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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

- 11/7 - GBRP members met virtually with new FWS Tribal Liaisons Cassie Powell and Amy Coffman to discuss ideas and future work on and around reservations. More conversations to follow.

Idaho

- FWS Worked with IDFG and YNP on potential management options for a sow and two cubs of the year on the outskirts of Tetonia, Idaho. These bears were initially hazed out of Mammoth by park officials in early October after spending increasing time in and around park housing. They then started spending time in

and around Gardiner, MT, again very near houses and people. The bears were mainly focused on apple trees, but their increasing activity during daylight hours, exceedingly high level of comfort around people, and lack of response to repeated hazing efforts led FWP to request trapping and relocating. All three bears were captured and relocated to an area of MT south of West Yellowstone on 10/17, but by early November had made their way to the outskirts of Tetonia, +/- 50 miles away. The bears once again seemed to be focused on apples and other fruit trees, but continued to show little regard for people and were repeatedly seen in and around houses, in yards, driveways, etc. Idaho is setting traps for all three bears and requesting the removal of the female. FWS is working with IDFG and YNP on potential relocation sites for the cubs.

- 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,

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