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Hi all,

Below is the GBRP update for August. As always, please reach out if you would like any additional information or if I have missed anyone with this email.

GBRP Update 08/06 - 09/05/2024

Libby/Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak:

- Trap and hair snag crews are out working in the Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk recovery areas.
- 2 yearling males captured and collared in the Cabinet Mountains

Conflict:

Idaho

- 8/13 - IDFG relocated an adult male grizzly captured at the site of a calf depredation near Island Park. The bear had previously been captured purposes, but had no known conflict history.
- 8/xx - IDFG relocated a young adult female grizzly captured at a different depredation site outside of Island Park. This bear was deemed a nontarget capture, as it was not believed to be responsible for the depredation.
- 9/1 - An archery hunter was injured, and an older (~20) year old male grizzly was killed in a surprise encounter outside of Island Park. [Archery hunter survives bear attack in Island Park | Idaho Fish and Game](#)
- 9/2 - Female grizzly found dead in the vicinity of dead cow. Mortality is under investigation by FWS OLE.

Montana

- 8/9 - FWS relocated a young male bear captured by FWP in the Elk Park area after the bear showed increasingly high levels of comfort around homes during daylight.
- 8/28 - Young female grizzly was hit and killed by a vehicle outside of Augusta.
- 8/30 - 2 yearling grizzlies suspected shot near road outside Valier. Mortalities

under investigation by FWS OLE.

- 5 management removals
 - 8/14 - Adult male removed from the Blackfoot for multiple cattle depredations.
 - 8/21 - Adult female removed from the Gravellys after extensive sheep depredations over several weeks.
 - 8/29 - Young male bear removed from the Elliston area after escalating conflicts and habituation lead to increased concern for human safety. Bear had been captured and relocated on 8/9.
 - 8/29 - Adult male removed from the Blackfoot reservation after extensive food rewards and escalating conflicts, including hard-sided structures. Bear had previous conflict history in the area.

Washington

- 9/4 - WDFW received video of grizzly 1068 at a deer feeder. The video indicates 1068 may have sustained some sort of injury to his left front paw. FWS met with WDFW to discuss options, and the decision was made to try and capture 1068 if there is an opportunity to do so safely. If captured, we will assess the injury and decide on next steps at that time.

Wyoming

- 8/19 - WGFD relocated an adult male grizzly captured at a depredation site on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.
- 8/20 - WGFD relocated an adult female grizzly captured at a depredation site on the Shoshone National Forest.
- 8/31 - Grizzly 399 + yearling were observed SW of Jackson, in the Red Top Meadows area. No reports of conflicts at this time. This is an area she has travelled through in previous years.
- Limited sightings of the bear presumed to be 863 or her cubs as Togwotee Pass remains closed due to fire activity.
- 7 management removals in Wyoming:
 - 8/6 - ~ 6-year-old male removed from the Upper Green after multiple cattle depredations. Bear was captured and relocated in 2022 for similar issues in that area.
 - 8/10 - 5–6-year-old male removed from Union Pass area for multiple

depredations

- 8/13 - 15+ year old male removed after multiple depredations throughout the spring and summer
- 8/23 - Adult female removed from corn maze outside of Clark. WGFD had been trying to capture this female for several years due to human safety concerns.
- 8/24 - Adult female removed from Upper Green after multiple cattle depredations. Bear had been captured and relocated twice before for similar issues in that area.
- 8/25 - Sub-adult male removed from S Fk of Shoshone after becoming increasingly habituated and receiving multiple food rewards. Bear was captured and relocated in 2023 from Clark corn maze over concerns for human safety.
- 8/27 - Adult male removed from Clark corn maze over concerns for human safety.

Tribal Engagement:

- GBRP Conflict Specialist attended a week-long Native relations training in Browning, MT along with ~30 USFWS employees from across Region 6. It was an immersive introduction to Niitsitapi culture and history, with a focus on knowledge transfer and relationship forming. The program included talks by Tribal elders and knowledge holders from the Blackfeet, Eastern Shoshone, and Māori people as well as presentations by USFWS Native American Program Office personnel.

General:

- GBRP is reviewing applicants for USFWS and NPS detail position to assist with NCE implementation planning.

Thanks for your support, and have a good weekend.

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