

# 2024 Annual Report

## Conrad Area Grizzly Bear Management

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# Outline

- I&E
- Conflicts
- Complaints and Observations
- Captures
- Mortalities
- GB 696 and 719



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# Acknowledgments

- Best wishes to Wesley Sarmiento and Jack Austin
- Conrad Bear Team
- Choteau Bear Team
- FWP Trend Monitoring Team
- FWP Biologists, Pilots, Wardens, Fisheries, Support Crews
- USFWS
- USDA APHIS
- USFS
- People and Carnivores
- Safari Club International
- MSU Extension Choteau
- Local Law Enforcement and Gov.
- Numerous landowners



# I&E

- 19 education events
- 2 Trainings
- 26 Bear sprays distributed
- 6 Patrols



# Conflict and Prevention

## Conflicts

12% fewer in CY 24 than average

- Proximity.....12
- Unnatural food.....8
- Depredation.....6
- Property damage.....4
- Agricultural damage....3
- Human interaction.....2



# Conflict and Prevention

## Prevention

- 423 carcasses removed
- 7 eFences constructed
- >150 lbs apples removed
- 4 grain cleanups
- 3 grain bin doors built
- 2 hazing operations



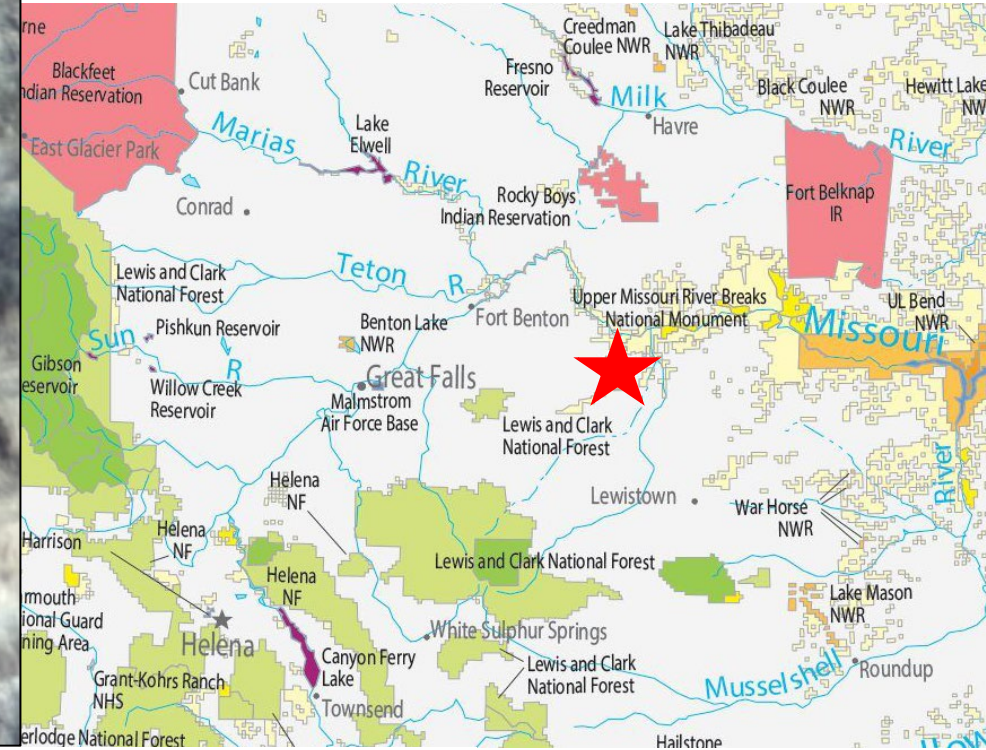
# Complaints and Observations



- >300 contacts
- 3 outlier observations investigated
- Grizzly bear observations via cams, tracks, and photos in Little Belts, Highwoods, Arrow Creek Breaks, Milk River Breaks, Bear's Paws



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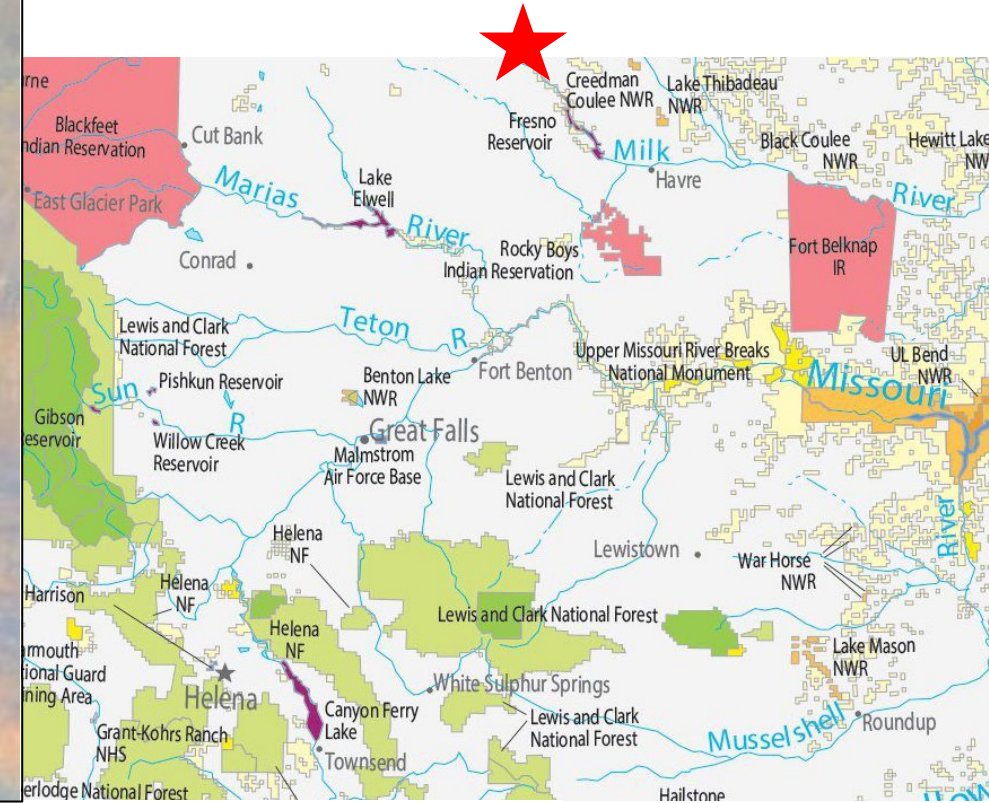


**Sow w/ 2 cubs in the Arrow Creek Breaks NW of Lewistown**





# Complaints and Observations



**Adult grizzly on the Lost River WMA NW of Havre**



# Captures

## Management

- GB 795. YM
- GB 718. YF

## Research

- GB 717. 18yo AM
- GB 696 (w/trend). 17yo AF
- GB 719 (w/trend). 13yo AF
- GB 719 cub (w/trend). COY F
- BB M31. 8yo AM
- BB 652. 5yo AM

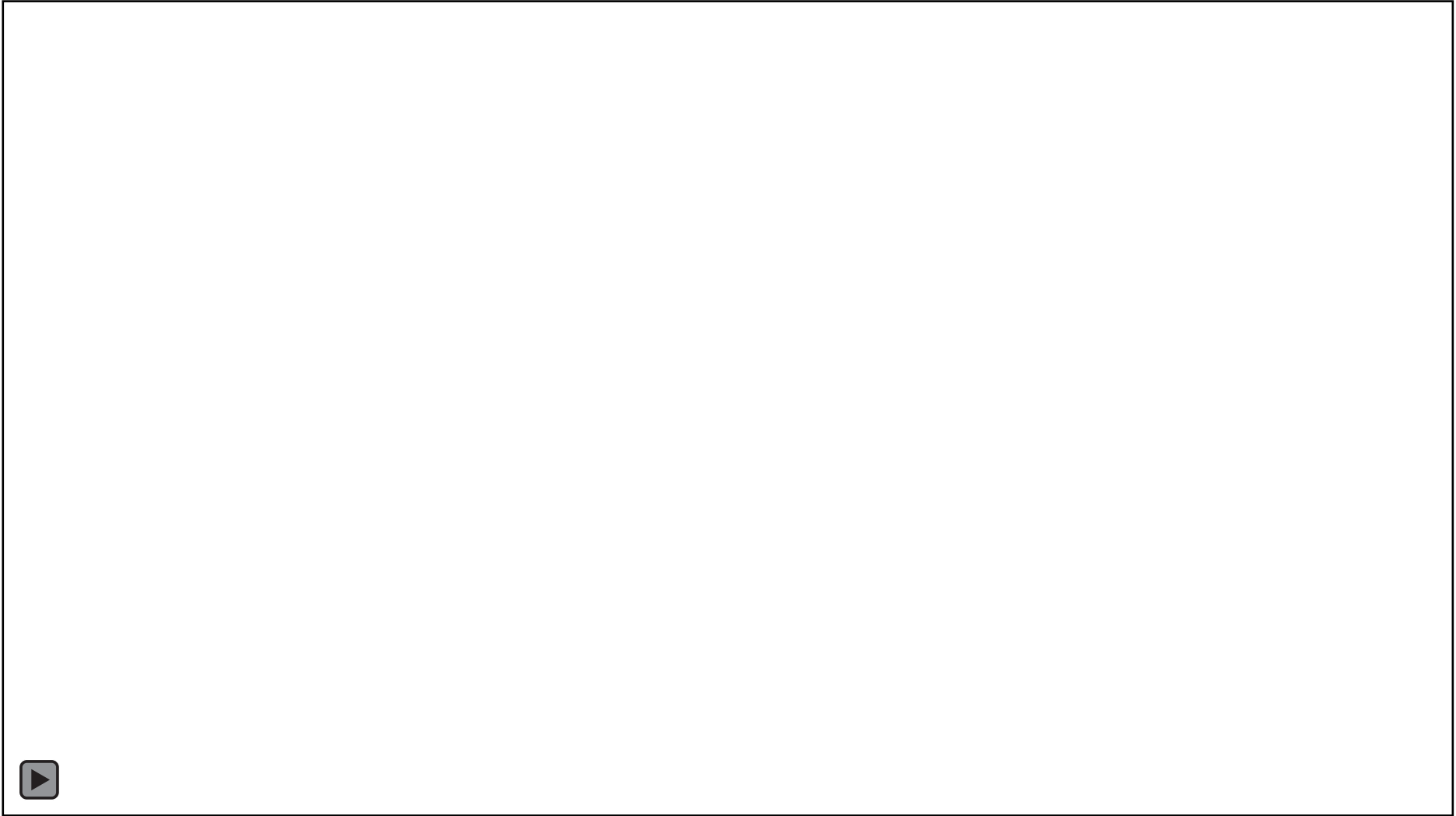


# Mortalities

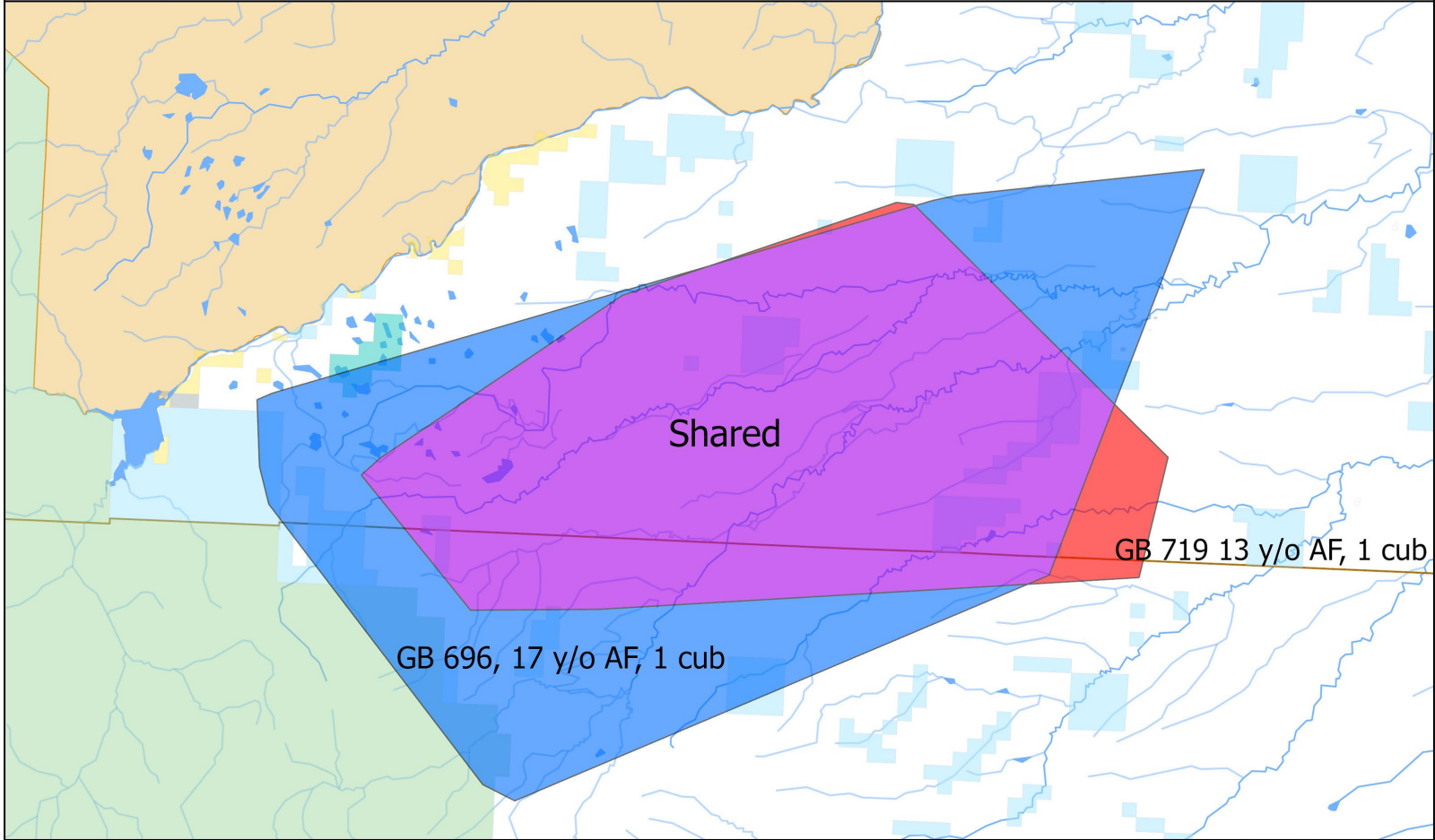
- Illegal – 2YO female shot outside Valier
- Illegal – 2YO male shot outside Valier (sibling)
- Vehicle – 2-3 YO female



# Grizzly Bears 696 and 719



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