wrote:
Hi Jamie,

I was curious if you were planning to coordinate this effort? With the deadline of September 1, I didn't want to assume and find out that we all thought someone else was on it!

Thanks,

Randy

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As you know, we have to identify and have the commission approve relocation sites where griz bears could be relocated starting next spring. Our intent is to take a proposed list to the Commission at their October meeting. What comes out of that meeting will go out for public comment, to be

finalized in December. So at this point I am requesting each region work with their appropriate Public Land counterparts to identify a list of potential sites where griz bears could be relocated. The scale is similar to what you have done in the past – e.g., roads or drainages above a locked gate, etc. I suggest you identify a suite of sites so if one is not available, there are backups. If we do have a bear in a trap that needs to be relocated, we would still confer with the land manager at the time to make sure that specific sites are still available.

Please work with your land manager counterparts to identify sites that are acceptable to them. I have asked Chris Savage from the Regional Foresters Office to “grease the skids” with Forest Service so they at least know we will be asking for their help.

I have attached a document showing different scenarios and responses. Not sure if some sites may be available for only certain types of scenarios, but if that is the case, then make sure to note that.

Finally, I have attached a document worked on by Region 1 and their forest service counterparts for this year as an example. The list of sites is in Table 2. I envision this same type of effort going into next year, with the only difference being the Commission has to approve it. So something like Table 2 is what we are looking for for each region with g bears. [Grizzly Bear Relocation Scenarios.docx](#)

Please try to have you list of sites back to me by September 1 so we have time to get them to the Commission ahead of their October meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of this.

Thanks for the help. I know it is a very busy time. [FNF_KNF_NCDE_GrizzlyRelocationPlan_2021.pdf](#)

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