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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 Captures1 Summer Capture5 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





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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







Flathead Bear Aware 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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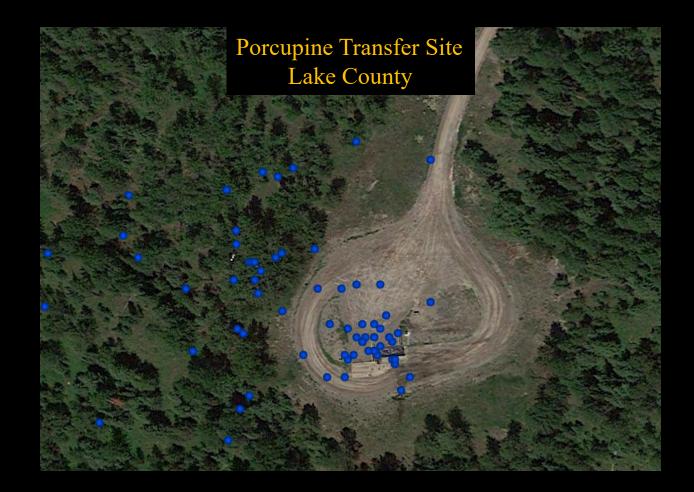
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To provide information to the media on how people can minimize grizzly bear conflicts.







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To respond to grizzly bear conflicts on private and public lands.





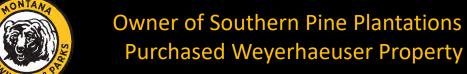




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Landowners

USFWS Law Enforcement

Was attacked by a grizzly bear



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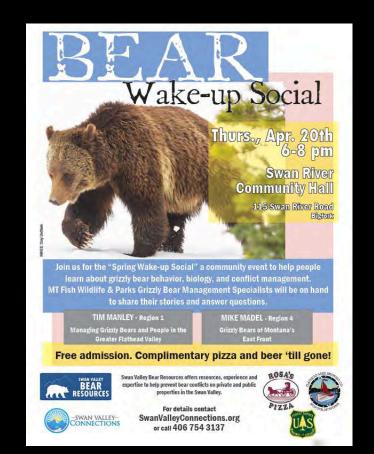


Landowner Cooperation



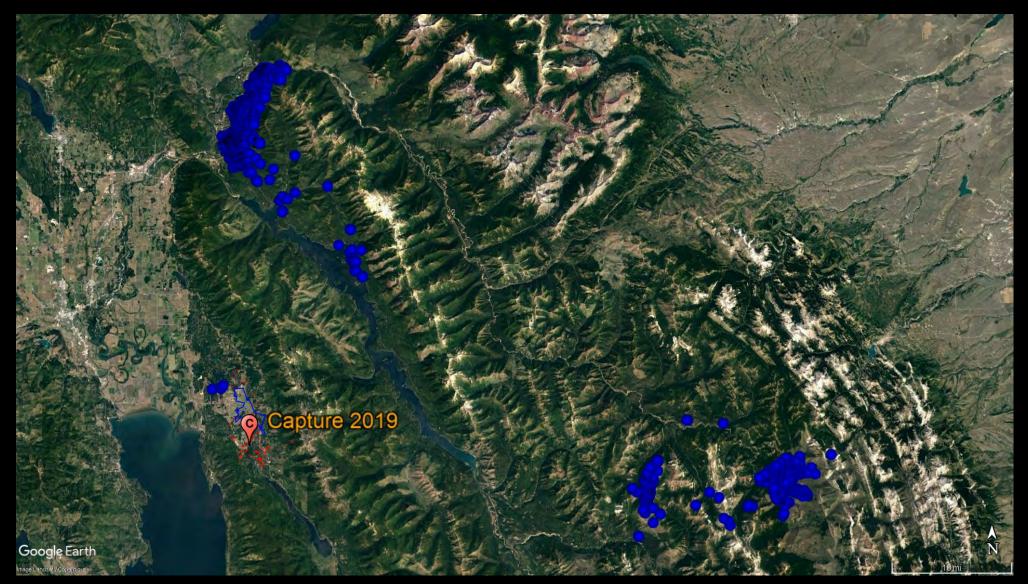
Bear Wake-up Social in Ferndale and Bear Fair in Condon

(Organized by Swan Valley Bear Resources)













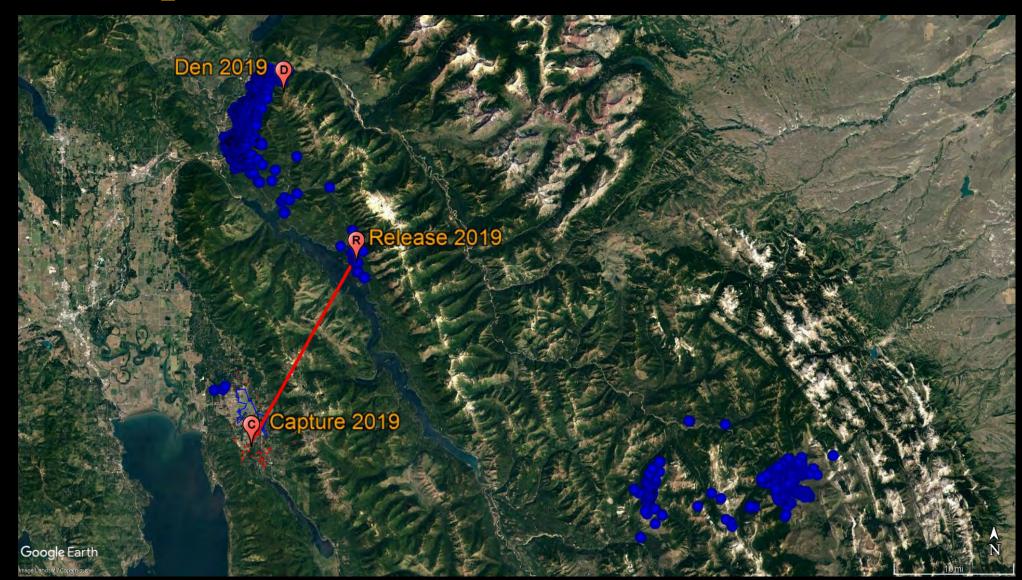




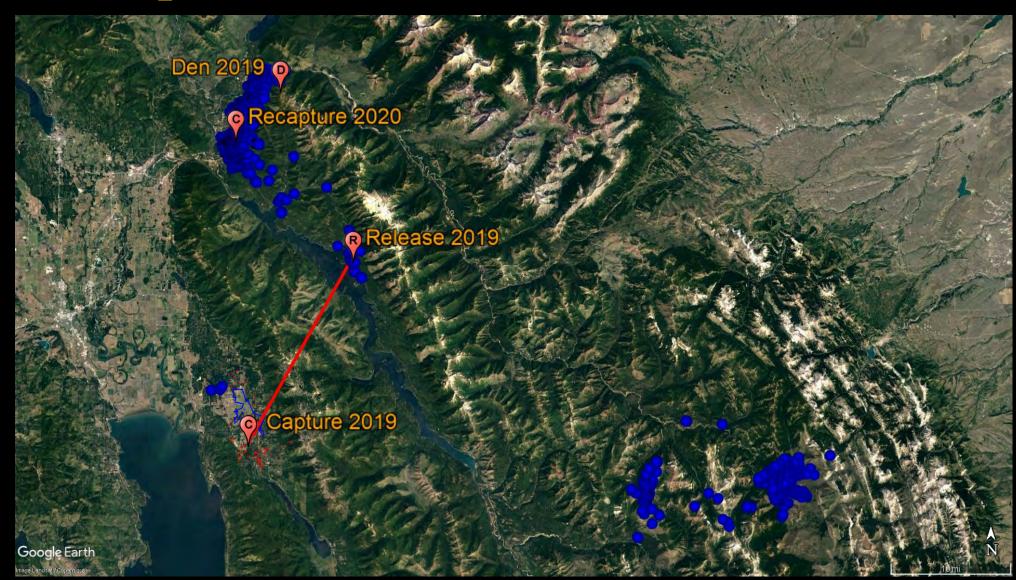








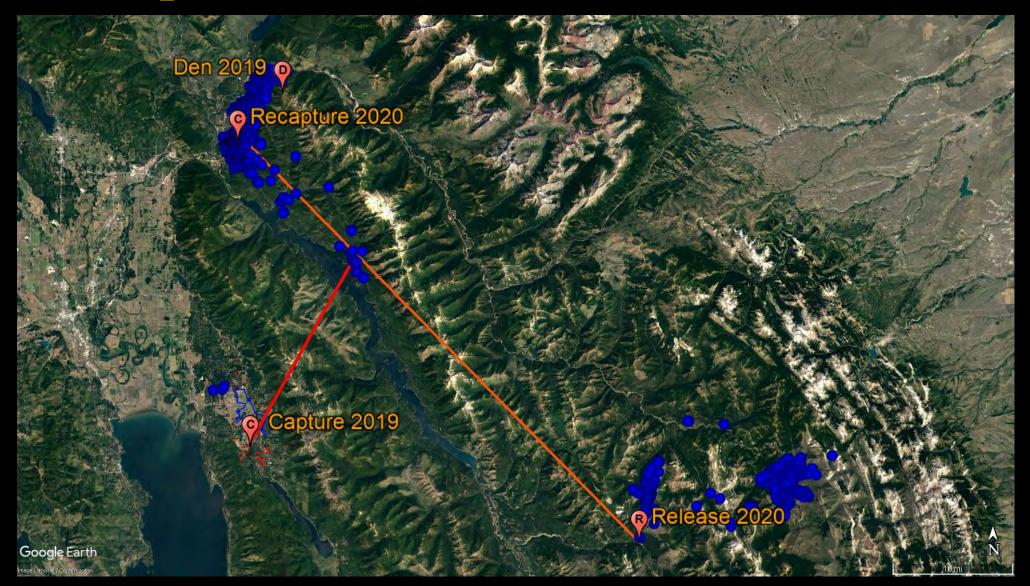












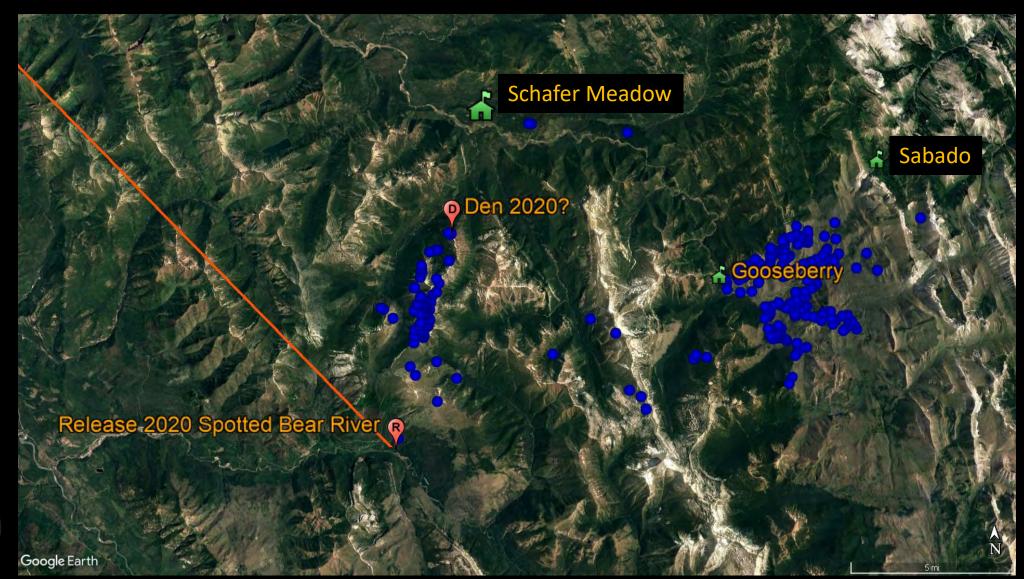














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