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Group becomes known as the Yellowstone Grizzly Coordinating Committee (YGCC) after delisting occurs.

Gregg Losinski

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First grizzlies are out in Yellowstone

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One of the telltale signs of spring in northwest Wyoming is now in the rearview mirror: the emergence of grizzly bears from their dens.

The first sighting of a grizzly in the flesh in Yellowstone National Park occurred Wednesday, when an employee eyed a bear between Mammoth Hot Springs and Tower. More observations of different grizzlies followed the same day.



"This is the first confirmed bear sighting this year, although bear tracks have been observed since Feb. 22," Yellowstone officials said in a statement. "Later in the morning, park staff saw two more grizzly bears scavenging carcasses in the northern part of the park."

The Jackson Hole Daily was unable to confirm by press time Wednesday whether there has been a verified instance of a grizzly out of the den in Jackson Hole this year.

Through Tuesday, no observations had been confirmed in Grand Teton National Park, spokeswoman Denise Germann said.

Based on historical data, it's possible — if not likely — that some grizzlies are out and about in Jackson Hole that have so far escaped human observation. Most bear grizzlies that use the Teton Park area are usually out of their dens by March 15.

Ordinarily, male grizzlies come out of their dens first, followed by solitary females and then the sows with their cubs.

Biologists believe that weather conditions — like the above-average snowpack still blanketing much of the region — has relatively little to do with the timing of the end of hibernation. The physiological condition of the bear, such as what kind of body fat reserves remain on an animal, is thought to be a more influential factor.

Yellowstone closes down some areas in the park in the springtime and restricts travel to trails in other areas where grizzlies are often found foraging for carcasses. To review a map of grizzly management areas, go to nps.gov/yell/learn/management/bearclosures.htm.



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First Yellowstone Bear Sightings of 2017

By Culley Emborg on Sat 03/18/2017 12:16pm

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On the morning of Wednesday, March 15, a Yellowstone National Park employee observed a grizzly bear between Mammoth Hot Springs and Tower-Roosevelt. Later that morning, park staff witnessed two more grizzly bears scavenging carcasses in the northern region of the park. These are the first confirmed bear sighting of 2017, although many fresh bear tracks have been discovered around the park since February 22.

With summer on its way, Yellowstone urges visitors to stay safe in bear country by carrying bear spray, hiking and skiing on maintained trails in groups of three or more, and remaining at least 100 yards away from all bears. The park also urges visitors to report any bear sightings and encounters to a park ranger as soon as possible.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Reminders for Montana shed hunters: WMAs are closed, be bear aware

With the arrival of spring and melting snow, shed hunters take to the hills in search of cherished shed elk and deer antlers.

It's become an annual ritual for many. Some seek a fun way to get out in the field and others hope to turn found antlers into profit.

And that can turn a walk in the woods into a competitive enterprise where some are apt to break the rules, or overlook the impact on wildlife, or potential dangers to themselves.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks reminds shed hunters that most Wildlife Management Areas that provide important winter range sanctuary for elk are closed until noon on May 15.

Each year, a number of people can't seem to resist the urge to get a jump on the rest of the crowd and access WMAs early and unlawfully.

It's important to remember that WMAs provide vital, protected winter range for deer and elk. And this is the time of year these animals are the most stressed.

Also, shed hunters should stay alert and remember that most of Montana is bear country. It's easy to get so focused on searching for sheds that one can forget to remain ever mindful of bears.

Shed hunters should be especially cautious when approaching carcasses and carry bear spray in a holster on their hip or across their chest. Be aware that bears may be looking for winter kill in the same area one looks for sheds. Never try to haze a bear off a carcass.

More information about bear safety can be found on FWP's Be Bear Aware website at fwp.mt.gov. To find out when Montana's 72 WMAs open visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov; then click WMA Open/Close Dates. Recreationists seeking access to private land for any reason must ask first for permission.

Jenny Lake Trailhead

Protect the Backcountry



Hiking, Camping & Stock Use

Hiking Permits are available year-round at the visitor center in Mammoth. During the summer of 2010, Jenny Lake Ranger Station and Cotton-Edgemoor Visitor Center.

Camping Stay the park. Use the park for all to enjoy.

Stock Use 10-foot change station when crossing below 10,000 feet.

Climbing & Mountaineering

Climbing Permits are required for all overnight stays in the backcountry.

Mountaineering Permits are required for all overnight stays in the backcountry.

Resource Protection & Firearms

Firearms Firearms are prohibited in the backcountry. Firearms are prohibited in the backcountry.

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Leave No Trace

Planning Plan your trip carefully. Plan your trip carefully.

Travel Travel on established trails. Travel on established trails.

Camp Camp on designated sites. Camp on designated sites.

Explore Your Park

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Be Safe in the Backcountry



Be Bear Aware

Bears Bears are a natural part of the backcountry. Bears are a natural part of the backcountry.

Prevention Prevention is key to staying safe. Prevention is key to staying safe.

Hike & Climb Safely

Hiking Hiking is a popular activity. Hiking is a popular activity.

Climbing Climbing is a popular activity. Climbing is a popular activity.

Have a Safe & Enjoyable Visit

Planning Planning is key to a safe visit. Planning is key to a safe visit.

Travel Travel safely. Travel safely.

Camp Camp safely. Camp safely.

Leave No Trace Leave No Trace. Leave No Trace.

Wildlife Wildlife is a natural part of the backcountry. Wildlife is a natural part of the backcountry.

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BEAR ATTACK: Are you Prepared to Avoid One?

BE ALERT
MAKE NOISE
CARRY BEAR SPRAY
AVOID HIKING ALONE
DO NOT RUN

- Climb or descend mountain - avoid rock walls
- If you hear a bear, stand your ground & use bear spray
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There is no guarantee of your safety in bear country.



Human-Bear Conflict

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Black Bear



Grizzly Bear



Carry Bear Spray



Color and Size Can Be Misleading

Store All Foods and Attractants Properly



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Idaho Fish and Game Upper Snake added 2 new photos.

Published by Gregg Losinski [?] · March 11 at 3:34pm · 🌐

Reports are coming in of grizzlies starting to emerge in the high Centennials. It's never to early to start carrying bear spray.



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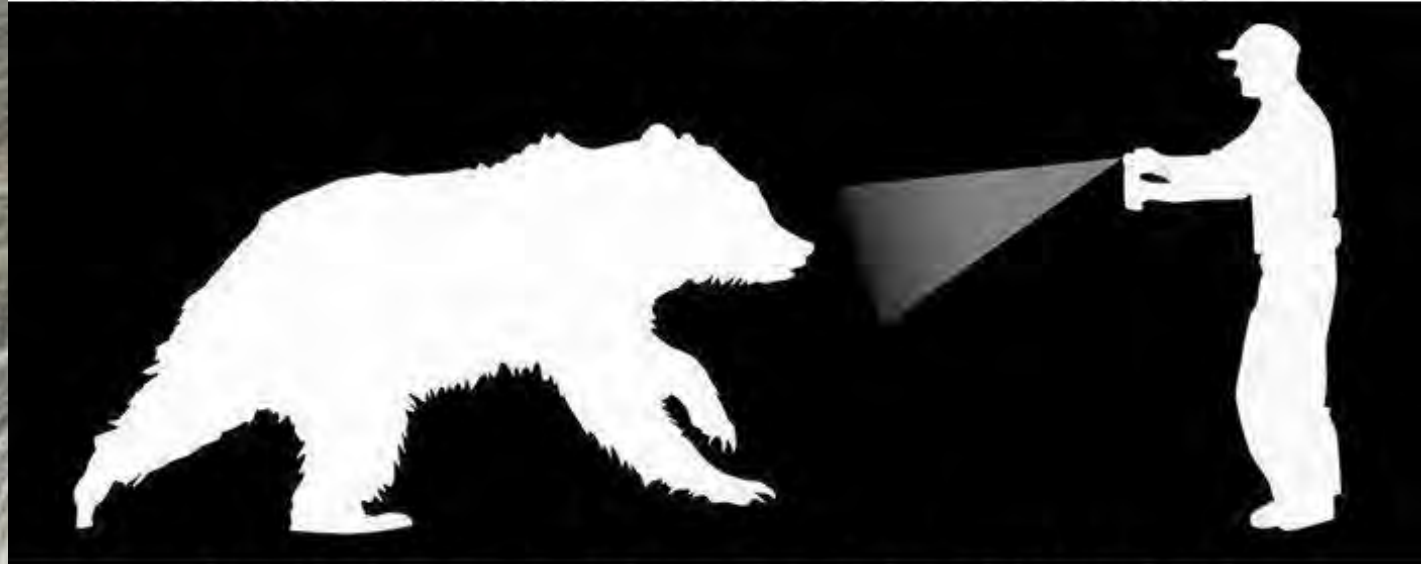
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USE BEAR SPRAY TO ANGER THE BEAR



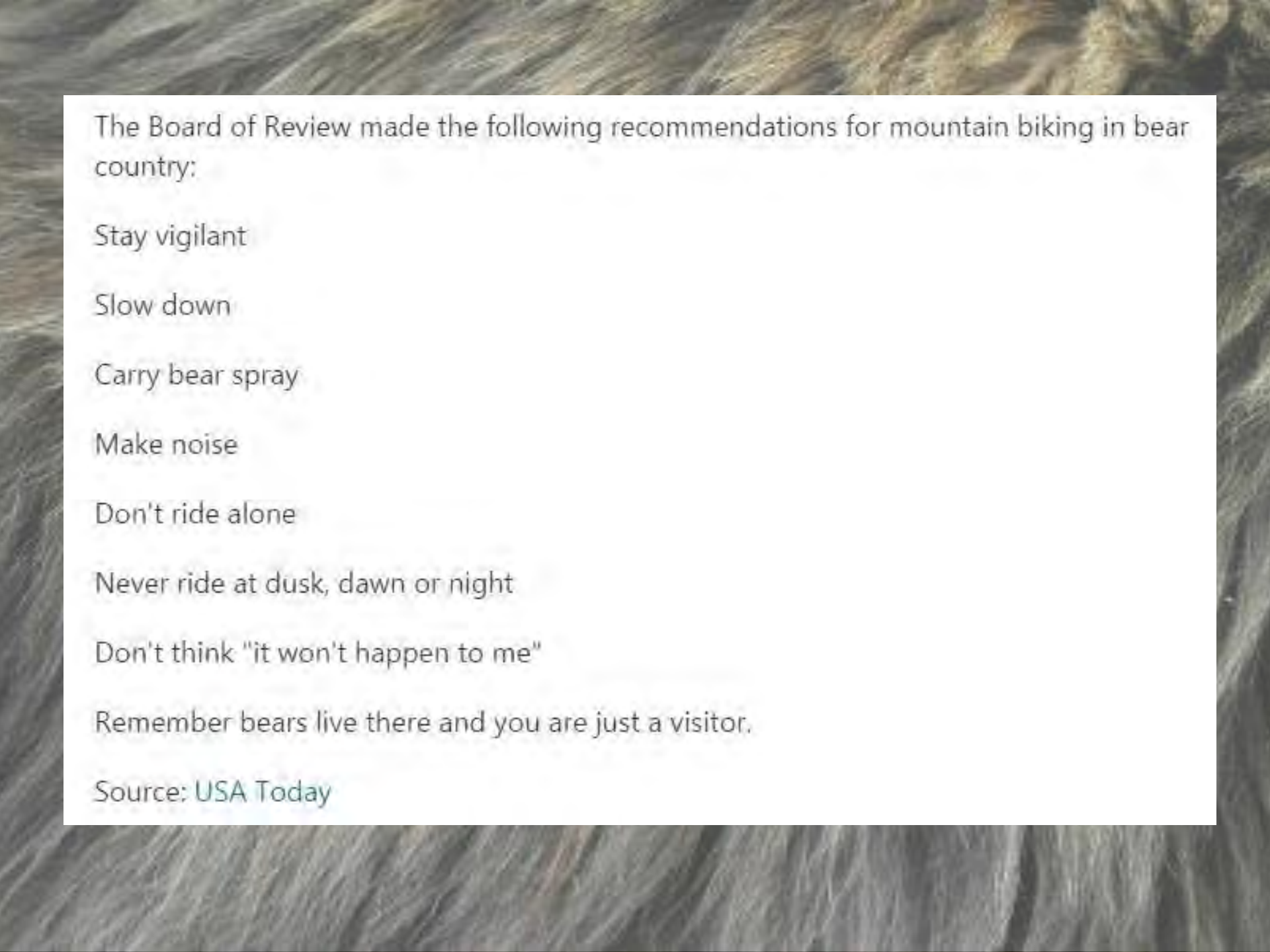
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AN ANGRY BEAR WILL KILL YOU FASTER

Review: Surprise Bike Collision with Grizzly Caused West Glacier Fatality

Board of Review Report details circumstances of Officer Brad Treat's death, issues safety recommendations

BY TRISTAN SCOTT // MAR 6, 2017 // NEWS & FEATURES

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The Board of Review made the following recommendations for mountain biking in bear country:

Stay vigilant

Slow down

Carry bear spray

Make noise

Don't ride alone

Never ride at dusk, dawn or night

Don't think "it won't happen to me"

Remember bears live there and you are just a visitor.

Source: [USA Today](#)

Food Storage Regulation Map

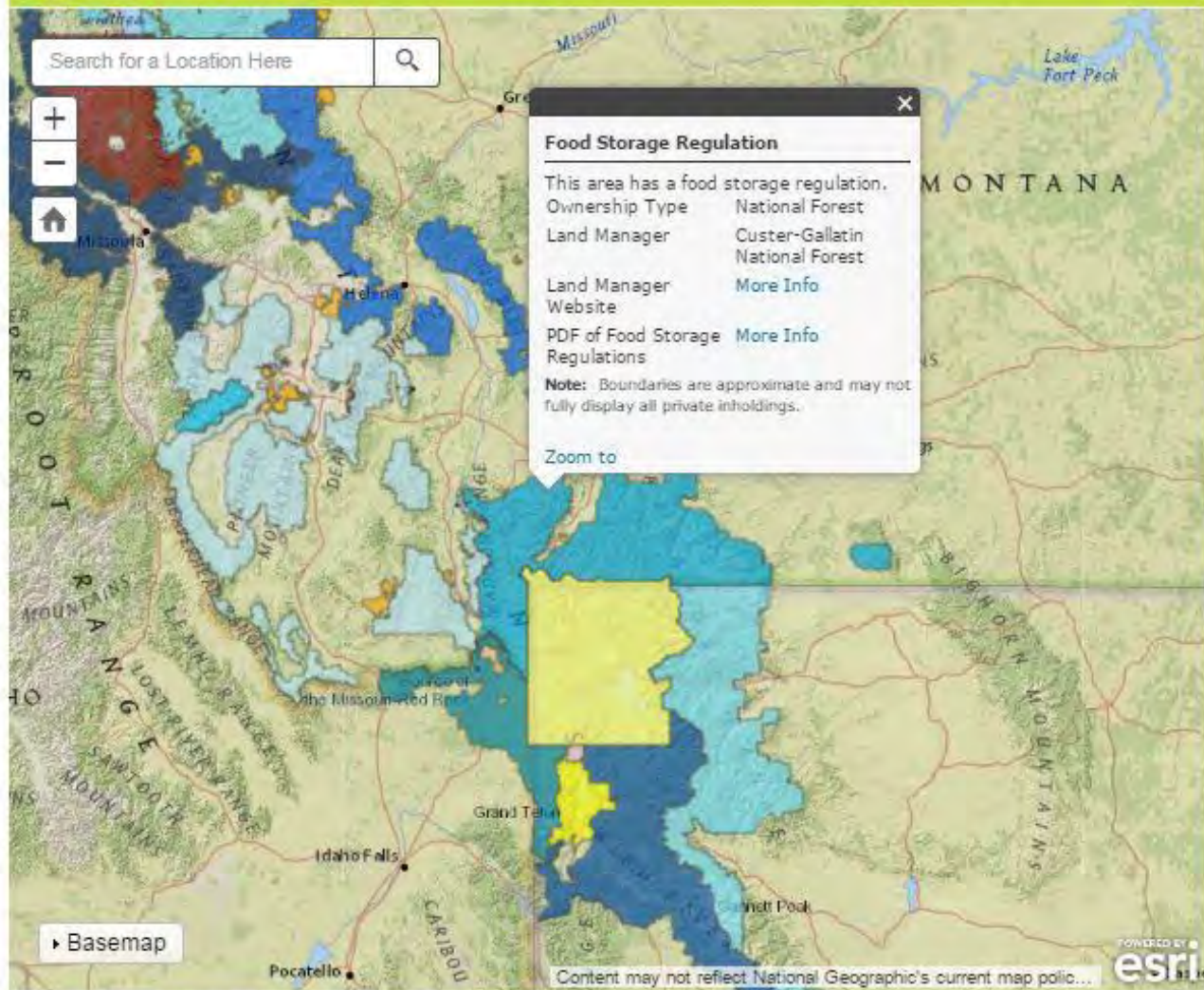
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Grizzly Bear Food Storage Regulations



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I'm Not a Trophy

Yoga the bear says~

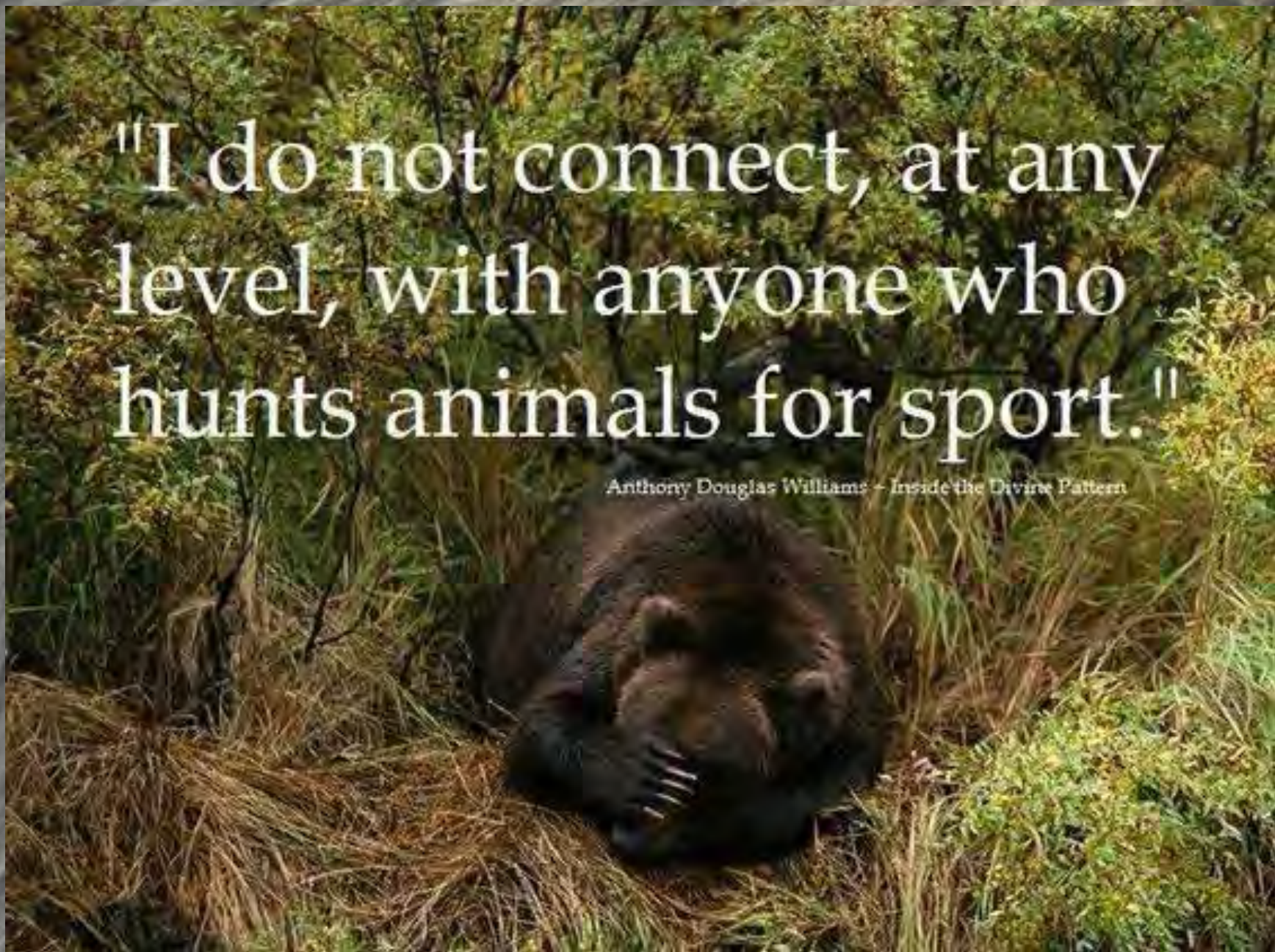


I'm a
Tourist Attraction

Photo by Daryl L. Hunter

"I do not connect, at any level, with anyone who hunts animals for sport."

Anthony Douglas Williams - Inside the Divine Pattern



The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation



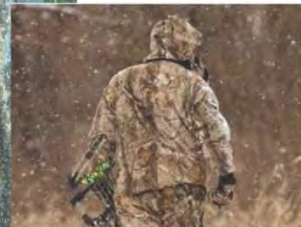
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Save the Yellowstone Grizzly

Stop the Delisting and Trophy Hunt



Your Voice Matters!

Over 50 tribes and First Nations signed a historic treaty and over 800,000 people have signed petitions against the delisting the Yellowstone grizzly.



Delisting means stripping the Yellowstone Grizzly of protection under the Endangered Species Act.

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Over 650,000 voices have been heard!

Opposition stalls end of Yellowstone grizzly protections!

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Under the Gun

**Protected for a generation, grizzly bears around
Yellowstone may soon be delisted and hunted**

All Animals magazine

by Karen E. Lange



A lone grizzly walks by the side of Yellowstone Lake, where cutthroat trout that once helped feed bears have all but disappeared. Photo by Barrett Hedges/National Geographic Creative.

Editor's note: Since this story first published, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reopened the comment period on its proposed plan to delist grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The comment period closes Oct. 7, 2016.

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PRESS RELEASE

Yellowstone Grizzly Bears: Not Time to Declare Victory

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March 03, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC (March 3, 2016) - Today, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service declared that the Yellowstone population of grizzly bears is recovered and no longer needs the protections of the Endangered Species Act.

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Following is a statement from Sylvia Fallon, Senior Scientist with the Natural Resources Defense Council:

"Given all of the uncertainty facing the Yellowstone grizzly, we do not think it is time to declare victory for these bears just yet. Yellowstone grizzly bears are an isolated population that is experiencing high levels of conflicts with people and is likely declining in the wake of the loss of whitebark pine, a critically important food source.



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Yellowstone's Grizzly Bears Need Strong Protections to Thrive



Thomas Hollenhorst, KSL TV

Sure it holds trash, but can it pass the grizzly test?

By John Hollenhorst | Posted Mar 6th, 2017 @ 10:38pm

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10PM: Sure it holds trash, but can it pass the grizzly test?

John Hollenhorst, KSL TV

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. — If a manufacturer wants to put a container on the market that's supposed to be bear-proof — or "bear-resistant" — how can it be tested to make sure it works?

The best way, of course, would be to let a few hungry grizzly bears take a crack at it.



How NOT To Camp In Bear Country

EDUCATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

Here's a taste of our latest mock campsite in the bear habitat. Education is busy with programs, interpretation, outreach visits, and many summer guests. Don't forget we ALSO have a new Instagram account so you can look at great photos anytime at [grizzlywolfcenter](https://www.instagram.com/grizzlywolfcenter)! Take a look!



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Grizzly Bears: Ready for Delisting?



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Grizzly lesson plan runs into resistance

■ Delisting debate comes to the classroom.

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A Wyoming Game and Fish Department lesson plan to teach high school students about grizzly management is seen by some as pro-hunting propaganda.

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By Kylie Mohr | 10 comments

When grizzly bears are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, creating a neutral lesson plan about managing the species' population isn't as simple as it sounds.

That's evidenced by the outcry from



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IT'S BEAR SEASON: TIME TO BE BEAR AWARE

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Spring is in the air and with the unseasonably warm weather across parts of the country, you can expect bears to begin emerging from hibernation soon. So what does this mean for those of us still chasing the last remnants of winter sports?

[You need to be bear aware!](#)