

Yellowstone National Park Human-Bear Conflict Report - 2025



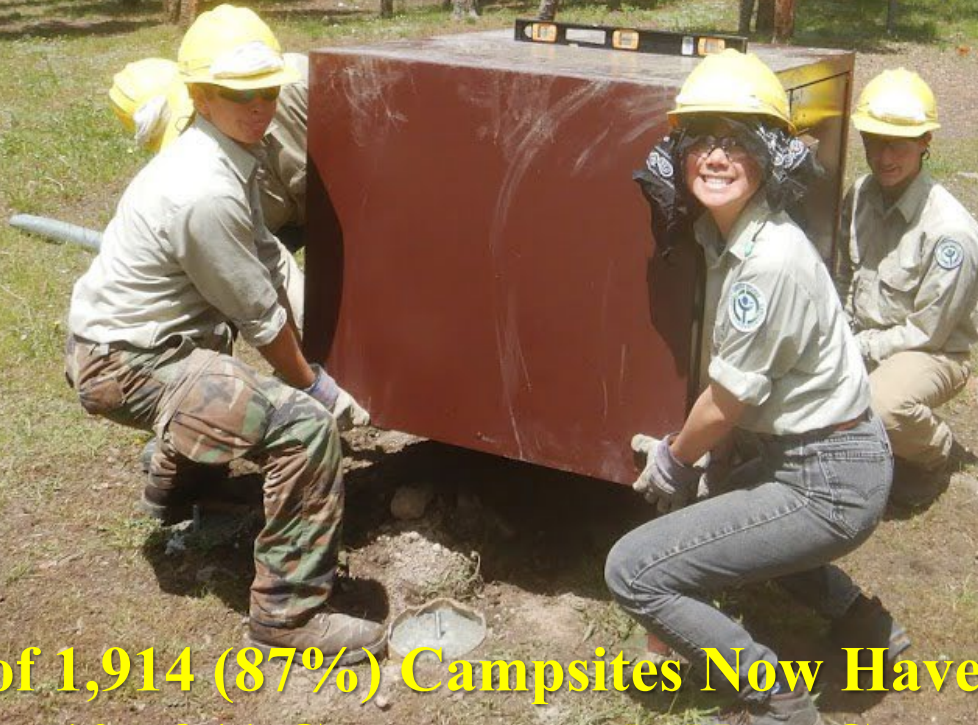
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Conflict Prevention – 2025

Photo: N. Nichols

YCC, MCC, GROUND-Work Management Staff Installed 114 Bear-proof Food Storage Lockers in 2025



**1,664 of 1,914 (87%) Campsites Now Have Bear Boxes
10 of 11 Campgrounds Now Complete**

**Posted 22 areas with
Bear Warnings due to
Grizzly Activity in Visitor Use Areas**

WARNING



FREQUENTING AREA

Removal of this sign may result in INJURY to others
and is punishable by law

**THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF YOUR SAFETY
WHILE HIKING OR CAMPING IN BEAR COUNTRY**

**Posted 30 Trail/Area Closures
Due to Grizzly Activity
In Visitor Use Areas**



Carcass Management

A group of five brown bears are gathered in a grassy, hilly area. One bear is standing in the upper center, looking down. Another bear is standing to its right, also looking down. In the foreground, two bears are huddled together, and a fifth bear is lying on the ground to the right. The terrain is a mix of green grass and brown soil.

**Moved 94 Large Mammal Carcasses
From Visitor Use Areas in 2025**

42 Mule Deer
30 Bison
15 Elk
5 Pronghorn
1 Grizzly Bear
1 Black Bear



Management Hazing: 89 incidents

Bean Bag Rounds

Rubber Bullets

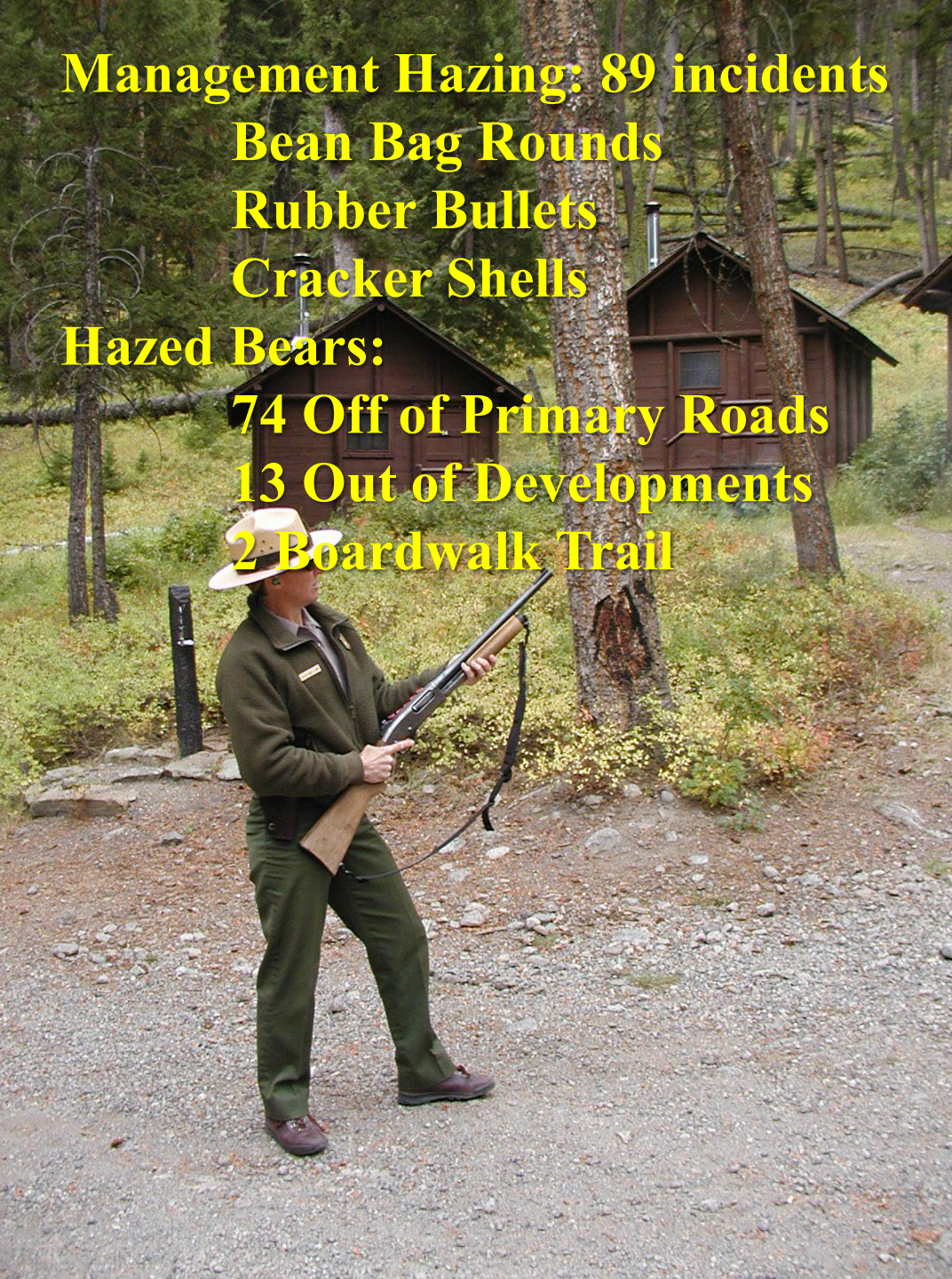
Cracker Shells

Hazed Bears:

74 Off of Primary Roads

13 Out of Developments

2 Boardwalk Trail





Bear-jams Reported:

602 Grizzly Bear

922 Black Bear

3 Species Not Reported

Total: 1,527 Bear-jams

Park Staff Managed 455 of 602 (76%) Grizzly Bear-jams



No Park Staff Present at 147 (24%) of Bear-jams

Staff Hours Managing Grizzly Bear-jams

Grizzly: 1,653 hours

Average: 3.6 staff hours per grizzly jam

Black Bear: 1,183 hours

Average 1.8 staff hours per black bear jam



Total Staff Hours

Grizzly & Black Bears Combined : 3,148 staff hours

A photograph showing a person from behind, wearing a black jacket and a red scarf, standing in a snowy field. A brown bear is walking towards the person. The background consists of snow-covered trees and a fence.

**Need to Develop Better
Ways to Promote Proper
Bear Viewing Etiquette
Among Park Visitors**

Human - Grizzly Bear Conflicts 2025

Property Damage No Food Reward: 0

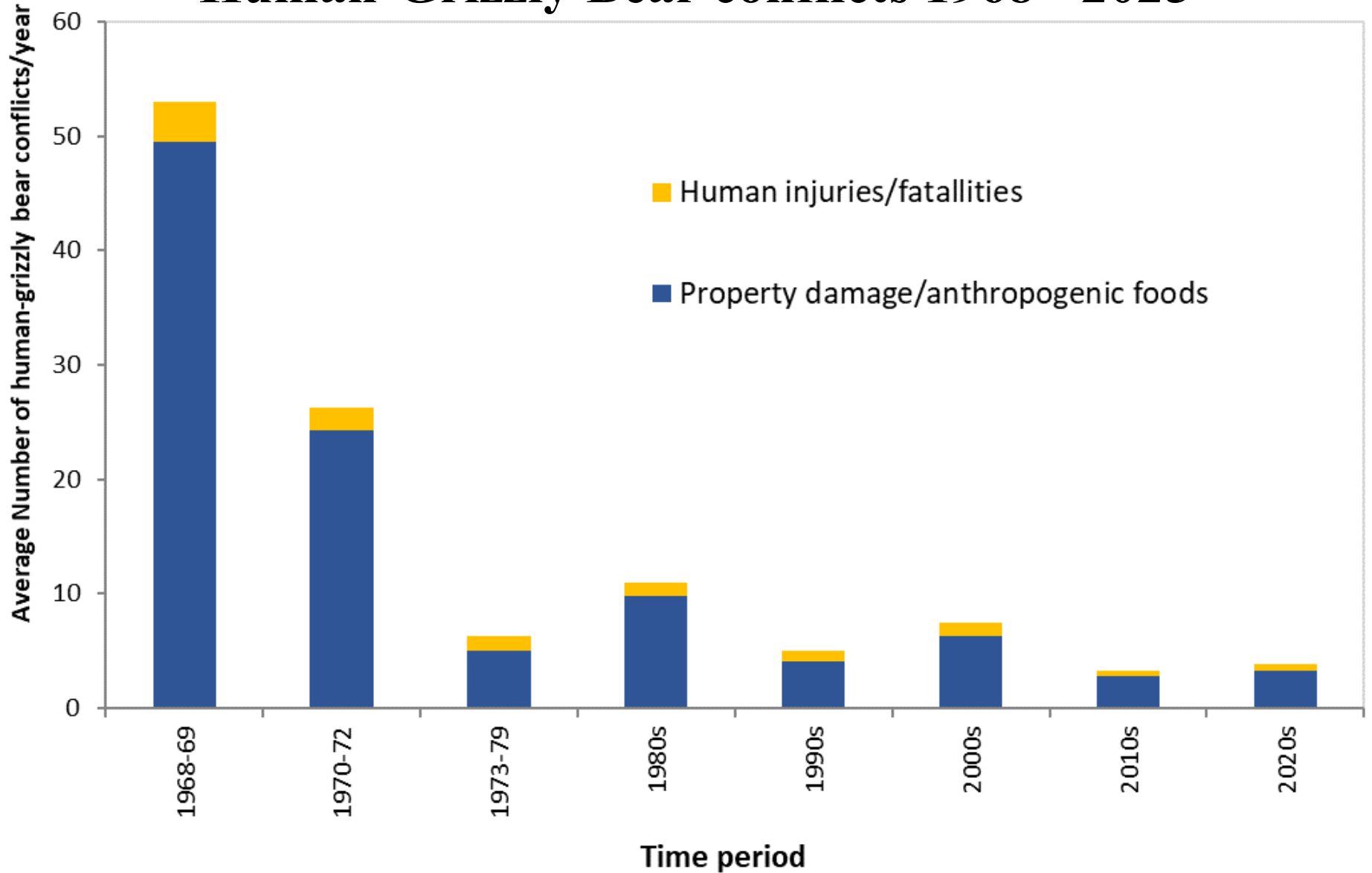
Human Food Obtained: 6

Human Injury: 1

Total Conflicts: 7



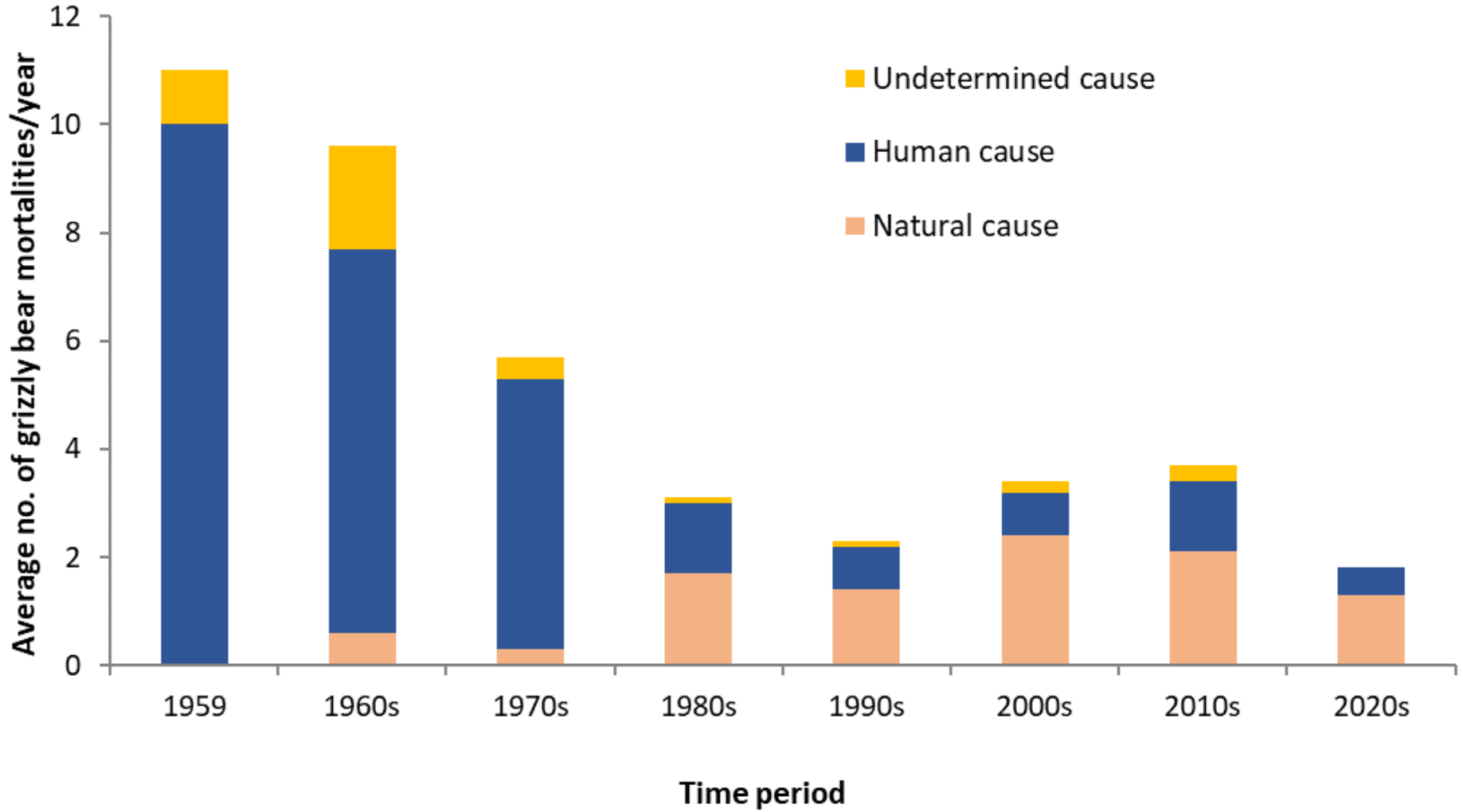
Human-Grizzly Bear conflicts 1968 - 2025



Management Removals of Conflict Bears: 1



Grizzly Bear Mortality 1959 - 2025



The End



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