

From: Jonkel, James
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jimenez, Benjamin S; Vance, Morgan C
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Placement of deer carcasses on MFL Ranch to keep the grizzlies out of the Leo Hansen area
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:04:53 AM

[REDACTED] did capture one of the grizzly sub adults this am on the west side of the valley. We are hoping to capture the second sibling today. If not we will be handling the bear tomorrow and relocating it to the welcome Creek Wilderness Area [REDACTED]. Morgan may be bringing an elk to the [REDACTED] today, big bull, that was Road killed. You can place it wherever, we were thinking it might be nice to have that elk at your place in case we did not catch the second bear and needed a carcass for future baiting. Nothing like a whole elk to bring in a grizzly.

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From: Jonkel, James <JJonkel@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:16:24 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>; Vance, Morgan C <morgan_vance@fws.gov>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Placement of deer carcasses on [REDACTED] to keep the grizzlies out of the Leo Hansen area

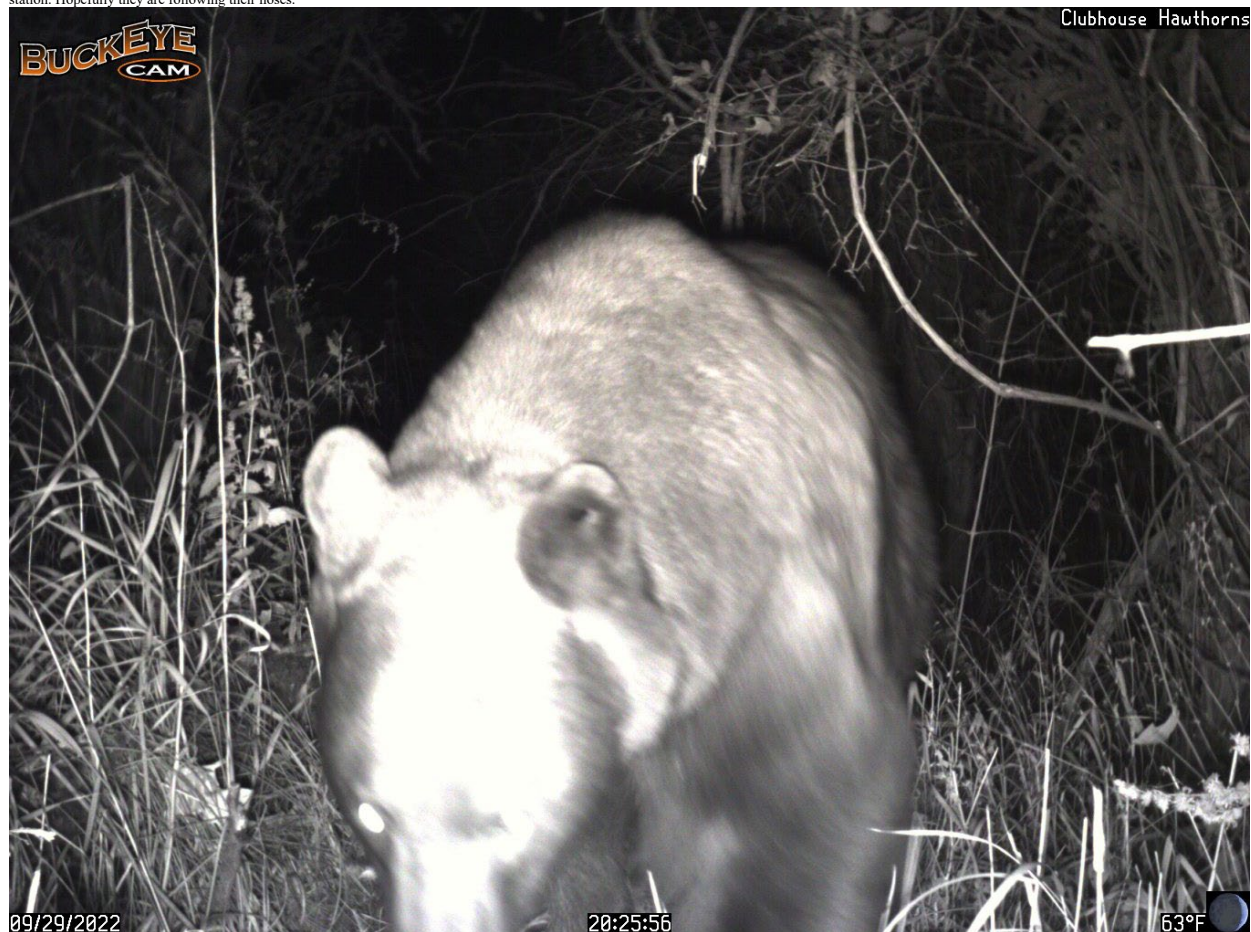
We had video of the two Grizzlies over on West Carlton last night at Lone Moose Court at 3 in the morning. [REDACTED] did you get photos of the two Grizzlies together last night or just that one?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:08:07 AM
To: Jonkel, James <JJonkel@mt.gov>

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Placement of deer carcasses on [REDACTED] to keep the grizzlies out of the Leo Hansen area

Great. Griz came back by the clubhouse last night. At least pointing in the right direction to get to the bait station. Yesterday we tied a deer to a truck 30 yards away from this camera and drug it to the feeding station. Hopefully they are following their noses.



On Sep 30, 2022, at 10:00 AM, Jonkel, James <JJonkel@mt.gov> wrote

All doors are up at new site and nothing on camera at the trap sites

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

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:23:05 AM

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Cc: Vance, Morgan C <morgan_vance@fws.gov>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Placement of deer carcasses on [REDACTED] to keep the grizzlies out of the Leo Hansen area

Great! Thanks a bunch for all this extra effort

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 6:03:45 AM
To: Jonkel, James <jaJonkel@mt.gov>
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On Sep 30, 2022, at 6:02 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) wrote

Hi All
This is the (b) (6) to see the live cameras at (b) (6). Please let me know if you have any trouble using it.
The diagram below shows where the carcasses are on the North Draw Live Camera.
Thanks
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

On Sep 29, 2022, at 2:54 PM, Jonkel, James <jaJonkel@mt.gov> wrote

Very good. Thanks for doing that everyone. (b) (6) and (b) (6) did set traps over at (b) (6). She of course suggested using donuts for bait to (b) (6). Some folks just don't get it.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) >
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 2:31 PM
To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>
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Sorry another correction. Off line. The public will not be able to see the cameras.

On Sep 29, 2022, at 2:01 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) > wrote

Yes, thanks all. Will be taking our public cameras on line and will send a private link so we can see if the bears start using the carcasses.

On Sep 29, 2022, at 1:51 PM, Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov> wrote

Good deal. Thanks all.

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I transferred the carcasses to (b) (6) guys and they're going to get them out. (b) (6) said they were putting some cameras out so we'll know if the bears come around.

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From: Vance, Morgan C <morgan_vance@fws.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:20:51 PM
To: Jimenez, Benjamin S <benjamin_jimenez@fws.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) >
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Headed to the ranch now to meet with (b) (6) guys. Three carcasses onboard.

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Placement of deer carcasses on (b) (6) to keep the grizzlies out of the Leo Hansen area

Thanks a bunch (b) (6) et al. and thanks Morgan for looking into carcasses. Keep us posted!

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) >
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Subject: Re [EXTERNAL] Placement of deer carcasses on (b) (6) to keep the grizzlies out of the Leo Hansen area

Correction (b) (6)

The ranch address is (b) (6) in your mapping app.

On Sep 29 2022 at 12 13 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) > wrote

Hi All
The ranch is located at the end of (b) (6). The code to get in is (b) (6) for September and it switches to (b) (6) for October. We have an area of a couple square miles we can control access to with a gate.
We have some guys around today to help set up. The map below shows an orange line leading to the carcass drop site. There is a gate about a mile before the carcass drop site that we will keep closed. The code for that gate is (b) (6)(b) (6)
I put a blob on the orange line about a mile north of the entrance gate. We are going to leave a trailer there for drop offs of extra carcasses. Our crew can take them in if you let us know when you drop them.
Thanks!
(b) (6)
(b) (6)

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On Sep 29 2022 at 11 04 AM Vance Morgan C <morgan_vance@fws.gov> wrote

I'll go have a look at the Bitterroot compost site.

From: Jonkel James <jalonkel@mt.gov>
Sent: Thursday September 29 2022 10 36 AM
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I will let you and (b) (6) can make arrangements for meeting. Sounds like (b) (6) has a few sites in mind. Take care. JJJ.

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Great thanks. When I come up with some carcasses where should I put them?

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Sweet. Hopefully this will keep the two sub adults out of the Leo Hansen area. (b) (6), and (b) (6)---allow me to introduce you to Ben Jimenez and Morgan Vance with the USFWS Office of the Grizzly Bear Coordinator. It sounds like they have time today to assist with gathering up some deer carcasses for placement on the (b) (6) across from the Leo Hansen area. Hopefully we can hold the bears on the (b) (6) until we can get the Leo Hansen area on board with bear-resistant cans and electric fence. We will try to get you some carcasses ASAP and sounds like you already have a collecting permit to pick carcasses up for bear and eagle work.

Morgan---here is the location of the compost site out at the Wye (b) (6)

Morgan---here is the location of the compost site down the (b) (6)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) >
Sent: Thursday September 29 2022 9 29 AM
To: Jonkel James <jalonkel@mt.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) >
Subject: Re [EXTERNAL] Re Photos of grizzlies on (b) (6) on 26th

Yes will send a map. We can close areas with gates.

On Sep 29 2022 at 9 28 AM Jonkel James <jalonkel@mt.gov> wrote

If we were able to round up some deer carcasses do you have ideas for site placement? They would have to be in areas where there was no bow hunting or hiking by the public?

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) >
Sent: Thursday September 29 2022 9 10 AM

Yes. We are definitely open to that.

Sadly the two little grizzlies were videoed over on Leo Hanson's last night and the night before at a real ornery lady's house. Her name is [REDACTED] and she lives right here. Sadly looks like we got to go set traps over there and hopefully we will not catch them. Would you guys be up to placing deer carcasses randomly on your property to perhaps keep these bears away from Leo Hanson area?

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Jonkel, James <jjonkel@mt.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Photos of grizzlies on MPG Ranch on 26th

"Jamie you probably don't remember me but I work at FWP 2000-2003 with Pierce and Schmetterling. Still follow the news out there and saw the recent article about the grizzlies in the Bitterroot. I'm sure that you already have this information but I watch the (b) (6) trailcams to see the wildlife I miss.

Yesterday the 26th two images of grizzlies showed up on the North Miller camera. One shows both of them well just the snout of the second. Was going to bother me if I didn't send something to you. Hope all is well and enjoy the fall I remember you running on fumes during the valley push."