Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee – I & E Subcommittee
Monday, June 13, 2016

Grizzly Bear Recovery Leadership Heads to North Idaho for Annual Summer Meeting

MISSOULA — The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC), the multi-agency committee responsible for coordinating the recovery of grizzly bears in the continental United States and adjacent Canadian Provinces, will be taking their annual summer meeting to the North Idaho. The IGBC will be meeting at the Kootenai River Lodge in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, starting on June 22 and ending June 23.

The IGBC was created in 1983 to lead efforts to recover the grizzly bear in the lower 48 states and adjoining Canadian Provinces. The committee is made up of the top leadership of state, federal, and Canadian resource management agencies. The committee itself has no regulatory authority, but it serves the important function of coordinating government resources from agencies with a wide scope of missions, to ensure recovery of the grizzly bear. Recovery efforts are focused on six ecosystems that were identified when the grizzly was listed as a Threatened Species in 1975.

The summer meeting of IGBC in North Idaho will provide managers to meet within the heart of the Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Recovery Areas. Discussion will also continue from last summer’s meeting in the North Cascade Recovery Area as managers hear about a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scheduled to be released later this fall.

The public is invited to attend the IGBC meeting and a time slot has been set aside at the end of each day for public comment. Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contact Gregg Losinski at 208-390-0635 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-3529 (TDD). The agenda for the Summer 2016 IGBC Meeting may be viewed at the IGBC Website at: [http://tinyurl.com/SummerIGBC](http://tinyurl.com/SummerIGBC)
Grizzly bears are listed as "threatened" in the continental United States by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Today, grizzly bear distribution is primarily within but not limited to the areas identified as "Recovery Ecosystems".
Delisting of grizzly bears in Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem raises questions about Idaho’s bears

Grizzly bears were extirpated in the large swath of Central Idaho that is largely protected as wilderness since the 1950s, and as Idaho, Montana and Wyoming prepare management plans for the bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Tom France, the National Wildlife Federation’s senior director for Western wildlife conservation, said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service needs to address the future of bears in Central Idaho in its delisting plan. (Idaho Statesman; 06/21/2016)

They need to have a narrative in their delisting rule that addresses whether grizzly bears in Yellowstone are important to rebuilding the bear population in Central Idaho,” France said. “They need to do this before they delist Yellowstone’s population.”

Cub of well-known grizzly bear in Grand Teton NP killed by car

Bear 399, famous for raising her cubs along roads in Grand Teton National Park, apparently lost her only cub this year to a hit-and-run along Highway 89. The driver did not report the accident and park officials were alerted to the incident by reports of an adult grizzly bear removing the dead cub from the highway. (National Geographic); 06/21/2016)

More cash added to reward for info on grizzly bear killing in E. Idaho

A grizzly bear found dead in the Centennial Mountains in Eastern Idaho in early June was apparently killed for its claws, and in addition to the $11,120 reward offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the poacher, another $10,000 is offered by the Center for Biological Diversity and the Humane Society’s Wildlife Trust. (Idaho Statesman; 06/21/2016)
Polling shows 80% support for restoring North Cascades grizzly bear

Posted on June 6, 2016 by Lorna Smith

New partnership of conservation, business and other groups back the return of a missing Northwest icon

SEATTLE – A strong majority of Washington voters support efforts to restore grizzly bears in the North Cascades, according to a new poll conducted by Tulchin Research.

The poll, conducted in May 2016 for Defenders of Wildlife, found 80 percent of registered voters in Washington support efforts to help the declining population of grizzly bears in the North Cascades recover. Notably, this overwhelming support extends across gender, generational, regional, and even partisan lines—with 89 percent of Democrats, 70 percent of Republicans, and 74 percent of independent voters backing
Grizzly captured, relocated after killing two alpacas

A young grizzly bear has been relocated from Montana’s Rocky Montana Front to the Flathead National Forest after killing two alpacas on a ranch 30 miles west of Great Falls, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

The grizzly killed the alpacas and fed on them Saturday at a ranch a mile north of the community of Simms on the north side of the Sun River, said Mike Madel, a FWP grizzly bear management specialist.

The ranch is owned by Ann Bellwood.

Wildlife Services with the U.S. Department of Agriculture set foot snares, and a 2½-year-old male weighing 270 pounds was captured Sunday and then fitted with ear tags and a radio collar.

The bear then was transported to the Puzzle Creek area in the Flathead National Forest, which is west of the Continental Divide and 82 airline miles from where it was captured.

At the time, a llama was in the pen with the alpacas but went unharmed after jumping the fence. Alpacas, which have long woolly hair, are related to llamas.

Grizzly bear observations and conflicts on the Rocky Mountain Front and prairie agricultural lands east of the mountains have been numerous this spring.

“We’ve just been scrambling to keep up with the number of observations and calls coming in,” Madel said.
Grizzly bears heading east from the Rocky Mountain Front

By: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

NEAR CHOTEAU - Mike Madel of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has been amazed at the number of grizzly bears heading east from the Rocky Mountain Front this spring.

Madel said, "This is probably the spring of all springs in terms of grizzly bear movements out onto the high plains and the river bottoms. I have never seen as many sub-adults way down the Marias river, down the Teton, Muddy Creek."

Grizzlies historically roamed eastern Montana's prairie, but in the last century diminished to smaller, more mountainous areas of Montana.
Grizzly bear relocated

CODY - The Wyoming Game and Fish Department trapped and relocated a sub-adult male grizzly bear on May 22, 2016.

The bear was preemptively moved after being captured during attempts to mitigate property damage on the Wood River drainage West of Meeteetse, WY. In cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Shoshone National Forest, the bear was relocated to the Five Mile Creek drainage approximately five miles from the east entrance of Yellowstone National Park within the North Fork of the Shoshone River drainage west of Cody. The release site is located in currently occupied grizzly bear habitat.

Grizzly bear relocation is a management tool afforded bear management personnel to minimize conflicts between humans and grizzlies. The decision to relocate and the selection of a relocation site is made taking into consideration the age, sex, and type of conflict the bear was involved in. Since grizzly bears are listed as “Threatened” under the Endangered Species Act, consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the appropriate land management agency is also made to minimize the chance of future conflicts and maximize the survival potential of the relocated grizzlies. Bears are relocated in accordance with federal law and regulation. When selecting a relocation site, the department makes every consideration to minimize potential conflicts with livestock and people.
Delisting grizzlies in Yellowstone leaves Idaho bear recovery in limbo

HIGHLIGHTS

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Chamber: Griz hunt may be tourism killer

Businesses seek a ban on hunting near Jackson.

Jackson Hole businesses want Wyoming wildlife managers to consider wildlife watching and the tourism it fuels as they consider a grizzly bear hunt.

At a spring meeting the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce’s board of directors unanimously opposed hunting grizzlies near Jackson Hole. The group formalized its sentiments in a letter to Wyoming Game and
Montana, Wyoming, Idaho gear up for possible grizzly hunts

By MATT VOLZ
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Hunters soon could be chasing grizzly bears across the ridges of the Rocky Mountains, leaving three states to drum up plans to ensure the iconic species won’t be snuffed out soon after recovering from threats to their survival.

The Obama administration in March proposed lifting protections for the more than 700 grizzlies around Yellowstone National Park. The bears have been considered a threatened species since 1975, but federal wildlife officials say that population has sufficiently recovered to turn over management to Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

Those states and others use hunting and trapping to manage wildlife populations from elk to wolves, setting quotas with the aim of preventing overpopulation that could harm habitat and lead to conflicts with people and livestock. Charging hunters and trappers for licenses also provides a revenue source for state wildlife agencies.

Before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes a final decision on grizzly protections by March 2017, it is requiring the three states to outline what their grizzly hunting seasons would look like.
Lawsuit filed against Wyoming for rushing to open season to trophy hunt grizzly bears

The Humane Society of the United States

Center for Biological Diversity

Today, Jim Laybourn (a Wyoming wildlife filmmaker), The Humane Society of the United States and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit challenging the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission’s illegal efforts to limit public comment in order to fast-track approval of the state’s first trophy hunt of grizzly bears in 40 years.
If delisted, Montana outlines its Yellowstone griz hunt

By CHRIS PETERSON Hungry Horse News | 0 comments

If and when the grizzly bear is delisted from the Endangered Species List in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Montana could allow limited hunting for the bears. Under draft regulations proposed by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, resident hunters could purchase a $150 license to hunt grizzlies in a "once in a lifetime" drawing.

If a hunter kills a bear, it is not allowed another permit. If an applicant is drawn for a bear permit but does not kill a bear, they're also not allowed to draw another one for seven years. Hunters will also have to take a hunter orientation class and in the event they kill a bear, they have to purchase an additional $50 tag to possess and transport the bear within two days of the date of the kill.

The proposed regulations also allow for nonresident hunting, which costs $1,000.

The regulations do not allow hunting females with young. The season is designed to avoid harvesting females altogether. The spring season would run from March 15 to no later than April 20 and the fall would run from Nov. 10 to Dec. 15. The hunting regions are south of Interstate 90 to the Wyoming Border and run no farther west than Interstate 15 and no farther east than the Crow Indian Reservation.
Review of grizzly regs draws lots of opinions

Managers struggle to steer conversation away from hunting.

The partition had to come down at the last minute Tuesday evening in the Virginian Lodge conference room to accommodate the hordes of people who showed up to learn of Wyoming’s draft regulations for managing grizzly bears.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the Wyoming Game and Fish Department’s Chapter 67 regulation, a “framework management” document that Large Carnivore Supervisor Dan Thompson thought ought to be “boring.” But because some components of the framework are nearing a consensus, the meeting was anything but dull.

Wyoming Wildlife Advocates Managing Director Roger Hayden hands a map of a proposed grizzly conservation area to Game and Fish Large Carnivore Supervisor Dan Thompson and Regional Wildlife Supervisor Brad Hovinga.
Last week, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park Superintendents, Dan Wenk and David Vela, spoke out publicly for the first time about their concerns regarding the impact of state-sponsored hunting of grizzly bears that split time between Parks and adjacent non-park lands. Hunting is not yet a part of the literal or figurative landscape for Yellowstone grizzly bears, but once these bears lose Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections—prospectively as soon as this spring—the states of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho
HUNTING NEWS

Video: Hunter Lands a Throw on Bear in Intense Ground Spear Hunt

BY: Daniel Xu + POSTED: 6/7/16
Of bears and biases: scientific judgment and the fate of Yellowstone’s grizzlies

In March, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced its intent to remove protections afforded by the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA) to grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE).
THE CONTROVERSIAL SCIENCE BEHIND THE YELLOWSTONE GRIZZLY LOSING ESA PROTECTION

A Grizzly bear mother and her cub walk near Pelican Creek in Yellowstone National Park.
The Yellowstone grizzly: a case study in scientific uncertainty

In December of 2014, we (along with graduate student Harmony Szarek and Dr. Eric Toman) contacted 593 individuals who published research related to grizzly or brown bears during the prior decade. We asked them to judge the risk (likelihood and severity) of seven threats identified by the USFWS and to recommend the appropriate conservation status – delisted, threatened or endangered – for GYE grizzlies.

In total, 60 percent of 211 respondents recommended continued protection under the ESA, about one-fifth indicated the population should be delisted and a similar proportion were unsure. When unsure respondents were removed, 74 percent of 172 experts recommended continuing ESA protections (see project report).
Of bears and biases: scientific judgment and the fate of Yellowstone's grizzlies

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Jeremy T. Bruskotter, The Ohio State University; John A Vucetich, Michigan Technological University, and Robyn S. Wilson, The Ohio State University

In March, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced its intent to remove protections afforded by the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA) to grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE).

Citing four decades of growth in the bear population, the USFWS Director Dan Ashe heralded the decision as “a historic success for partnership-driven wildlife conservation.”

However, conservation organizations oppose “delisting” GYE grizzlies. They cite persistent threats to grizzlies, public opposition to delisting and ongoing scientific uncertainty regarding the population's viability. Indeed, scientific uncertainty, especially threats posed by a changing climate, is one reason a federal court reversed a similar decision back in 2000, returning federal protections to GYE grizzlies.
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Protect the grizzly bears, wolves, and bighorn sheep in the Centennials!

Dear Gregg,

Grizzly bears, wolves, bighorn sheep and other iconic wildlife that move through the rugged Centennial Mountains on the Montana-Idaho border need your help again!

The Centennals are a vital wildlife corridor bridging Greater Yellowstone with the wilds of central Idaho and beyond. Neighboring federal agencies promote this unique and rare east-west corridor as crucial habitat for wildlife and have even recommended ending sheep grazing in this vital corridor. We have worked with our partners to voluntarily retire other public grazing allotments and secure land protections to allow wildlife to move through this area.
Young grizzly bear found dead on edge of Centennial Mountains

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Fish and Game, Federal warden offer reward
Idaho Fish and Game provides tips for identifying black and grizzly bears and what to do when you encounter each.

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The Idaho Department of Fish & Game and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service are offering rewards for information about the people who illegally a young grizzly bear in a key wildlife corridor between Yellowstone and the Bitterroot Recovery zone in central Idaho.

The bear was found on Idaho state endowment land near East Dry Creek, off the Yale-Kilgore Road in Island Park, some of Idaho’s most important habitat where the federal government has proposed removing grizzlies from the threatened species list. East Dry Creek flows out of the Centennial Mountains which serves as a wild link between Yellowstone and the best and largest tract of unoccupied grizzly bear habitat in the lower 48 states in central Idaho.

The bear’s death was reported to the Citizens Against Poaching Hotline during the weekend of June 4th. Conservations Officers investigating the tip located the decomposing carcass of the bear that showed it had been dead a few weeks and that it did not die naturally.

THE CITIZENS AGAINST POACHING HOTLINE CAN BE REACHED AT 1-800-632-5999 AND IS STAFFED 24/7.

A specially trained Fish and Game dog was brought in to search the area and help officers locate clues. Officials say if someone wants to provide information about the killing they can do so anonymously by calling the poaching hotline.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service enforcement officers said it add $5,000 to the potential reward available. The current amount the Citizens Against Poaching program has designated for information about a grizzly bear killing is $600, but the poaching board is meeting next week to discuss the possibility of enhancing that amount. The Hotline can be reached at 1-800-632-5999 and is staffed 24/7.
June 5, 2016

Reward offered in Idaho grizzly bear poaching case

The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society Wildlife Fund are offering a reward of up to $5,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the illegal killing of a young grizzly bear in Island Park, Idaho. This reward is in addition to a $5,000 reward offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a $600 reward from Citizens Against Poaching.

The Case: On Saturday, June 4, the Citizens Against Poaching hotline received a tip about a decomposing grizzly bear carcass in the Canibou-Targhee National Forest, a critical wildlife corridor between Yellowstone and the Bitterroot Recovery zone in central Idaho. Initial evidence indicates the bear died a few weeks ago and did not die of natural causes.

Poaching: Grizzly bears are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act and cannot be legally killed except in defense of human life. Each violation is punishable with fines up to $25,000 and up to six months in prison. Poaching is a widespread problem in the United States, with wildlife officials estimating that poachers kill as many animals as legal hunters, and that only one to five percent of poached animals come to the attention of law enforcement.

A Critical Time for Grizzlies: This case comes at a time when the USFWS is proposing to remove federal ESA protections for grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem—a proposal The HSUS and the Trust strongly oppose. These bears are far from fully recovered, and prominent grizzly bear scientists believe that the animals should not be stripped of federal protection at this point. Idaho, Wyoming and Montana all have plans to open up a trophy hunting season on GYE grizzly bears if they are delisted.

Lisa Kauffman, Idaho state director for The HSUS, said: “Grizzly bears already face numerous threats, including dwindling food and habitat resources, even with ESA protections intact. Intentionally killing one is a serious crime, and we are grateful for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game’s determination to find those responsible.”
CBD offering $5000 reward for info on Idaho grizzly poaching case

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Man Faces Charges For Killing Grizzly Bear in Front Yard

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The reward for information leading to the person or persons who illegally killed a federally protected grizzly bear in eastern Idaho is up to $15,600.

The Center for Biological Diversity on Thursday announced that it's contributing $5,000. The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust also announced Thursday they're kicking in $5,000.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had already added $5,000 to the reward of $600 from Citizens Against Poaching.

Based on a tip the CAP hotline received Saturday, investigators located the decomposing carcass of a young grizzly bear in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest near Island Park.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Idaho Department of Fish and Game are investigating the incident.
REWARD INCREASED, NEW DETAILS RELEASED ON DEAD GRIZZLY FOUND IN ISLAND PARK

The following is a release from the Idaho Department of Fish & Game.

ISLAND PARK - The Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) has released new information about a young male grizzly bear that was found dead in Island Park, Idaho at the start of June and the independent Citizens Against Poaching (CAP) Board has also announced an increase in the reward being offered.

Forensic evidence now indicates that the grizzly was killed more recently than first suspected and in fact was killed elsewhere and was dumped where it was found. The bear had only been dead for a few days when it was reported on June 4th.

Along with this new information regarding the time and death of the animal, someone removed some of the front claws from the bear. It is illegal to possess any portion of a threatened species. IDFG is still working with the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) to learn more about the individual or persons responsible for the illegal killing of this animal that was dumped on Idaho State Land near East Dry Creek, off the Yale-Kilgore Road.

Because of the seriousness of the violation, the USFWS originally agreed to contribute $5,000 to the potential reward available. The CAP Board voted last week to increase their reward from $600 to $1,200. Two Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) sent out news releases announcing that they were each adding $5,000 to the reward, but since they had not coordinated with the CAP Board these amounts are separate from what CAP is offering. Another NGO, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition did make efforts to discuss the reward situation, so their offer of $5,000 could be utilized by the CAP Board if a reward is paid out. This puts the coordinated reward at $11,200 and the independent rewards at $10,000.
Two bears killed on Grand Teton National Park roads Sunday

Staff Writer
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MOOSE, Wyo. (KIFI/KIDK) - Two bears were killed in separate traffic accidents in Grand Teton National Park Sunday.

Park officials said an adult female black bear was struck at around 7:30 p.m., on U.S. Highway 89 north of the Deadman’s Bar Road junction.
The only cub of America’s most famous grizzly bear was just killed by a car

By Karin Brulliard  June 20 at 11:02 AM

Grizzly No. 399 and her cub during a rainstorm in early June. They were headed toward an elk carcass near Pilgrim Creek in Grand Teton National Park. (Deby Dixon)
Cub of Beloved Grizzly Killed by Car as FWS Plans to Delist Yellowstone Bear

Lorraine Chow | June 21, 2016 11:24 am | Comments

As the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) proposes to remove the Yellowstone area’s grizzlies from the Endangered Species List, two bears were killed on Sunday evening in separate car accidents in Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.
Boulder residents who fail to bear-proof trash cans to face fines

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BOULDER, Colo. -- Boulder is getting serious about enforcing its bear protection zone, and that means some homeowners could be ticketed $250 or more for improperly
GET IN ZOO IDAHO FOR FREE SATURDAY

POCATELLO — Admission to Zoo Idaho will be free Saturday.

“We're extremely proud of the animals and our efforts at Zoo Idaho,” said Zoo Superintendent Peter Pruett in a news release Thursday. “We want everyone to stop in and see what we've been telling everyone who will listen about. How often can you get within inches of a grizzly bear or within feet of a mountain lion?”

Zoo Idaho is an indigenous species zoo, housing numerous orphaned or injured animals from the region who would have likely not survived in the wild.

It has more than 100 animals on display and 30 exhibits. Visitors can experience bears, bison, mountain lion, deer, and elk as well as smaller animals like raccoons, fox, and badgers. The zoo also houses birds like eagles, falcons and turkeys.

For more information on Zoo Idaho, click here.
Grizzly bears may be delisted

MISSOULA, Mon. - Grizzly bears could be delisted from the endangered species list in as little as one year.
Monday, June 13, 2016

Find Out What Bears Really Do In The Woods

Idaho Falls – When it comes to bears and humans a strange bond exists. As infants we give our children stuffed bears, yet as adults many people fear being in the same woods where bears might be. The Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) will be hosting a free workshop to help demystify bears and help humans to understand what they can do to keep themselves and bears from getting into trouble.

The free workshop will take place on June 15 at 7:00 PM at the IDFG Regional Office located at 4279 Commerce Circle in Idaho Falls. The workshop will be hosted by Gregg Losinski, the Regional Conservation Educator for the Upper Snake Region of IDFG. Losinski has been involved for decades with grizzly bear recovery and working to help reduce conflicts between bears and humans. His work has not been confined to Idaho, he has even been sponsored by the US State Department on trips to Europe to help reduce conflict between humans and bears in the Carpathian Mountains.

The workshop will be a mix of information and hands-on experience. Participants will not only learn the basics of bear biology but will also have the chance to shoot demonstration canisters of bear spray and check out other devices meant to reduce conflict with bears. The presentation will be suitable for participants of all ages.

Because Idaho is bear country and interest is always high when the topic is bear related a special registration system is being used to guarantee that all those who are interested have a seat at the program. The advanced registration is free and while not required, it is strongly encouraged. To register visit: http://tinyurl.com/ursusarctos

For more information or if special assistance is required Contact Gregg Losinski at 208-525-7290.
Do NOT go in there.
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WED, JUN 29 AT 7:00 PM, IDAHO FALLS, ID

Find Out What Bears Really Do In The Woods #2
By: Idaho Department of Fish & Game

The first offering of this workshop was in such demand that a second identical workshop is being offered. The Idaho Department of Fish & Game is hosting this free event to help inform residents of the Upper Snake Region about the bears that call the area home and what people can do to keep themselves safe and bears from getting into trouble.

The program is being hosted by Gregg Losinski, IDFG Regional Conservation Educator, who has worked both locally and internationally to help reduce conflicts between humans and bears.
Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center added 26 new photos.
June 2 at 8:42am -

This past weekend we set up another mock campsite in the bear habitat to see how the bears would react to it. A non-bear resistant cooler was placed inside the tent, and hot dogs & marshmallows were left in the campsite. Look at all of the pictures to see what happened. Please be “BEAR AWARE” when camping or recreating outdoors in bear country, SECURE YOUR FOOD properly, and CARRY BEAR SPRAY!
As the summer season starts in Yellowstone National Park, there have been some alarming instances of people getting too close to bears and other wildlife. Park regulations state that visitors MUST remain 100 yards from any bear or wolf and 25 yards away from all other large animals—bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes. In this photo, the bear that is under the red arrow is exactly 100 yards away from the photographer. This is how far away you should be from a bear, NO CLOSER! Please be smart when visiting the Yellowstone area, respect all wildlife and think about how your actions can compromise human safety and the safety of the bears and other animals.
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Using community resources to promote human-bear coexistence

Montana's Outdoor Conservancy
Swan Valley Connections
Rocky Mountain Roadhouse
Utah man who was camping with his wife was cited for illegal discharge of a firearm in a national park and destruction of public property, earning himself a mandatory court appearance.

“The individual heard that there were bears in the area and he thought that he was supposed to make noise,” Grand Teton park spokeswoman Denise Germann said Monday. “But my understanding is that they did not see any wildlife or shoot any wildlife. He shot at a tree twice.”

If he was camping in the nearby Bridger-Teton, the Utah man would have been legally firing his weapon. But the couple wasn’t clear on their location.
Lock your doors: Yellowstone bears figure out how to open cars (VIDEO)

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Bear Spray

Bear spray is proven to be highly successful at stopping aggressive behavior in bears.

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A bear doesn’t care if you’re just fishing.

Yellowstone Campaign Urges Visitors To Carry Bear Repellant

By NPT Staff on June 15th, 2016

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POZVÁNKA NA HORY A MESTO 2016

Srdečne vás pozývame na 17. ročník filmového festivalu
Hory a mesto, ktorý sa koná 6. - 10. apríla 2016
v multiplexe Cinema City v bratislavskom Auparku.

Informácie o programe festivalu,
filmoch, hraoch, cestoklubech KINO SVET,
ako aj o bohatých sprievodných podujatách
nájdete na webostránke festivalu www.horyamesto.sk

Zároveň vás pozývame na festivalový rait,
ktorý sa uskutoční v sobotu 9. apríla od 21:00
v Auparku, v hornej časti foodcourtov.

Tešíme sa na stretnutie na festivale!
Medveď stratil plachost'. V Tatrách vyhlásili mimoriadnu situáciu

Vydane dnes o 14:29 Autor: Jana Pisarčíková


VYSOKÉ TATRY. Krízový štáb mesta Vysoké Tatry vyhlásil v piatok o 10.00 hodine mimoriadnu situáciu. Dôvodom je neúnosná situácia nebyvalého výskytu medveda hnedého priamo v osadách mesta, ktorá trvá od konca zimy a v jarných mesiacoch sa stále stupňuje.

Situácia s medvedmi Tatrancom už prerastá cez hlavy. Macovia už nenavštevujú iba kontajnery, ale pokúšajú sa vniknuť do obydlí ľudí, prípadne do iných budov.

Pokusy medvedov dostáť sa do vnútra hlásili z hotela a penziónu v Starom a Novom Smokovci, zo Základnej školy vo Vyšných Hágoch, a tiež Základnej školy s materskou školou Dolný Smokovec.

Unbearable bears?
Society

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In the beginning of April the town council of Vysoke Tatry declared a state of emergency due to the frequent appearance of bears in inhabited areas. The mayor of Vysoke Tatry even labeled the recent bears' behavior as brazen. However, according to environmentalists, bears get their behaviour from us, humans. We spoke to ranger Gregg Losinski, who knows a lot about bears both in the US and in Slovakia.

Unbearable bears.mp3

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Gregg Losinski, an expert on bears and connoisseur of nature of the United States today, slept in our house and a really hobbitom you pochvaloval 😊
Designing, testing and installing bear-resistant containers in Europe

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Introduction
Food-conditioned brown bears (Ursus arctos) have been responsible for human injuries and fatalities, particularly in North America but also Eurasia. In 2011 an international collaboration was initiated to bear-proof one of the most widely-used types of refuse containers in central Europe. A standard 110-liter container donated by Meva-SK was shipped to the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, West Yellowstone.

Methods
Testing and installation of bear-resistant containers
Prototype containers were tested for a minimum of one hour with captive bears at Kissing Zoo in a procedure modeled on the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee’s bear-resistant products testing program.
Field testing was conducted over a period from several weeks to several months of normal use, monitored with camera traps to identify possible defects.
Checking camera traps and behavior of bears on a weekly basis. Education activities—presentations, expositions, schools.

Results and Future
Successful year 2015 – containers resisted whole bear season.
Expansion final version of container in unsuitable locations with the occurrence of brown bear.
Promotion and awareness raising.
Improving coexistence of human and the brown bear in the common area.

2011 – Pre test, The Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone, MT

2012 – 2013
Experts in the US and Canada invented modification for use in Slovak conditions.
Testing the container with modification

2014 – present
Testing in Slovakia (ZOO and field), Final version of container

Partners:

- Meva-SK
- Alertis
- Grizzly Bear Discovery Center
- Idaho Department of Fish & Game
- Slovak Wildlife Society