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Good morning -

Please review the statement below regarding the removal of grizzly #1057, we have a number of media inquiries holding. As always, any edits welcome (Hilary has reviewed):

- [Statement_Grizzly 1057 removal_7.12.22.docx](#)
- Surname sheet attached

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Statement regarding removal of grizzly bear #1057 in Wyoming
To be used if-asked

Cleared through DOI 7/14/22

Background: Grizzly bear #1057 has been removed by Wyoming Game & Fish as authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This bear is the offspring of grizzly bear #399, it is expected this will garner public and media attention.

A full list of conflicts from WYG&F is [available here](#).

Statement to be used if-asked:

- Following more than thirteen documented conflicts since May 2022, the Wyoming Game & Fish Department requested authorization for the humane removal by euthanasia of grizzly bear #1057. This increasingly dangerous behavior included an interaction where a resident attempted to haze the bear from their front porch with warning shots, the bear remained on the porch and showed no reaction. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) authorized this action out of concern for human safety as this bear became more emboldened in their behavior while seeking food rewards and habituation to the presence of humans.

The Service continues to work with Wyoming Game & Fish and other partners to educate the public about reducing grizzly bear conflicts – we continue to ask for the help of residents and visitors to secure attractants around homes, rental properties, and businesses. [The actions of those living and visiting grizzly bear country remain vital.](#)