Fall Research and Monitoring Update Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem 2020

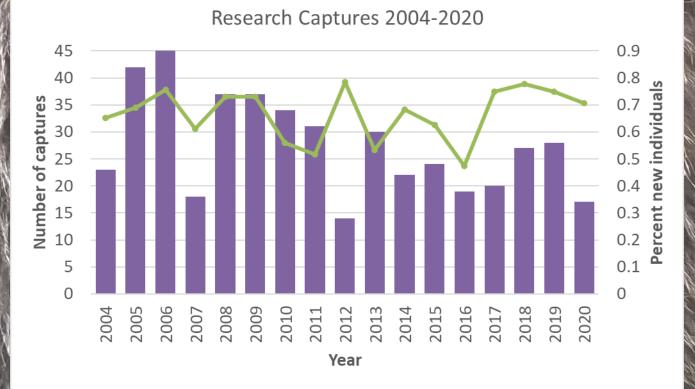




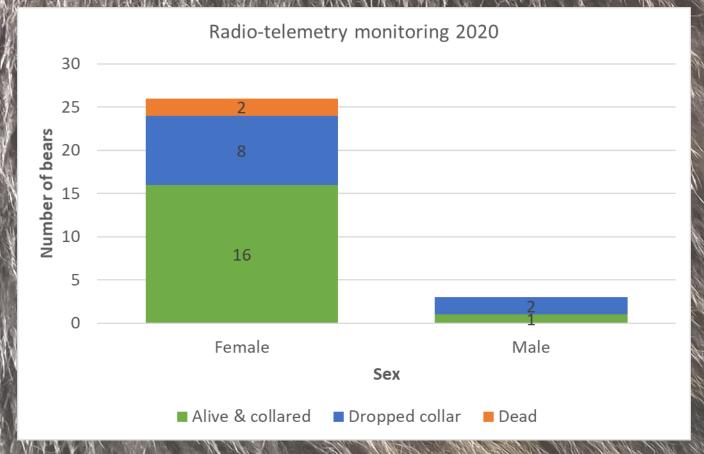
Note: This pdf includes a few minor changes to the presentation to improve clarity

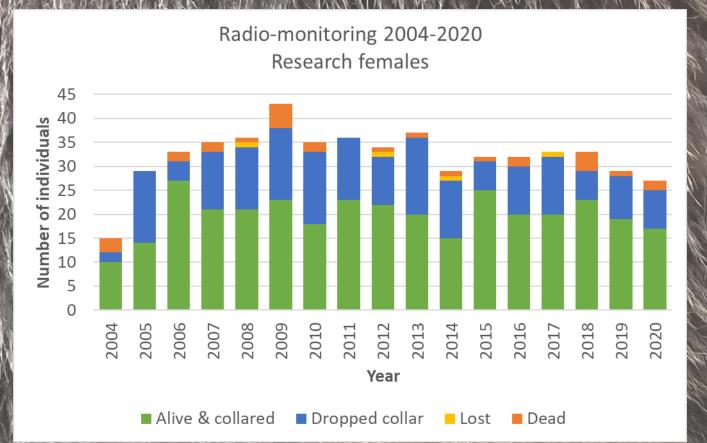
Captures and radio-collar deployments 2020 10 9 8 7 Number of bears 6 5 Captured Radio-marked Captured 1 0 Female Male

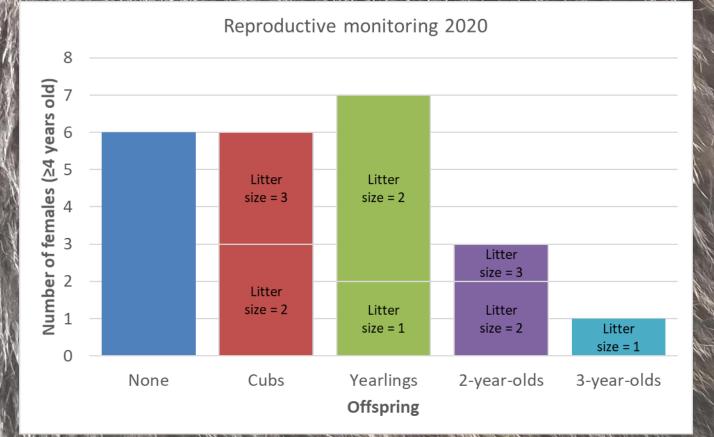
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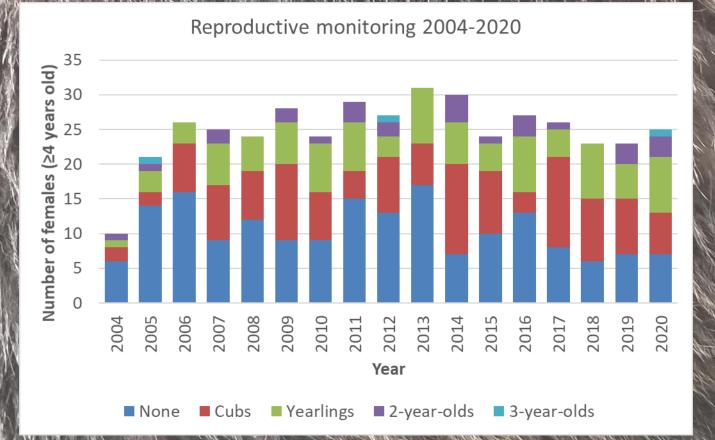


Captures — Percent new







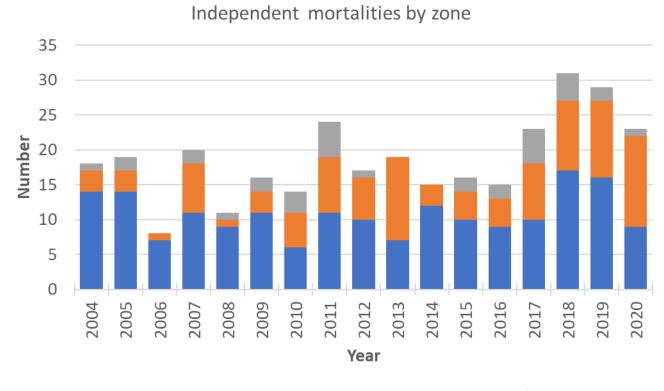


Mortality Ecosystem-wide

Documented mortalities 2020

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|--|-------------|--------|------|-----|-------|
| | Ageclass | Female | Male | sex | Total |
| Inside DMA | Dependent | 5 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| | Independent | 11 | 10 | 0 | 21 |
| | Total | 16 | 12 | 5 | 33 |
| | | | | | |
| Outside DMA | Dependent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Independent | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | Total | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

Mortality Ecosystem-wide, independent age



Primary Conservation Area
Zone 1
Outside

Mortality limits Applied to independent aged bears inside DMA

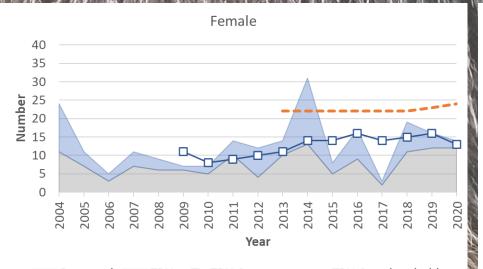
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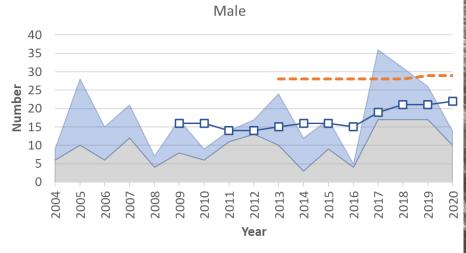
Estimated total reported & unreported (TRU) mortality 2020

| Sex | Agency removal (A) | Telemetry (B) | Reported (high) | Reported (low) | Estimated reported and unreported (C) | Estimated total mortality (A+B+C) |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Female | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 14 |
| Male | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 14 |

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Mortality Augmentation bears

Augmentation male 927

- Moved to CY in July 2018 and counted as a mortality in NCDE
- Wide ranging movements in 2019
- Denned in CY during winters of 2018-19 and 2019-20
- Returned to NCDE in June 2020 and dropped collar
- Will likely remove from 2018 mortalities

Augmentation male 892

- Moved to CY in July 2019 and counted as a mortality in NCDE
- Denned in CY during winter 2019-2020
- Returned to NCDE in 2020 and died in spring (under investigation)
- Not included in 2020 mortalities reported here

Research Projects

- Integrated Population Model (IPM) project progressing (UM, NCDE, IGBST, USFWS)
- Parturition timing study nearing completion (NCDE, CY, IGBST, Alaska National Parks)
- Denning Chronology study progressing (NCDE, CY, IGBST)
- Population Expansion and Connectivity project will start in Dec 2020 (NCDE, UM)
- Montana human attitudes survey (FWP, UM)
 - Statewide results completed
 - Analyses of geographic and other drivers of attitudes still underway