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A couple additions:

-399 has been out of view, except for trail camera photos of her at a USGS research trap site in the Park (she was not caught). Her cubs have not been seen in the last 2 weeks. Both collars have dropped off.

-2 new conflict staff (Kalispell and rover positions) will start next week. The Jackson staff will start July 5.

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Meetings

Ben and I traveled to Jackson June 6-10. Ben got the full suite of perspectives, including ranchers and bear advocates.

- Met with GTNP bear staff, Chip J, and Tommy Boudreau. Handed out coins to people involved in 399 effort. Spent the afternoon with USGS Craig Whitman, who was setting research traps in Park.
- Toured Togwotee Pass and met with WGF conflict staff, USFS staff, and Teton County Sheriff to discuss the issue and potential solutions. Teton County sheriff will be dedicating some patrol time to the area when needed. Bear 863 has been out of view for 2 weeks (likely on elk calves), but we expect her to be roadside again soon. Will be sending out another press release reminding the public to cooperate.
- Met with Frank Durbian and refuge staff. Frank has offered an office space for the new conflict staff, Becca Lyon, who will be starting July 5. NEP will also provide a trailer hookup for Becca (trailers still in contracting process). Becca has housing for now (apartment in Victor).
- Attended a USFS-permittee meeting for livestock producers in the Upper Green River in Pinedale. Met producers, USFS staff, and WGF staff.

Conflicts

- We had our first relocation on Saturday. The bear was involved in a chicken conflict in Vaughn (~15 miles west of Great Falls). Relocation site was near Marias Pass on the

Helena Lewis Clark Forest, and has been used by FWP for years. Relocation was cleared by USFS and FWP.

- There are ongoing site conflicts in the Flathead Valley. FWP has one trap out. Potential removal due to bold behavior and recurring conflicts.
- Recent sheep depredations on Rockport Colony (west of Depuyer along Rocky Mtn Front). WS has traps out but will pull traps tomorrow. They are trying to get electric fence up. Rockport Colony has a history of depredations.

Other Coordination

- Tom Radandt organized a training at the WSU bear facility for hands-on training. 8 of our staff attended as well as 2 bear staff from the CSKT. We hope to increase these trainings in the future to include other partners.

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