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**To:** [Arnold, Randy](#); [Hampson, Eli](#); [Trimbo, Rory](#)  
**Cc:** [Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer K](#); [Cooley, Hilary](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: griz bear relocation sites.  
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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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**Subject:** griz bear relocation sites.

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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