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Subject: Re: Question on leading cause of bear mortality
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I am going to defer to Frank on this one.

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From: Gregg Losinski <gregg.losinski@idfg.idaho.gov>
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Subject: Question on leading cause of bear mortality

Guys,

I'm not a biologist, just a guy trying to figure out different ways to present where we are at to the public.

I know we always say that humans are the leading cause of known bear mortalities, but I was wondering how that number stacks up against what we could estimate was the annual mortality on cubs and yearlings by older bears? I know we can't gather the same hard data, but could we actually be approaching the point where the number one cause of bear mortality could be other bears? This is not to take away from the need to always work to decrease human/bear conflicts, but to highlight the impact the of density dependence and need to manage bears and increase social acceptance outside the DMU.

I'm I totally in left field on this?

Gregg