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To: [Small, Stephen M](#); [Nelson, Marjorie](#); [DeBerry, Drue](#)
Subject: Re: Surname | Grizzly 399 inquiry | 3/3
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:29:33 PM

Apologies for leaving that off! Thanks Steve! (Sorry for the bombardment!)

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Joe,

I didn't see a surname sheet attached w/ this, so please consider this email my surname for the response drafted.

Cheers,

Steve

From: Szuszwalak, Joseph A <joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov>
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Good afternoon,

We received an inquiry regarding plans for 399, I worked with Hilary to draft up a short statement in response:

- Surname sheet attached
- [Media Inquiry_399 Management Plans_2.22.22.docx](#)

Let me know if you have any questions, thanks!

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Media Response / Media Interview Request – Cleared RO 3.4.22

Reporter: Jack Bayles

Outlet: Team 399 (large Facebook following)

Subject: Grizzly #399 and offspring management inquiry

Deadline: 3/7

Spokesperson: Joe Szuszwalak, PAO – written response

Additional information/Driver for request: EA has worked to cultivate relationships with the larger 399 groups to disseminate accurate information. The leader of one of these groups has reached out to inquire the following – we expect to have additional inquiries as spring nears and we would plan to use this for additional requests as well.

Proposed Response: E-mail from Joe Szuszwalak:

- *What management plans have been developed or are being considered for 399's cubs once they separate as well as for any grizzlies who wander outside GTNP?*
 - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) continues to work collaboratively with the Wyoming Department of Game and Fish, Grand Teton National Park, and other partners to manage grizzly bears in Wyoming, including #399 and her offspring. Efforts for this season include the hiring of conflict management specialists to further assist with conflicts in Montana and Wyoming. In the coming weeks, the Service and other partners will be reminding members of the public of positive actions they can take to help reduce the chances of wildlife conflict. This includes securing attractants such as trash, beehives, compost piles, and livestock feed, as well as giving bears space to be wild. Additional information and resources can be found on the [IGBC Be Bear Aware page](#).