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**Subject:** Re: Glacier National Park - bear conflict  
**Date:** Friday, July 28, 2023 10:29:37 AM

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Still no bear. FWP will leave traps open for one more night and then close everything.

The DNA came back. This bear has been trapped one 2 prior occasions as part of research trapping. She was also involved in another surprise encounter in 2019 where she bit a hiker. It was not a serious injury, but would factor in to our management action decision should we catch her.

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Update:

Yesterday, FWP closed the traps, but left them in place, along with cameras.

Last night, a bear and at least one cub returned. Traps were closed, so they were not captured.

FWP is re-opening traps today. The genetics lab successfully amplified the DNA samples from the victim. If a bear is caught, we should be able to overnight a hair sample to the WY lab for comparison (and we'd know if this is the bear involved in the fatality). If this is the same bear, we would remove based on the rationale previously discussed (bear returning to the attack site, comfort around people/habituation, proximity to campground and busy trailhead).

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Yes - killed.

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Thanks for the update. Was the cub killed?

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Update: No bear at traps or on cameras in the area; FWP will close traps today.  
A cub was hit on the highway 1.5-2 miles from the site. FWP bear specialist believes this could be one of the family members from the incident. They will send DNA to WY lab to confirm.

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Can we set up a call for today after 415 to discuss so I can better understand our decision making. IF not, first thing tomorrow.

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We just had a meeting with FWP regional and Helena staff, as well as USFS (Mary Erikson).

Traps out for 1-2 more nights, then reassess. There are many bears in the area and there is concern that leaving traps open will invite non-target catches. We have given authorization to remove if they catch a bear and believe it is the culprit. We normally don't remove bears involved in defensive attacks, but there is evidence that this bear may have gotten trash, and if it is lingering in the area close to humans, that would be unacceptable. DNA from the scene is at the WY genetics lab and they will run against bear data to identify individual and to determine if this is a known bear. USFS has closed the area and will keep area closed through

this week.

Most of the homes in the area are vacation rentals and FWP has had consistent problems with noncompliance of food storage orders. We might be sending staff down to help with outreach (door to door).

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Ok. Please do give real time updates on West Yellowstone bear. Martha has asked to be kept in the loop.

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I have not heard anything.

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Has there been much blowback?

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Yes, the same bear.

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Saw in the clips this AM that a bear was euthanized in Glacier last Thursday. Assume same bear as below?

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Hi Matt,

Just wanted to make you aware of a conflict situation that might receive some attention: Glacier NP has asked for approval to remove a 5yr old Female grizzly who has received food rewards on multiple occasions and charged a small group of people. They believe she is food conditioned and a human safety threat. They will be attempting to capture and euthanize her. They'll put out a press release after the fact.

I doubt it will get the attention that it would in GTNP or YNP, but you never know.

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