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Hi all,

Below is our first GBRP update for 2024. As in previous years, our intent will be to send these out on a bi-weekly basis... please forgive us in advance if we don't always hit that mark. Future updates will provide additional information on GBRP activity out of Libby and elsewhere, but we at least wanted to get this up and running for now. Also, I know there have been some comings and goings since last fall, so if I should add or remove anyone from this list, please let me know. Similarly, please let us know if any of you would like additional information on anything in here.

### **GBRP Update 4/29/2024**

**Conflict:**

Montana

- 3/18 – FWS relocated a young adult male grizzly on the Rocky Mountain front. This bear was captured by FWP after being observed in calving grounds on multiple occasions and scavenging on a calf carcass
- 4/19 – FWS relocated a young adult male from the Blackfeet Reservation to the Camas Cr area in Glacier National Park. This bear was captured by Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife and WS after killing a calf, with no previous conflict history.
- 4/25 – A female grizzly was shot and killed by a shed hunter in a defense of life encounter outside of Wolf Creek. The female had one cub of the year, which was captured by FWP the following day and transferred to FWP's MT Wild facility. FWS and FWP are actively looking for permanent placement for this cub.
- 4/29 – FWS relocated a female and two 2-year-old offspring were relocated to a remote area on the west side of Hungry Horse Reservoir. This bear was captured by FWS after being captured by FWP for getting into chickens outside of Ferndale, in NW MT.
- 2 management removals in Montana since the end of March:
  - 3/25 – The young adult male that had been relocated on 3/18 was removed after it returned to calving areas and killed a calf.

- 4/26 – An adult male was captured after killing a calf and a cow on the Blackfeet reservation.

## Wyoming

- Grizzly bear 399 + yearling:
  - 4/21 - Spotted north of Jackson Lake Lodge, inside Grand Teton National Park
  - 4/22 - Believed to have been spotted outside Teton Village
- 3 management removals in Wyoming in April:
  - 4/15 – A young adult male grizzly bear was captured in the Bighorn Mountains, ~80 miles outside the DMA after a cow was fatally injured and multiple calves went missing, with evidence suggested a lone grizzly had been in and around the calving grounds for the better part of a week. Due to the nature of the conflict and lack of relocation options at that time of year, the decision was made to remove the bear.
  - 4/25 – An older (20+) male grizzly bear captured 10 miles outside the DMA after killing 3 calves within a week.
  - 4/27 – An adult male grizzly bear captured outside of Cody after killing 3 calves in 3 nights.

Thanks all,

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