Grizzly Bear Management
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 1
Number of Grizzly Bear Conflicts Reported
Management Region 1
2020

Preliminary Data
Over 200 reported conflicts
Many involving the same bears
• Bears in yards
• Bears in garbage
• Bears in bird feeders
• Bears killing livestock (pigs, llama, chickens)
• Bears in fruit trees
Number of Grizzly Bear Captures
Management Region 1
1993 to the Present

479 captures of 282 individual bears.
Average is 17 captures per year.

2018 we had 23 captures.
2019 we had 19 captures.
2020 we have 19 captures to date.
Number of Grizzly Bear Captures
Management Region 1
2020

13 Spring Captures
1 Summer Capture
5 Autumn Captures

13 Females
6 males

16 Relocated – 3 recaptured and euthanized
3 were not relocated and were euthanized
Current Status of 2020 Management Captures

11 are known to be alive
6 were euthanized
1 illegal kill
1 is unknown (GPS downloads quit)
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Goal:
Minimize Conflicts Between People and Grizzly Bears
Objective:
To minimize grizzly bear conflicts by working with landowners to identify and secure attractants.
Temporary Electric Fencing
Permanent Electric Fencing
Electrified Screen On Chicken Coop
Electrified Metal Door
Grain Bins (Electrified Screen on Pallets)
Critter Gitter (Apple Tree)
Bear Resistant Containers
Illegal Feeding of Wildlife

Continues to be an issue...
Facebook Pages
Flathead Bear Aware
Flathead Fruit Gleaning

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Created 5/26/2020
2,166 Likes

Flathead Fruit Gleaning
Created 8/29/2019
644 Likes
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Grizzly Bear Locations
Tally Lake District

Garbage at Abandon Trailer
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Flathead County
Ashley Lake – Electric Fence
Coram – Electric Fence
Olney – Electric Fence
Essex – Electric Fence
Bigfork – Electric Fence
Creston – Chain link

Lake County
Ferndale – Automated Lids
Swan Lake – Automated Lids
Woods Bay

Lincoln County
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Glen Lake – Electric Fence
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To provide information to the media on how people can minimize grizzly bear conflicts.
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Landowners

USFWS Law Enforcement

Was attacked by a grizzly bear
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Landowner Cooperation
Bear Wake-up Social in Ferndale and Bear Fair in Condon (Organized by Swan Valley Bear Resources)
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Augmentation
Questions?