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Matt and Marj,

We wanted to let you know that IDFG captured the two yearlings that have been causing problems for the last several months outside of Ashton. Based on the length of time over which these bears have been receiving food rewards, their increasingly bold and potentially aggressive behavior around people, the lack of response to hazing from IDFG, and the extent of unsecured attractants in the area, we authorized the removal of both. While the timing is not ideal, given everything going on with the Tetonia situation, this one was a much clearer situation. Feel free to call if you have any questions, but we wanted to let you know. IDFG will be putting out a press release due to the sensitivity of the general area, and highlighting the issue with unsecured attractions and the effort to put forth before this decision was reached.

Thank you,

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