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To: [Koole, Mike](#); [Boyd, Galen W](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Grizzly Bear Relocations
Date: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:59:01 AM

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Thanks Mike and Galen for getting back to us and offering to help! I will add you both to the list. I will touch base later this week and we can talk logistics.

Thanks again!
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On Sat, Apr 2, 2022 at 10:51 AM Koole, Mike <Mike_Koole@fws.gov> wrote:

Hilary,

I just wanted you to know I am available to assist also. I'm located in Missoula and cover the west side of the state. I work closely with Mona and FWP.

We also have an officer, Gaylen Boyd (CC'ed), that is located in Lima (on station at Red Rocks NWR) that may be able to assist also.

What I read of the new law is that the state is prohibited from relocating bears outside of the recovery zone. Is that correct? Do you have a map of the recovery zone? I could not find a decent one on Google. I know a few years back a grizzly bear was trapped next to Lee Metcalf NWR in Stevi (an area I cover). I imagine grizzly bears will continue to migrate into the Bitterroots in the future.

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Subject: Grizzly Bear Relocations

Hi Tyler and Mike,

Ron Armstrong suggested I reach out to you. We have not met, but hopefully one day in the future.

A new MT state law limits FWP involvement in grizzly bear relocations and we are hiring field staff to take this work over. Usually relocations go smoothly, but it's always good to have a second hand on scene in case things don't go as planned. Would you be interested in helping? We won't have much notice, so are compiling a list of people to contact when we need someone. Amber (cc'd here) is helping coordinate things now and will likely be a full time FWS bear specialist in Helena in the near future.

Happy to answer questions (and Amber can as well).

Thanks,

Hilary

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