

- Just 3 miles down the road from where that other bear 1089 is hanging out
- Ok I didn't realize he was that close
- FWD: cool I think they're good-they are set for them if they catch them looks like they're gonna move them North or something but either way they were kind of scrambling earlier, all good, and I just asked _____ to keep you informed
- Thanks for the update!
- I'm assuming no bear? 1089 moved further into Idaho. Although yesterday she was only a mile from the border. (she's still only 3-4 miles into Idaho) Where'd that picture you sent come from?
- Ben has not heard anything more about that Idaho bear. So I assume that at least they did not catch it last night.
- 1089's collar is on now this morning, I'll let you know what I find out.
- Did they kill that cub? Just curious
- Yea
- Call me if you want the few details I know
- OK I'll call you in a little bit
- Sounds good

12:16



iMessage
Mon, Oct 31 at 9:32 AM

Hey [REDACTED] you're probably already aware but just in case: I'm looking at some collar data and it looks like a female griz-1089 has been hanging out in a neighborhood east of Tetonia. Let me know if you need/want more info or want an extra hand at all

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iMessage



From: [michael.boyce](#)
To: [Lyon Rebecca J](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: translocated girzzly
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 12:36:58 PM

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From: Brad Hovinga <brad.hovinga@wyo.gov>
Date: 11/7/22 9:02 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: Michael Boyce <michael.boyce@wyo.gov>
Cc: Kyle Lash <kyle.lash@wyo.gov>, Brian DeBolt <brian.debolt@wyo.gov>, Daniel Thompson <daniel.Thompson@wyo.gov>
Subject: Fwd: translocated girzzly

Mike - FYI on the location.

Brad

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Pieron,Matt** <matt.pieron@idfg.idaho.gov>
Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 8:52 AM
Subject: translocated girzzly
To: brad.hovinga@wyo.gov <brad.hovinga@wyo.gov>

Brad,

This is the general area east of Tetonia (red polygon) that the sow with 2 yearling cubs has been frequenting this past week. She has recently moved closer to WY. There is some rural residential development with homes just on your side along state line road and off the south Leigh Canyon Rd.

I will have (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) get in touch with Mike Boyce.

If you ever need me, my cell is (b) (7)(F), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)



Thanks,

matt

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From: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
To: [Hogan, Matt](#); [Nelson, Marjorie \(Mari\)](#); [Small, Stephen M](#); [Zerrenner, Adam](#); [Abbott, Tyler](#); [Cooley, Hilary](#); [Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer K](#); [Kasworm, Wayne](#); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); [Szuszwalak, Joseph A](#)
Subject: Conflict update
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 5:24:55 PM

Hi all,

Things seem to be quieting down on the conflict front, at least a little (knocking on wood as I type). Please see the update below, and feel free to reach out with any questions.

GBRP Conflict Update November 1 - 7

Montana

- 11/3 - FWS met with WS and several members of a prominent family on the Rocky Mountain Front that had recently been experiencing high levels of bear issues related to a fortified feed mix being brought in for winter cattle feeding. At least one bear had been captured on camera getting through the electric fence previously constructed by FWS and WS after the feed was delivered. However, upon inspection, it was discovered the fence was not “hot” when the bear crossed through, and that the battery was not holding a charge. FWS and WS replaced the battery and spent several hours on site discussing the situation and potential future efforts with members of this family. The overall response was very positive among all involved, and the producers were very appreciative of the efforts put forth by FWS and WS. They committed to checking the fence daily, which is a step in the right direction.

Wyoming

- No additional sightings of 399.
- No additional sightings of 863 and her cubs.

Tribes

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- UPDATE: 10/8 - The bears were not captured and have continued to move west, towards Tetonia. As of this morning, they are <3 miles from the town, and IDFG has requested permission to remove the female by additional means if she continues moving towards town. YNP informed FWS that they are not able to take these cubs, and IDFG is not comfortable relocating these cubs anywhere in the general area outside the park. IDFG is continuing to monitor the bears and is willing to continue the trapping effort as long as she does not move closer to town. We will provide more updates as the situation evolves.

Thanks,

Ben Jimenez
Conflict Coordinator
Grizzly Bear Recovery Program
US Fish and Wildlife Service
406-214-0497 (cell)

From: [Vance, Morgan C](#)
To: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
Subject: Re: Conflict update
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 5:32:40 PM

Anything I can do in Tetonia?

Morgan Vance
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[406 833-0325](tel:4068330325)

From: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 5:28:00 PM
To: Kornak, Amber L <amber_kornak@fws.gov>; Vance, Morgan C <morgan_vance@fws.gov>; Lyon, Rebecca J <rebecca_lyon@fws.gov>; Trimbo, Rory D <rory_trimbo@fws.gov>
Subject: Conflict update

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From: [Gunther, Kerry A](#)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)
Cc: [White, P J](#); [Carpenter, Jennifer C](#); [Cooley, Hilary](#); [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#); [Wyman, C T](#)
Subject: Activities of Grizzly Bear #1089 Inside YNP
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 5:57:51 PM
Attachments: [Grizzly Bear 1089 History.docx](#)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F),

I compiled a summary of observations and activities of Grizzly Bear #1089 and her 2 cub's when they were observed inside of YNP. I thought this may be of some use to you while you consider management options for these bears. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks would have more details about her activity in and around Gardiner, Montana.

Kerry Gunther
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Known history of the Grizzly Bear #1089 in Yellowstone National Park

Summary: During the 6-month period from May through October, 2022, the adult female grizzly bear (which later became GB#1089) and her 2 cubs of the year were observed on 13 different days in the area from the Gardiner River High Bridge, to Swan Lake flats, to the Sepulcher Mountain foothills at the northern boundary of Yellowstone National Park at Gardiner Montana. The family group was observed in Yellowstone National Park for the first time on the morning of May 17, 2022. Most of the observations of the family group occurred during the spring elk calving period (mid-May through end of June) when it is not uncommon to observe grizzly bears and black bears preying on elk calves within and around the Mammoth developed area. The family group was observed inside the park on 4-days in May, 6-days in June, and one day each in July, September, and October. The bears were tolerant of people, but because they were only occasionally observed, did not cause the typical roadside bear-jams characteristic of many habituated bears. The family group was not aggressive and were not involved in any known bear-human conflicts or property damages the few times they were observed within or near the periphery of the Mammoth development. The family group was last observed in Yellowstone National Park on October 10th. After October 10th, the family group was observed multiple mornings and evenings grazing clover on the Gardiner High School football field and eating apples at multiple residences in the town of Gardiner Montana. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and Yellowstone National Park Bear Management staff hazed the family group out of Gardiner on multiple occasions between October 11 and October 16th. The family group was trapped at a residence in Gardiner by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks on the evening of October 17th and relocated to the Black Bear Canyon/Moose Plateau area of the Gallatin National Forest south of West Yellowstone Montana on October 18th.

Chronological List of Sightings of GB#1089 inside Yellowstone National Park

5/17/2022: Observed at 10:17 a.m. grazing 45 yards off the road near the Gardiner River High Bridge approximately 1 mile Southeast of the Mammoth developed area.

5/19/2022: Observed at 6:45 a.m. approximately 3 miles South of Gardiner, walking along the West side of the Gardiner River near the 45th Parallel approximately 100 yards off of the road and on the opposite side of the river from the Gardiner to Mammoth Road.

5/20/2022: Observed at 8:49 a.m. walking in the Sepulcher Mountain foothills, approximately 100 yards from the Gardiner to Mammoth Road, just south of the North Entrance Station approximately ¾ mile from Gardiner.

5/29/2022: Observed at 7 p.m. walking across the Gardiner to Mammoth Road at the South end of the Gardiner Canyon approximately 2.5 miles south of Gardiner.

6/3/2022: Observed at 9:15 p.m. hunting for elk calves in the sagebrush hills behind the Mammoth Hotel rental cabins.

6/4/2022: Observed at 6:15 a.m. hunting elk calves in the Mammoth Campground. Bear Management staff hazed the bears out of the Campground with cracker shells, the family group was later observed eating an elk calf outside of the Mammoth development in the sagebrush near

the Rye Ponds east of the Mammoth Chapel, approximately ½ mile outside of the Mammoth development.

6/5/2022: Observed at 5:30 a.m. near the Gardiner River High Bridge, approximately 100 yards from the Mammoth to Tower Road approximately 1 mile southeast of the Mammoth development.

6/12/2022: Observed at 8:30 a.m. in the forest 25 yards below the vault toilet at the large pull-out near the entrance to the Upper Terrace Drive scenic loop road, approximately 1 miles south of Mammoth.

6/22/2022: Observed at 9:10 p.m. grazing and foraging on Capital Hill on the periphery of the Mammoth Development, approximately 40 yards from the Mammoth to Norris Road.

6/25/2022: Observed at 8:20 p.m. walking 50 yards off of the road near the Public Restrooms (by the old judge's house) at the edge of the Mammoth developed area.

7/6/2022: Observed at 8:45 a.m. grazing 10 yards off of the road in Swan Lake Flats along the Mammoth to Norris Road.

9/15/2022: Observed grazing grass and clover in the lower Mammoth ball field and playground. Bear Management, park rangers, and dispatch were not notified and later learned of the incident on Facebook.

10/10/2022: Observed 7:30 a.m. in the lower Mammoth construction material storage area and the lower Mammoth Employee Housing area. Bear Management staff hazed the bears out of lower Mammoth. Later that night at approximately 11 p.m., the bear family group was detected and photographed by a trail camera at the Stephens Creek road-killed wildlife carcass dump.

10/11 – 10/16/2022: Observed most morning and evenings eating apples for residences and grazing clover on the Gardiner High School football field. Hazed out of Gardiner multiple times. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks has further details of grizzly bear #1089's activities in Gardiner.

10/17/2022: The family group was captured at a residence in Gardiner.

10/18/2022: Grizzly Bear #1089 and her 2 cubs were relocated to the Black Bear Canyon/Moose Plateau area of the Gallatin National Forest south of West Yellowstone Montana.

From: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
To: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
Subject: Tetonia
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 8:18:55 AM

Hey Ben,
Matt asked that we draft an email for Martha.
Would you take a stab at it - incorporate your blurbs, maybe add some from Kerry's outline, and more on the discussion with IDFG.
I'd like to take a look before sending. I have to run now to a dr appt, but can take a look when I get back mid-morning.

Thank YOU

Grizzly Bear Recovery Program
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From: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
To: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
Subject: draft TPs
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 2:03:21 PM
Attachments: [Talking points.docx](#)

Thoughts? I left open ended purposely...

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After repeatedly returning to and lingering in human occupied areas in Mammoth and Gardiner MT, the bears were relocated to an area south of West Yellowstone. The family group travelled south and localized for xx days in a riparian area about 3 miles east of Teton, ID. The area contained a low density of residences, and IDFG became increasingly concerned for human safety.

While we do not consider cubs of the year a threat to human safety, as of 11/10, no relocation sites were made available. We urged Idaho to exhaust all options, but authorized removal of the bears if they ultimately believed it was not reasonably practicable to eliminate the threat to human safety. They removed the F and 1 CoY on 11/10.

From: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
To: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 9:05:38 PM
Attachments: [Talking points BJ hc BJ \(1\) hc.docx](#)

3 small edits. Good to go.

Thanks ben

From: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: Tetonia Bear Statement

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Conflict Coordinator
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From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement

One additional edit in my extra info.

"...we asked IDFG to "live-capture" the remaining cub..."

From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement

Edits are good.

If we want to add more info, I offer an extra sentence at the end. I'm torn. We could offer both versions to Sandi and the rest of the group.

From: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 4:19 PM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: Tetonia Bear Statement

OK, one more minor round. It still feels like we are providing IDFG cover by not mentioning details about GTNP and such, but maybe it's better to keep a low profile for now. It sounds like interest in

this has remained pretty minimal thus far, which is probably a good thing. However, I think we should discuss what we will say if we get pressed for additional information.

Thanks either way,

Ben Jimenez
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From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:56 PM
To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement

edits...

From: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: Tetonia Bear Statement

See what you think.

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From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement

yes

From: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: Tetonia Bear Statement

Ah, iPhones! I am about to send you a draft back. Will you have time to read it?

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From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
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To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement

my text messages aren't going thru...
Call if you want to talk about the TPs. I'll step out of meeting.

From: Turner, Ally <ally_turner@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:21 PM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>; Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Cc: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>; Smith, Amanda <amanda_smith@fws.gov>; Fisher, Sandi <sandi_fisher@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement

I spoke with Ben this afternoon, and he and Hilary are hoping to get a draft statement to us this evening. I asked him to send it to everyone on this email list.

Thanks!

Allyson Turner (She/Her)
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From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>; Turner, Ally <ally_turner@fws.gov>
Cc: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>; Smith, Amanda <amanda_smith@fws.gov>; Fisher, Sandi <sandi_fisher@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement

(C) Removal of nuisance bears. A grizzly
bear constituting a demonstrable

but non immediate threat to human safety or committing significant depredations to lawfully present livestock, crops, or beehives may be taken, but only if:

(1) It has not been reasonably possible to eliminate such threat or depredation by live-capturing and releasing

unharmred in a remote area the grizzly bear involved; and

(2) The taking is done in a humane manner by authorized Federal, State,..."

From: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:25 PM

To: Turner, Ally <ally_turner@fws.gov>; Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>

Cc: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>; Smith, Amanda <amanda_smith@fws.gov>; Fisher, Sandi <sandi_fisher@fws.gov>

Subject: RE: Tetonia Bear Statement

Hi Ally,

Yes, we can work on something quickly. Do you have a few minutes for a quick call?

Thanks,

Ben Jimenez
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From: Turner, Ally <ally_turner@fws.gov>

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Cc: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>; Smith, Amanda <amanda_smith@fws.gov>; Fisher, Sandi <sandi_fisher@fws.gov>

Subject: Tetonia Bear Statement

Hilary and Ben-

We are being asked by the Region 1 External Affairs ARD to come up with a statement about the Tetonia bear issue. Can you suggest something here that "is just enough to give media something beyond no comment"? Amanda and I will run it through the approval process (with Joe if he is available). Thanks much!!

~Ally

Allyson Turner (She/Her)

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USFWS does not consider cubs of the year a threat to human safety. However, IDFG felt the cubs did pose a threat to human safety and determined leaving the cubs in the area was not a viable option. On 11/9, USFWS authorized IDFG to remove the bears if there were no relocation sites available, if all other options were exhausted, and if they ultimately believed the cubs represented a threat to human safety. By late afternoon on 11/9, with no relocation sites available IDFG stated that they had exhausted all other options, believed the cubs represented a threat to human safety, and therefore removed the adult female and one cub.

On 11/10, IDFG authorized personnel on the ground to remove the remaining cub.

---or---

On 11/10, GTNP came forward with a potential relocation site, pending final approval from leadership. USFWS asked IDFG to live-capture the remaining cub and offered to have a USFWS Grizzly Bear Conflict Specialist on site to take the cub once it was immobilized. USFWS would then hold the cub in a secure facility until a relocation plan could be finalized. Later that day, IDFG authorized personnel on the ground to remove the remaining cub.

From: (b) (6)
To: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Again!
Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 6:13:32 PM

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Really? You can't wait to take out grizzly bears?
Why don't you all come clean with your political motives?
Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are loser states.

Jean
Sent from my iPad

From: [Lyon, Rebecca J](#)
To: [Michael Abbott](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Local neighbor meeting on Tetonia Grizzly bears removal last week
Date: Friday, November 18, 2022 1:04:00 PM

Hi Mike,

I just got off the phone with Hilary Cooley. She will be down in the Jackson area as well and we both plan on attending Sunday. I personally do not have more details than Ben or Hilary or the removal of the family group. I would love to talk with you all about bear safety messaging and brainstorm the best ways to reach the community and how I can help in the future. I look forward to meeting you Sunday!

Thank you,
Becca

From: Michael Abbott (b) (6)(b) (6) @gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Lyon, Rebecca J <rebecca_lyon@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Local neighbor meeting on Tetonia Grizzly bears removal last week

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Hi Becca! Would you be able to attend a meeting with some of the neighbors around here - Sunday 4pm at the Tetonia Club "downtown" Tetonia? I know you have a life and its Sunday, so understand totally if you can't make it over. Ben was very helpful on the call this morning but there are still a lot of unanswered questions from the IF&G side that we are trying to get answered. They have not been very helpful on my requests so far. Right now, no plans to invite them, but maybe I should. Thanks,

Mike Abbott

(b) (6)

From: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
To: [Fredericks, Jim](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Tetonia meeting
Date: Monday, November 21, 2022 4:43:16 PM

Hi Jim,

Hi Jim,

Becca Lyon (Becca is our conflict specialist in Jackson) and I attended the Tetonia meeting. There were 12-15 community members in attendance. Meeting lasted ~2 hrs. People were angry and frustrated about what happened, but very respectful and calm. Becca and I mostly listened. We answered some general questions about the conflict decision process, the 4d regulations, questions about what they might do to prevent this from happening again and talked about ways to get more bear aware messaging out to the public. I was asked if protocols were followed, and I said I'm not going to get into that. They respected that answer and didn't push us.

-Hilary

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From: Fredericks, Jim <jim.fredericks@idfg.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 3:55:51 PM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Tetonia meeting

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Hi Hilary,

Would you be able to give me the cliff notes version of how the meeting went yesterday and what was discussed?

From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 9:13 PM

To: Fredericks, Jim <jim.fredericks@idfg.idaho.gov>

Cc: Fisher, Sandi <sandi_fisher@fws.gov>

Subject: Tetonia meeting

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Hi Jim,

I was invited to a meeting with Tetonia community members on Sunday afternoon. It sounds like it will be small with fewer than 10 people. I plan on attending, but was clear that I don't want to get into any arguments or finger pointing. I plan on listening and providing information about conflict in general, what kinds of things people can do to prepare for bears, how can we help, etc.

I'll be traveling tomorrow, but you can reach me on my cell phone if you have concerns/questions:

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From: [Tracy Walker](#)
To: [Barb Beller](#); [Michael Abbott](#); [John Garvey](#); [Jenn Fisher](#); [Jeanette Beard](#); gina@team399.com; bellerjm1@gmail.com; [Kelly Dobbs](#); Hillary_Cooley@fws.gov; [Lyon, Rebecca J](#); [Don Weber](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Tetonia bear questions
Date: Monday, November 28, 2022 10:35:49 AM

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Totally agree Barb! Mike, thanks for the update. Yep calling bullshit on that for sure.

Tracy

From: Barb Beller <barbbeller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:22 AM
To: Michael Abbott <mlabbott2009@gmail.com>; Tracy Walker <prairiefairy@outlook.com>; John Garvey <jfgarvey1@gmail.com>; Jenn Fisher <jenfisher44@gmail.com>; Jeanette Beard <Jeanettebeard0958@gmsil.com>; gina@team399.com <gina@team399.com>; bellerjm1@gmail.com <bellerjm1@gmail.com>; Kelly Dobbs <earthmotion@gmail.com>; Hillary_Cooley@fws.gov <Hillary_Cooley@fws.gov>; Becca Lyon USFWS - Jackson <rebecca_lyon@fws.gov>; Don Weber <webgas@ida.net>
Subject: Re: Tetonia bear questions

It's good that he responded in a timely way. I'm sure he thinks it's a fine piece of literature. Pulling it apart however, 1) Idaho F&G know the threat better than the public 2) some citizens are reluctant to speak up but really don't want bears so they actually are acting aligned with public expectations 3) bears at bus stops potentially threatening children... nice touch meant to make us think twice and feel bad for questioning them. In the end, they think the general public likes theory of wildlife but not NIMBY. Communication of a future bear removal action will not be entertained although I can't see myself chained a bear like others chains themselves to a tree advocating for old growth forest. With a lot of rhetoric, the letter states that if this situation rises again, we would do the same thing. Seems that F&G will decide based on protecting the theoretical lowest common denominator in society. Just a little more work than I first thought.

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From: Michael Abbott <mlabbott2009@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 7:52:25 AM
To: Tracy Walker <prairiefairy@outlook.com>; John Garvey <jfgarvey1@gmail.com>; Jenn Fisher <jenfisher44@gmail.com>; Jeanette Beard <Jeanettebeard0958@gmsil.com>; gina@team399.com <gina@team399.com>; bellerjm1@gmail.com <bellerjm1@gmail.com>; John and Barb Beller <Barbbeller@hotmail.com>; Kelly Dobbs <earthmotion@gmail.com>; Hillary_Cooley@fws.gov <Hillary_Cooley@fws.gov>; Becca Lyon USFWS - Jackson <rebecca_lyon@fws.gov>; Don Weber <webgas@ida.net>
Subject: Fwd: Tetonia bear questions

Fyi, from the IFG Deputy Director in Boise. Please forward to others that I don't have emails for (e.g., Tracy Stull, Hope Strong, Gary Doucette, others?).

He did say the decision to kill the bears came from the top (Director) and that they identified neighbor communication as something they needed to improve on going forward.

I responded very diplomatically telling him about our Tetonia Club meeting, and reiterating our strong feelings that they could have given these bears a little more time (esp. since the weather turned to full-on winter right after they killed them), and we don't think a lethal action is justified just based on a bear passing near homes when the bears don't show aggression or get into anything (these bears didn't). In fact, very very few people would have ever known about these bears if the mom hadn't been collared and IFG hadn't been running around like chickens worried about them.

I think the challenge we have in the future is educating a few of our neighbors (and incoming neighbors) on the relative risks these bears pose, because I think they (IFG) responded to them. It's a substantial risk like other things out here but it's not certain death like some seem to think. And I also think IFG's public safety policy should be based on demonstrated threat, not the public's perception of threat (i.e., fear). I offered a volunteer neighborhood bear "ambassador" program for IFG to help with public education/awareness of actual risks, esp since I think one of the reasons they overreacted was the major drain on their staff during hunting season (when they should have been out checking tags). A neighborhood bear ambassador could help in reducing secondhand hearsay and fear mongering that only hurts conservation efforts. Let me know if your interested in helping with that.

I do think we made a some progress with IFG in that I don't think they expected the major blowback they got from most neighbors and think (hope) they will think twice next time before deciding to shoot.

Best,
Mike

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From: **Fredericks, Jim** <jim.fredericks@idfg.idaho.gov>

Date: Wed, Nov 23, 2022, 9:05 AM

Subject: Tetonia bear questions

To: Michael Abbott <mlabbott2009@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Abbott:

I spoke at length with Regional Supervisor Matt Pieron following your conversation with him last week. I know Matt expressed to you how difficult the decision to lethally remove these bears (and then carry out the action) was for us at IDFG. We certainly did not make this decision lightly, and it is an outcome that saddens us as well.

These bears had been subject to hazing in Yellowstone National Park and relocated by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks because of habituation behavior after the bears left the Park. After relocation south of West Yellowstone, it didn't take long for these bears to make their way down to the valley near Tetonia near homes and other areas posing public safety risk. Despite our outreach to over 100 homes and measures to help people secure attractants, the bears did not leave the area as we had

hoped they would. We certainly did not desire a lethal outcome for the bears but thought it was necessary for public safety. When this type of situation occurs, we review the events and decision-making processes that led to the bears ending up at this location in Idaho, as well as the processes and communications associated with the decision to remove the bears. Ultimately we (IDFG as well as other agencies) have the responsibility to learn what we can from this experience. Your email identified community communications as an area where we can improve.

It's my understanding that Matt's conversation with you answered most of the questions in your email. Matt also spoke with your neighbors who attended the recent Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee meeting in Bozeman and presented a letter on your behalf.

I appreciate that you and some of your neighbors are comfortable assuming a greater level of risk than others, and you view that as an acceptable trade-off for living where you do. As you recognize, there are widely varying perspectives on what level of risk people are willing to tolerate. With wildlife management, we see those perspectives evolve when they shift from the abstract to reality on the front lawn or near the school bustop. We also hear from people who are uncomfortable sharing their safety concerns publicly when they may disagree with their neighbors' views. We can't agree to a posting telling people about forthcoming lethal action for individual bears. Experience elsewhere tells us that's not a constructive course, and it increases risks for those performing an already difficult task.

The decision to remove the bears was made after internal discussions amongst our bear experts and other IDFG staff, and after conferring with USFWS. I can't speak to who offered what perspective during those discussions, but ultimately, IDFG's Director approved the removal of the bears, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service concurred with this decision.

As Matt noted, the circumstances surrounding any incident where bears present a public safety risk are highly variable. Regardless of what is captured in policy guidance, potential risk is not something that can be objectively measured, and at some point, it is a matter of judgement. These bears would not have been in Idaho if other federal/state agencies and bear experts felt they posed no risk. These bears ended up in Idaho because they were considered a public safety risk both in Yellowstone NP, and in Gardiner MT.

As I believe Matt told you, he went to great lengths to reach out to many of the homeowners in the area once the bears had been removed to let them know of the outcome, so those closest to the situation could hear from the department first, rather than hear about it from the media.

I appreciate your sharing your concerns and your years of support for wildlife and outdoor recreation. I hope we will be able to cooperate on situations with more positive outcomes for wildlife in the future.

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From: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
To: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
Subject: GBRP meeting Wed
Date: Monday, November 28, 2022 4:20:08 PM

Hey Ben,

Jennifer asked that we put Tetonia on the agenda for our Wed meeting. I think we need to be honest, and also state the need to keep discussions to ourselves for now and direct any questions to you or me. Any other thoughts?

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From: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
To: [Bush, Jodi](#); [Nelson, Marjorie \(Mari\)](#); [Morrison, Hugh R](#); [Hogan, Matt](#)
Cc: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
Subject: Tetonia response
Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 4:46:26 PM

My basic response when asked...

The 4d rule allows us to remove bears for 2 reasons: conflict and human safety. These bears were not in conflict; the bears were taken because IDFG felt they were a threat to human safety.

They were previously relocated for lingering around buildings in Mammoth (YNP) and then spending significant time in the town of Gardiner. They quickly moved ~40 miles to a riparian area 3 miles east of Tetonia, where they mostly fed on natural foods. IDFG felt these bears were a threat to human safety and were not willing to allow them to remain in the area. After no relocation sites were made available, they requested removal because they believed the threat was imminent. We disagreed with the human safety threat, but ultimately authorized them to take the bears if they exhausted all other options and still believed the threat to be imminent.

If asked:

The next day, GTNP indicated that they might be able to take the cubs. We communicated to IDFG that because we now have an alternative, IDFG was no longer authorized to remove the bears and asked them to live-capture the remaining cub. The agency agreed to live capture. Later that day, they reported that they attempted to live capture the cub, but had no option but to shoot the cub.

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From: [Szuszwalak, Joseph A](#)
To: [Cooley, Hilary](#)
Cc: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)
Subject: Re: Tetonia
Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 11:52:46 AM

Nothing has come in through our region, checking to see if R1 has heard anything else recently but doubt they would have anything without looping us in.

Joe Szuszwalak (*He/Him*)

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I acknowledge that I work and live in the lands of the Ute, Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Očhéthi Šakówinj (Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota) Tribes.

From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>
Cc: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Tetonia

Hey Joe -

Have we received any media requests about the Tetonia conflict?

Thanks

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From: [Sarah Lundstrum](#)
To: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#); [Cooley, Hilary](#)
Cc: [Betsy Buffington](#); [McNamara, Amy](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for information: IDFG removal of three grizzlies in Nov.
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 1:07:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Ben,

I hope you are fully recovered! Yes, Thursday this week works.

Thanks,
Sarah

From: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 11:44 AM
To: Sarah Lundstrum <slundstrum@npca.org>; Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Cc: Betsy Buffington <bbuffington@npca.org>; McNamara, Amy <amcnamara@nrdc.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for information: IDFG removal of three grizzlies in Nov.

Hi Sarah,

This is/was on my desk, and I apologize for the delay. I ended up ringing in the new year by getting sick, and was out pretty much all of last week. I am working on this today, and thinking we should be able to get you a response by Thursday of this week. Does that work for you folks?

My apologies again, and Happy New Year to all of you as well.

Ben Jimenez
Conflict Coordinator
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From: Sarah Lundstrum <slundstrum@npca.org>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Cc: Betsy Buffington <bbuffington@npca.org>; McNamara, Amy <amcnamara@nrdc.org>; Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for information: IDFG removal of three grizzlies in Nov.

Hi Hilary,

Happy New Year! I'm just bumping this back up, to see if you have a timeline for getting back to me?

Thanks!

Sarah

From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Sarah Lundstrum <slundstrum@npca.org>
Cc: Betsy Buffington <bbuffington@npca.org>; McNamara, Amy <amcnamara@nrdc.org>; Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for information: IDFG removal of three grizzlies in Nov.

Hi Sarah,

We intend on responding to your questions shortly after the New Year. We were hoping to have a response to you before the holidays, but things always seem to be particularly busy this time of year. This year is no exception.

I hope you have a happy holiday season and thanks again for your interest in bear conservation.

- Hilary

From: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 7:10 AM
To: Sarah Lundstrum <slundstrum@npca.org>
Cc: Betsy Buffington <bbuffington@npca.org>; McNamara, Amy <amcnamara@nrdc.org>; Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for information: IDFG removal of three grizzlies in Nov.

Thanks for your email and concern, Sarah.
We'll be back in touch shortly.

From: Sarah Lundstrum <slundstrum@npca.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Cc: Betsy Buffington <bbuffington@npca.org>; McNamara, Amy <amcnamara@nrdc.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for information: IDFG removal of three grizzlies in Nov.

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Hi Hilary,

I hope this finds you well and Happy Holidays.

Please find attached a letter of request for more information regarding the removal of the sow and two cubs northwest of Driggs, ID in early November. I'm sending on behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), please feel free to reach out for further clarification if needed, to bbuffington@npca.org and amcnamara@nrdc.org.

Thank you,
Sarah



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Hilary >

Mon, Nov 7 at 4:59 PM

Just got update from Jennifer carpenter. Sounds like idfg has new thoughts... not urgent but call if you want.

So I just had a conversation with Matt, and he still seemed to be of the opinion that unless the park would take a female, they were not interested in trying to relocate the female anywhere near them

Weird...I'll let Jennifer know

I did not tell him you heard otherwise from Jennifer, but figured we could sort it out in the morning

Good- yes

Mon, Nov 7 at 7:11 PM

From Jennifer :

From Pi (kerry's direct boss)



Text Message





Hilary >

From Jennifer :

From Pj (kerry's direct boss)
. Idaho often releases bears on
FS logging roads along the west
and south boundary of the park
(1-2 miles). They could do that
easily enough. Snow Creek or
Cave Falls. They've used them
before

Ask them if they will do that.
Release adjacent to the park.

Ok. Did that conversation involve
anybody from Idaho? And do you
know where that is? I have no
idea

I don't think it did...and I'm not
sure where snow creek is.
I told Jennifer we'll check back
with idfg tomorrow

Ok, sounds good

Tue, Nov 8 at 9:43 AM



Text Message





Hilary >

Were you actually going to check with Teton?

Can't hurt to ask. I'm guessing it will not go over (WY) but we can ask. I'd start with Justin. Do you feel comfortable ringing him or should I?

I'm in the middle of keto pick up, so I can either try later on or if you want to call him now that's totally fine as well

Guessing you didn't hear anything back from Toby? I hope that doesn't go over poorly

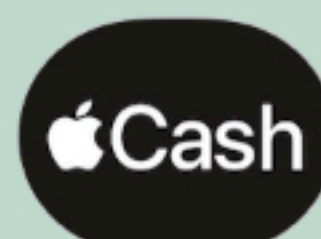
Nothing from Toby yet. I'll try gtnp

Kate is open to cubs. She'll check with leadership and also check on access. Will let us know tomorrow.

Awesome. If there's anything I can do let me know.



Text Message





Hilary >

Awesome. If there's anything I can do let me know.

As far as the whole IDFG thing, I think maybe next time I'd like to see if we could get Matt and Toby or whoever it might be in on a call together. I just don't like the idea of Matt thinking we went decided to go above him without including him

This just in from Toby:

Finally got to chat with the powers. They made up their mind. Sorry

Did he say who the powers were, just had a curiosity?

Just out of curiosity...

I agree- would be good idea. Wondering if we should tell Matt that we might have a place for cubs. I'd hate to have them taken out and then hear we gtnp is an option



Text Message





Hilary >

I agree- would be good idea.
Wondering if we should tell Matt
that we might have a place for
cubs. I'd hate to have them
taken out and then hear we gtnp
is an option

Thats all I got from him. So I I
don't know

I can call and see what's going
on over there, and at least let
them know that we're still
working on possibilities

That would be great

At the same time, I think it's ok to
push back on these things. This
is a unique situation and they
know it

Well crap. Sow and one cub were
removed at some point earlier
this afternoon/evening. Not sure
where remaining cub is currently.
Traps still open.



Text Message



3:49



Hilary >

KNOW IT

Well crap. Sow and one cub were removed at some point earlier this afternoon/evening. Not sure where remaining cub is currently. Traps still open.

Matt asked if I'd hold off on putting word out until tomorrow morning when they sort out the scene

Ok thanks

I'll let sandi know

Tonight?

I just sent her a text.
I'll also send a text to Matt H tonight and then first thing tomorrow would you please send an update to the usual group plus Sandi

Ok

Thu Nov 10 at 9:04 AM



Text Message





Hilary >

Matt p called - they "could not
dart bear", so removed it. Tell u
more in a bit

You serious? Sorry, (b) (6)
(b) (6)(b) (6) so I told him I
would call him soon as I could or
he can call you

I still can't really take a call, but I
will pass word along to Justin,
Kate, and Becca

Yup. I called Sandi and am
following up email to Matt.

We'll talk later- nothing imminent
now.

I am thinking bad words right
now

Yes

Conf line number for IDFG call....
(b)(5)CIP



Text Message





Matt >

Text Message
Wed, Nov 9 at 7:37 PM

Hi Matt. I said I would do my best to keep things quiet until tomorrow morning, but it was decided that a couple folks who had been a part of conversations over the last couple days should be made aware of the current situation. I asked those folks to not pass anything along until we had a chance to sort things out tomorrow morning, but I just wanted to give you a heads up since we had just talked about it earlier this evening.

Let's talk in the morning.

Sounds good. I may be in and out of coverage early on, but if you can't reach me and need to talk to someone immediately, certainly call Hilary as well

Hilary Cooley

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HC



Text Message





Matt >

Thu, Nov 10 at 7:47 AM

Just as a heads up, her GPS collar put out a mortality signal, which various people have probably gotten by now. So people are going to figure it out pretty quick regardless of who says what

Call you in 10?

Perfect. Please do

Have you guys considered free darting the remaining cub?

Yes.

Given the Teton Park option seems like it is still on the table, we would like to see all options exhausted before shooting the cub at this point.

If that requires more involvement on our part, we can work on that

Thu, Nov 10 at 2:15 PM



Text Message



December 14, 2022

Dr. Hilary Cooley, Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Montana
University Hall, Room 309
Missoula, MT, 59812

Dear Dr. Cooley:

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) request that the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provide details regarding the process and events that led to Idaho Fish and Game shooting a grizzly sow and her two cubs on the 9th and 10th of November 2022, northwest of Driggs, Idaho.

Our organizations have worked for decades at the federal, state and local level to support grizzly bear recovery in the Northern Rockies. We share some of the concerns raised by many area residents and want to understand the process and rationale that led to Idaho Fish and Game using lethal action against these grizzly bears. Depending on how this management action occurred, it could have implications for grizzly bear management across Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

Specifically, we request that the Service answer the following questions in a timely manner:

- What offense did these bears commit that justified their lethal removal?
- Was the lethal removal of this sow and two cubs in accordance with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Guidelines and the Grizzly Bear Special Rule (50 CFR 17.40)? If so, please explain how.
- Did Idaho Fish and Game request and receive written or oral approval from the Service for lethal action? Who from the state agency made that request?
- Who within the Service approved the specific request from Idaho Fish and Game to kill these bears? Who in the Service verified the reasons given by the state agency to justify this lethal action? What internal process did the Service follow to reach the decision to kill these grizzlies?

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to these questions.

Sincerely,

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From: [Turner, Ally](#)
To: [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#); [Cooley, Hilary](#)
Cc: [Szuszwalak, Joseph A](#); [Smith, Amanda](#); [Fisher, Sandi](#)
Subject: Re: Tetonia Bear Statement
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:27:32 PM

Sure. When would you like to chat?

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Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Turner, Ally <ally_turner@fws.gov>; Cooley, Hilary <hilary_cooley@fws.gov>
Cc: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>; Smith, Amanda <amanda_smith@fws.gov>; Fisher, Sandi <sandi_fisher@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: Tetonia Bear Statement

Hi Ally,

Yes, we can work on something quickly. Do you have a few minutes for a quick call?

Thanks,

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From: Turner, Ally <ally_turner@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:24 PM
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Cc: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>; Smith, Amanda <amanda_smith@fws.gov>; Fisher, Sandi <sandi_fisher@fws.gov>
Subject: Tetonia Bear Statement

Hilary and Ben-

We are being asked by the Region 1 External Affairs ARD to come up with a statement about

the Tetonia bear issue. Can you suggest something here that "is just enough to give media something beyond no comment"? Amanda and I will run it through the approval process (with Joe if he is available). Thanks much!!

~Ally

Allyson Turner (She/Her)

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BL

Becca >

Looks like 1089's collar is on mort this morning. Any updates?

Ok. Are there any good coffee shops nearby or anybody who could give you a ride back if you drop it off super early?

I have to be there to hand them the keys, so I'd have to wait in line for an hour

But I should be able to get a ride to drop it off for the day after that

That's lame.

And yeah. Unfortunately they removed her and one of her cubs at some point yesterday afternoon. Still keeping it quiet to some extent until we hear back from IDFG on the scene this morning.

Thu, Nov 10 at 10:52 AM

I sure hope you are in Jackson



Text Message





Becca >

removed her and one of her cubs at some point yesterday afternoon. Still keeping it quiet to some extent until we hear back from IDFG on the scene this morning.

Thu, Nov 10 at 10:52 AM

I sure hope you are in Jackson right now?

Yes, why???

Thu, Nov 10 at 12:41 PM

I'm all set up. I'm assuming I'm staying here until we get the word? Or do you want me stationed somewhere closer just in case?

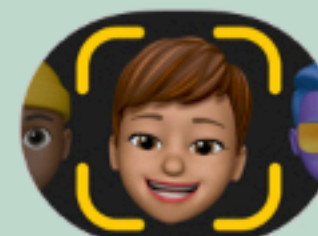
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Rodger

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Tue, Nov 15 at 8:36 AM



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On 11/10, GTNP came forward with a potential relocation site, pending approval. USFWS asked IDFG to live-capture the remaining cub and offered to have a USFWS Grizzly Bear Conflict Specialist on site to take the cub once it was sedated. USFWS would then hold the cub in a secure facility until a relocation plan could be finalized. Later that day, IDFG authorized personnel on the ground to remove the remaining cub.

Hi Martha,

We wanted to provide you with some background on a situation involving a family group outside of Tetonia, Idaho.

In mid-October, MTFWP captured a sow with two cubs of the year (COY) in Gardiner, MT. These bears had previously spent time between Gardiner and Mammoth, primarily feeding on natural food sources throughout the late spring and early summer. In late summer/early fall, the bears moved in closer to Mammoth, and started spending time in around park buildings, housing, etc. The bears were still not necessarily getting into trouble, but because the female was showing a level of comfort around people the park was not comfortable with, they hazed the bears out of the area. Shortly thereafter, the bears showed up in the town of Gardiner, and begin exhibiting the same behavior. They were still not necessarily getting into trouble but were frequenting apple trees in and around people's yards and again showing very high levels of comfort around people. Multiple attempts were made to haze her and her cubs, but she did not leave the area. Quick aside: hazing in Gardiner (as in many towns or urban areas) is a difficult task due to fenced yards, roads, private property, etc. After multiple failed attempts to haze these bears out of town, FWP requested permission to capture and relocate the whole family group. We gave approval, and the bears were captured and relocated to an area outside of West Yellowstone on November 17. Within several weeks the sow had moved her cubs down to an area west of Tetonia, ID, approximately 40-45 miles away. The area she ended up in is 3-5 miles east of Tetonia, and is a mix of riparian areas, open fields/ag land, and "mini-ranchette" subdivisions (1-5-acre parcels). Since arriving, collar data indicates she has been spending a large portion of her time in riparian areas, presumably feeding on hawthorn, and venturing out into more open areas, presumably in search of other foods (see map below. The town of Tetonia is off the map to the south and west). She has been in close proximity to people and homes on multiple occasions, but to the best of our knowledge has again not shown any tendencies towards aggressive behavior, breaking into structures, or even getting into food sources generally associated with "conflict" (garbage, compost, pet or livestock feed, etc.).

On Sunday and Monday, November 6-7, we started receiving calls from Idaho Fish and Game. They noted the bears was continuing to move west, towards Tetonia, and were concerned about threats to human safety. IDFG requested approval to try and trap the sow and her cubs, and to lethally remove the sow if captured. Based on her high level of comfort around people, her repeated selection for food sources in around houses, and on the lack of response to multiple hazing efforts and a relocation effort, we gave permission to remove the sow if captured. We indicated our desire to find potential relocation options for the cubs. As a note, the idea of trying to relocate COYS was based on conversations with grizzly bear managers and biologists throughout the region with many decades experiencing working with grizzly bears. There was a high degree of support among these managers and biologists for giving COYs a chance to survive on their own. Idaho Fish and Game was resistant to the idea of relocating any of the bears within Idaho, so we asked Yellowstone if they would be able to take the cubs. The morning of Tuesday, November 8, we again spoke with IDFG regional personnel, at which time it became clear they were adamantly opposed to capturing the cubs if we did not have a solid relocation option outside of Idaho. Shortly after these initial conversations Yellowstone NP informed us they were unable to accept the cubs. We relayed this information to IDFG, and they requested permission to lethally remove all three bears based on threat to human safety. We expressed our opinion that COYs were not a threat to human safety and that we would like to consider alternative options to removal. As with relocating COYs, our opinion on the threat COYs presented was based on our own perspective as well as from

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On Wednesday morning, we received word that GTNP may in fact be able to take the remaining cub, pending approval from park officials. We reached out to IDFG with this information and asked them to either capture or free-dart the cub given this new potential option. Idaho Fish and Game said they were willing to try and free-dart the cub if the option presented itself, but were going to move ahead with lethal removal if they could not safely dart the bear. We said we did not agree; this cub posed an immediate or demonstrable threat to human safety and were no longer authorizing the removal of the cub given a potential relocation option. Idaho Fish and Game asked if we knew for certain GTNP would take the cub. We said we did not know for certain, but were intent on at least taking sufficient time to explore all available options. At that point IDFG personnel expressed their displeasure with our stance, said as far they were concerned the conversation was over, and after indicating we would hear from higher IDFG officials, ended the call. Since that time, we have continued our communication with personnel from GTNP and Wyoming Game and Fish, still with the hopes of capturing the remaining cub. We have also been in contact with Sandi Fisher, who has been in contact with personnel from the IDFG Director's office. Our understanding is that IDFG is now willing to try and capture the cub through additional means, including resetting traps if free-darting does not work in the current location. We are currently waiting to hear back directly from IDFG or from Sandi. We are concurrently continuing to coordinate with GTNP on potential relocation efforts and have also reached out to several approved zoos about potential placement if relocation is not an option.

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We appreciate all of your efforts Ben and Hilary. Thanks for the great coordination and for keeping us in the loop. We will always be willing to continue discussing creative solutions as future incidents arise.

Yeah- you guys have been great. Thank you and sorry to make you do a bunch of extra work. The outcome is unfortunately

Have you guys considered free darting the remaining cub?

Yes.

Given the Teton Park option seems like it is still on the table, we would like to see all options exhausted before shooting the cub at this point.

If that requires more involvement on our part, we can work on that

Looks like 1089's collar is on mort this morning. Any updates?

Unfortunately they removed her and one of her cubs at some point yesterday afternoon. Still keeping it quiet to some extent until we hear back from IDFG on the scene this morning.

I sure hope you are in Jackson right now?

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MB

Mike >

new prints since Monday too.
he's here every night. - From my
GC pics of my house

Thanks!

Just 3 miles down the road from
where that other bear 1089 is
hanging out

Ok I didn't realize he was that
close

Mon, Nov 7 at 5:59 AM

Are you working today?

Yup!

Ok I could use some help at TV if
you are available

Yep, can do. I am south of Afton
at the moment working my way
towards Jackson.

Mon, Nov 7 at 3:20 PM

Evangelical I think they're good



Text Message





Mike >

I'm assuming no bear? 1089 moved further into Idaho. Although yesterday she was only a mile from the boarder. (She's still only 3-4 miles into Idaho) Where'd that picture you sent come from?

Tue, Nov 8 at 10:14 AM

Ben has not heard anything more about that Idaho bear. So I assume that at least they did not catch it last night.

Tue, Nov 8 at 1:49 PM

You should ask Hillary if there is money to buy you a aluminum trap

They are building some culvert-y looking ones for our conflict section. I don't know if I'll get one or not...might be depend on Dan's feelings on things

I'll tell Dan I think you should have a tran



Text Message





Mike >

Bear moved slightly further into Idaho today. No reports from Ben on capture

Thu, Nov 10 at 7:01 AM

You said you were getting tires done this morning? What time?

9 at shirvins

Ok never mind then!

I got there 15 minutes before they opened but didn't make the cut for the first 30 people in line

Dang the parking lot looked full when I drove by at 630

Dang, I don't want to have to show up an hour before I can drop it off!

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Text Message





MB

Mike >

Lubricated all the links on the trigger and tightened the spring. Really had to tune the trigger so that it pulled easy

Good to know!

Did they kill that cub? Just curious

Yea

Call me if you want the few details I know

Ok I'll call you in little bit

Sounds good

Tue, Nov 15 at 1:32 PM

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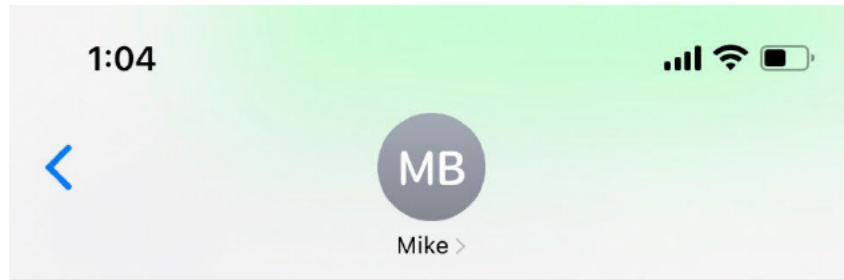
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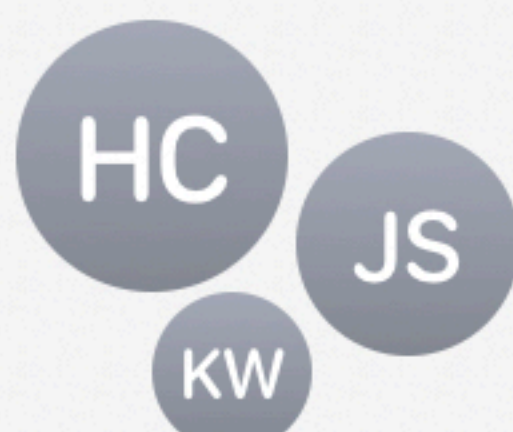
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Fwd:cool I think they're good -they are set for them if they catch them looks like they're gonna move them North or something but but either way they were kind of scrambling earlier, all good, and I just asked [REDACTED] to keep you informed

Thanks for the update!

Mon, Nov 7 at 6:05 PM





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Wed, Nov 9 at 6:53 PM

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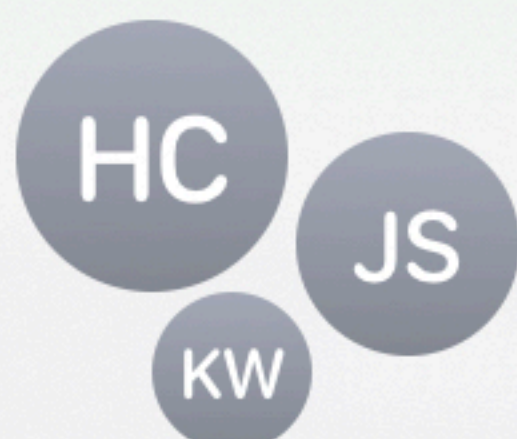
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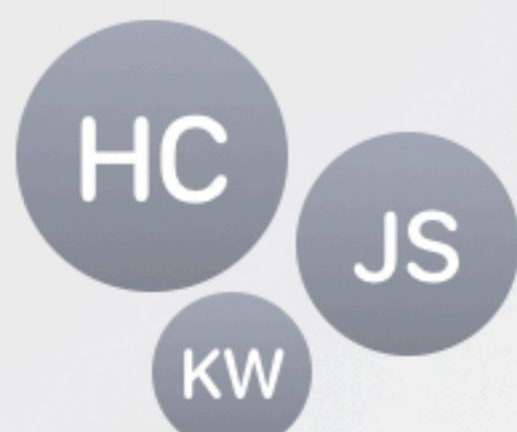
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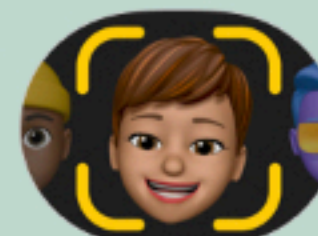
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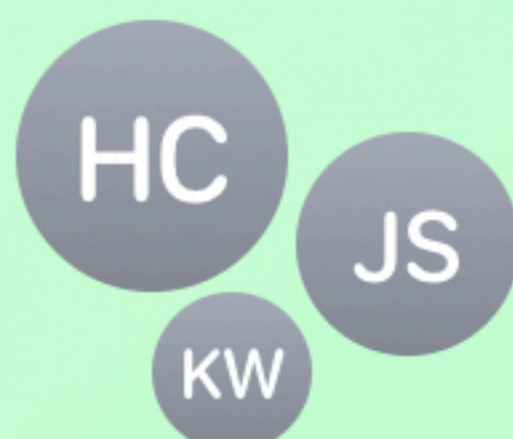
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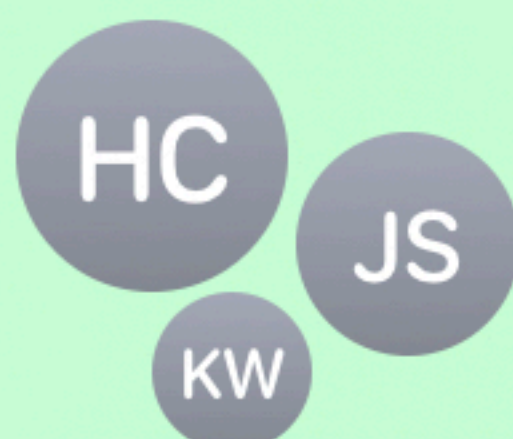
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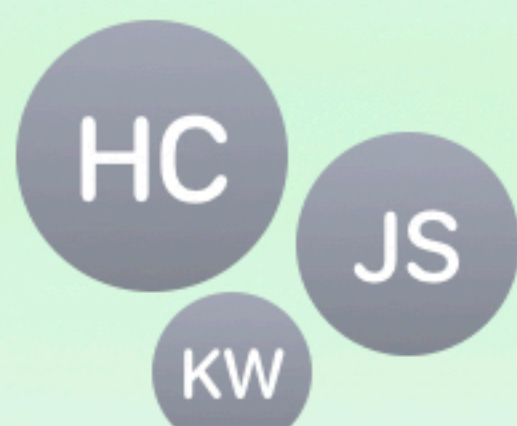
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