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Hi all,

Reasonably quiet week on the conflict front. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions.

GBRP Conflict Update October 18-24

Montana

- 10/21 - FWS conflict specialists relocated 2 cubs of the year this past Friday evening (10/21) to the Moose Creek Plateau area, south of West Yellowstone. The mother of these cubs was captured by FWP bear manager (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) after getting into various food sources, showing signs of habituation and food conditioning, and exhibiting increasing levels of comfort around and aggressiveness towards humans near Big Sky, Montana. This bear had been hazed on multiple occasions over the course of several days/weeks but did not leave the area. Based on the failed attempts and hazing as well as the fact that she was regularly active, in close proximity to, and being aggressive towards people during daylight hours, the decision was made to remove this bear out of concern for human safety. Upon capture, it was discovered that she was an old (25 years old) research bear, and was in very poor body condition with high levels of tooth wear. The decision to preemptively capture and relocate the cubs was based on the time of year and the fact the cubs were in good overall condition. The relocation site was selected in concert with FWP and local USFS personnel.
- Collar data from the two subadult grizzly bears captured south of I-90 in the north end of the Bitterroot and relocated to the Welcome Creek Wilderness on 10/3 - 10/4 show the bears have now moved north across Highway 200 and reconnected in the Scapegoat Wilderness.
- FWS Conflict Specialists continue to assist FWP with various fencing, conflict mitigation, and bear education efforts.

Wyoming

- 10/21 - A hunter was injured near Pinedale when he accidentally shot himself in the leg while trying to fend off a grizzly bear. To the best of our knowledge, the bear did not touch the hunter, and the only injuries reported were from the gunshot wound.

[Bear attack in Wyoming: Man shoots himself during grizzly charge - Deseret News](#)

- No additional sightings of 399.

- No additional sightings of 863 and her cubs.

Thanks,

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