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To: [Matt Hogan](#)
Cc: [Michael Thabault](#)
Subject: Re: [Update] Meeting (Dan and National Geographic) to discuss advice on photographing Grizzly Bears -
Date: Friday, August 21, 2015 5:06:18 PM

It is written into every agency's handling sub permit. This is a long-term policy agreed to by all agencies. The editor I talked to had no problem with it and I offered him good alternative ways to get good photos and he was happy with these. The photographer will be calling me. I have already talked to the state best guys about this and we are fine.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2015, at 5:00 PM, Matt Hogan <Matt_Hogan@fws.gov> wrote:

Is this a FWS policy or IGBC ST policy? Is it written or just understood. Trying to have Dan prepared for them coming back to him. Thanks.

From: Servheen, Chris [mailto:chris_servheen@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 2:07 PM
To: Matt Hogan
Cc: Michael Thabault
Subject: Re: FW: [Update] Meeting (Dan and National Geographic) to discuss advice on photographing Grizzly Bears -

The associate editor of NG called me and asked about photographer access. I told him no photographers at capture operations but I would help him at other things like electric fencing operations and releases of bears. He was happy with that and is having the photographer call me directly. Will work with WYGF and MTFWP bears folks to help NG out.

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On Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 12:42 PM, Matt Hogan <Matt_Hogan@fws.gov> wrote:
Thanks Chris. We have put them in touch with Greg Neudecker to discuss some proactive things landowners and other are doing to prevent/reduce conflicts. I have given him this background.

From: Servheen, Chris [mailto:chris_servheen@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 12:36 PM
To: Matt Hogan
Cc: Michael Thabault
Subject: Re: FW: [Update] Meeting (Dan and National Geographic) to discuss advice on photographing Grizzly Bears -

I am familiar with the fact that NG is doing a single-topic issue on Yellowstone and have talked to the lead writer, David Quamman, several times including when he came to my office to talk. I know there are several photographers working on this and have heard they are getting good photos of many aspects of the ecosystem. No NG people have asked me for any "access" for photographers and David Quamman never mentioned it at all.

A NG photographer did ask YNP and the IGBST a while ago to go out on bear captures but we have a firm policy: no photographers on captures due to safety concerns. Having these people around can be a safety hazard, not only for them but they can distract trapping crews from proper safety precautions. We allow no exceptions due to the fact that once we open up capture operations to any media people, we will be inundated with all media people who want to write stories and take photos. NG also asked for permission to use drones to photograph in YNP and were told no. They never asked again about capture access or use of drones.

So, we do not allow media people on capture operations, but they have access to all other activities and have gotten good photos.

Chris

On Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 4:39 PM, Matt Hogan <Matt_Hogan@fws.gov> wrote:
Any thoughts on this?

From: Dan Ashe [mailto:d_m_ashe@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 4:38 PM
To: Noreen Walsh; Matt Hogan
Subject: Fwd: [Update] Meeting (Dan and National Geographic) to discuss advice on photographing Grizzly Bears -

Can we help? They are a great partner!

Dan Ashe
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Begin forwarded message:

From: thomas_irwin@fws.gov
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Reply-To: thomas_irwin@fws.gov

Due to scheduling conflict Dan Ashe will not be able to take this meeting. Future date/times of availability will be communicated.
Thomas

Meeting (Dan and National Geographic) to discuss advice on photographing Grizzly Bears - Room 3038

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From: Moran, Kathy

Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 6:05 PM

Subject: Advice on Photographing Grizzly Bears

To: richard ruggiero , Chris Johns , Nick Nichols , David Guttenfelder

Dear Richard,

Thanks so much for taking time to talk today. It's always good to catch up. As I was explaining, National Geographic is preparing a single-topic issue of the magazine devoted to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. We are using this special issue as part of a year-long series of articles that both celebrates the National Park Service's centennial and examines the complex issues of living in wild places and with wildlife. Our goal is to give voice to the many people living on the landscape, to discuss what it means to live with predators, what it takes to make a living in a landscape that is a patchwork of private and public land and to ask people – ranchers, outfitters, hunters, hikers, conservationists, rangers, tourists – what this ecosystem represents to them. We hope to go beyond rhetoric and share with our readers the pros and cons of living with "America's best idea."

As you might imagine, this has been an exciting and challenging project, especially as it pertains to wildlife. We want to show the conservation, the science and the reality of living with large carnivores. We also want to explore the social vs. the ecosystem carrying capacity of wolves and grizzly bears. Our team of photographers, led by Editor at Large Nick Nichols has produced terrific natural history images of bears and wolves on the landscape as well as strong science. However, we continue to struggle with access to situations that relate to interaction between people and wildlife. Given pending delisting for the grizzly bear, we feel that this is a critical omission in our coverage. We have the best possible photographer assigned to the situation; now we need access.

National Geographic Photo Fellow David Guttenfelder is a photojournalist specializing in global geopolitics and conservation. Before he joined National Geographic, David opened the Associated Press' bureau in North Korea. I think this speaks to both his patience and his diplomacy! He has been working hard to gain access to bear-related activity - grizzly and black bear - in both Montana and Wyoming. Montana and Wyoming Departments of Fish and Game have given polite maybe's, downright no's and suggestions that permission has to come from the very top, the Feds, in order for David to be allowed any level of access. We aren't looking to make photographs that put the Service or the states in a bad light. We are hoping to make photographs that speak to the complexity of these

situations. This is about educating our readers and, as always, going beyond the headlines.

So, I'm hoping that you can help steer us in the right direction. You know us and our record. National Geographic is committed to telling the tough wildlife conservation stories through in-depth reporting and photojournalism. No one can go beyond the rhetoric like us. To that end, do you think it might be possible to schedule a meeting with Director Ashe, Deputy Director Kurth and Chris Johns to discuss how we might best work together on this issue?

Richard, thank you again for taking the time and for your wise counsel. Hope you are back on both feet soon.

Warm regards,
Kathy

When Mon Aug 24, 2015 2:30pm – 3pm Eastern Time

Where Conference Room 3038 ([map](#))

Video call https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/d-m-ashe

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