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Hi all,

Below is the internal GBRP update for June (and the first week of July). With reports of conflicts starting to increase a bit, I will look to back to our bi-weekly interval. The “to” list for these is ever-evolving, so please let me know if there is anyone I should add to or remove from this list. Similarly, please let me know if anyone would like additional information on anything in here.

GBRP Update 7/8/2024

Libby/Cabinet-Yaak:

- Trap and hair snag crews are out working in the Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk recovery areas.
- One female grizzly bear has been captured thus far in the Yaak River drainage.
- Sentencing of an individual in northwest MT from a grizzly bear killing in 2020 resulted in 2 months prison time, \$10k fine, 4 months of house confinement, and 3 years probation. The individual killed an adult female in the Yaak River drainage and tried to disable the radio collar.

Conflict:

Idaho

- 6/6 - A yearling male grizzly was shot in a defense of life situation, outside Island Park. [Island Park man shoots grizzly in defense-of-life | Idaho Fish and Game](#)
- 6/10 - A young male grizzly bear was killed in a case of mistaken ID southeast of Coeur d’Alene and 50 miles southwest of the Cabinet-Yaak recovery zone. USFWS OLE is currently investigating the incident. [F&G concludes investigation in Panhandle Region grizzly bear shooting | Idaho Fish and Game](#)

Montana

- Working with MT FWP, an accredited facility was found to take the grizzly cub orphaned as a result of the defensive encounter outside Wolf Creek on 4/25/24. The cub will be moved from MT WILD (FWP) to the facility at the end of July.

- 6/8 - USFWS relocated a grizzly bear outside of Red Lodge, MT. The bear was captured by MTFWP in a preemptive effort after frequenting campgrounds and recreational sites over an extended period of time, and not responding to multiple hazing efforts.
- 6/12 - An adult female grizzly was put down by MT FWP after the bear was shot and wounded by a landowner. This bear had been captured and relocated earlier this spring for getting into and killing unsecured poultry in the same area. The incident remains under investigation.
- 6/19 - A female grizzly was killed by vehicle strike north of St. Ignatius. CSKT Wildlife did not believe the female was actively lactating, and subsequent efforts turned up no evidence of offspring.
- 6/22 - An injured cub was removed by MT FWP outside of West Yellowstone. There were no signs of the mother, and the cub was severely injured and in very poor condition.
- 6/27 - A young grizzly was struck and killed by a train outside of East Glacier.
- 7/2 - A young, injured grizzly was removed by Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife. The bear, initially reported by a landowner, was later located by Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife and found to be missing a lower hind leg.
- 7/4 - USFWS relocated a grizzly bear that was captured by MTFWP outside of Columbia Falls, MT. The bear was captured after killing one pig and wounding another that subsequently had to be euthanized.
- USFWS is coordinating with MT FWP and YNP on an ongoing situation in and around Gardiner involving two older adult male grizzlies. One of the bears has an older ear tag, and both bears have been in and around town for several weeks causing increasing property damage and becoming increasingly bold. At least one of the bears has been documented breaking windows out of buildings and vehicles, including several that were occupied. Extensive trapping efforts have thus far been unsuccessful.

Washington

- Grizzly 1068 remains west of the Pend Oreille River, with no reported or suspected conflicts.

Wyoming

- No reports of grizzly bear 399 + yearling
- Grizzly bear 863 has been in the vicinity of Highway 26 and Togwotee Pass, but

reports of traffic jams and other associated issues have been infrequent.

- 5 management removals in Wyoming since the beginning of June:
 - 6/18 - Female grizzly removed from outside DMA after multiple depredations. Not lactating.
 - 6/24 - Female grizzly removed from outside DMA after multiple depredations and previous relocation for additional depredations. Not lactating.
 - 6/29 - Adult male grizzly removed from outside DMA after killing multiple depredations. Bear had previously been relocated for depredations.
 - 7/2 - Young adult male grizzly removed from outside DMA after multiple depredations.
 - 7/7 - Adult female removed from inside DMA after multiple depredations. Bear had been relocated twice previously for depredations. Not lactating.

GBRP

- The Missoula office has officially moved across campus into Corbin Hall. We are still figuring out office phone numbers and a main physical address, but will update everyone and everything as we do.

Thanks as always,

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