

 Board of Review
Recommendations Resulting from Human Fatalities

2021 Human Fatalities

○ April 15, 2021, West Yellowstone MT

Carl Mock: West Yellowstone resident; guide for Back Country Adventures

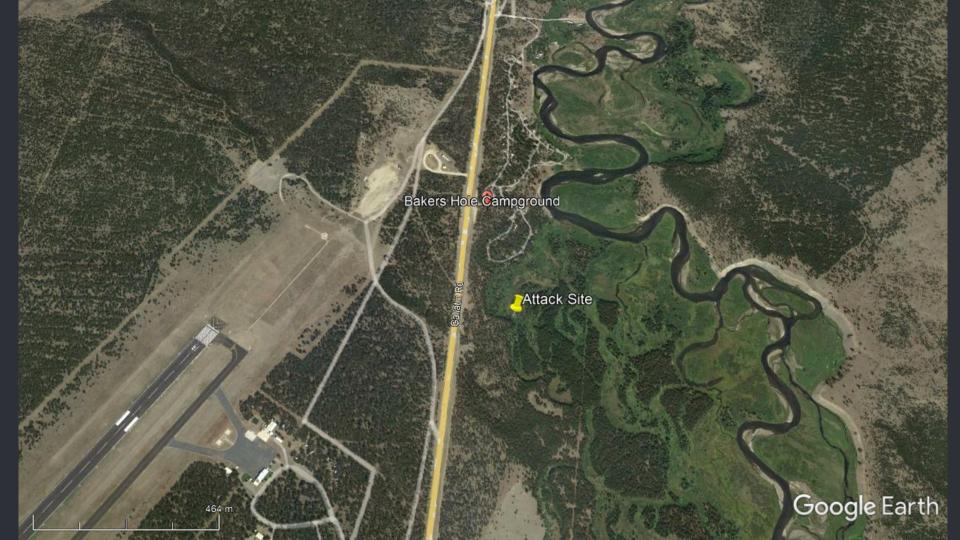
July 5, 2021, Ovando MT

Leah Davis Lokan: Chico California resident; retired nurse; avid cyclist

Board of Review: Carl Mock, West Yellowstone

- O Interagency Team: Kevin Frey, Brian Debolt, Kerry Gunther, Mark Haroldson, Jeremy Nicholson, Dan Thompson, Dan Tyers, Hilary Cooley
- Response & Investigation: Gallatin County Sherriff's office, West Yellowstone Police Dept, USFS, Gallatin County Search and Rescue, Hebgen Basin Fire, MTFWP
- O Location: Custer Gallatin NF, near Baker's Hole Campground
- O 18th Human Fatality in GYE since 1892.





Summary & Conclusion





Recommendations

- Due to an increase in human use, bear population numbers and geographic grizzly bear distribution, more people are encountering grizzly bears. Individuals need to know and follow bear safety recommendations.
- Agencies should continue to provide public information to help reduce dangerous encounters and increase human safety in grizzly bear country.
 - Be constantly alert
 - Hike or hunt with a partner(s)
 - Make noise, if possible, to help avoid surprising a bear
 - Secure food attractants at camps, homes, and work sites
 - Do not run if you encounter a bear
 - Avoid animal carcasses -watch for concentrations of scavengers (i.e. ravens)
 - Carry and know how to use self-defense....bear-spray and or firearms. It is always recommended to carry bear-spray even if individuals carry firearms.