

# News Release

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## Community Notice: Grizzly bear relocated to [mountain range/valley description]

**DENVER** — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) [FOREST UNIT], are providing notice to the communities in the vicinity of [Location information] that a grizzly bear has been relocated in the area. The USFWS took over grizzly bear relocation responsibilities from the state, in certain circumstances, following a recent change to Montana law [link to original news release].

This bear [tag number if known] has been relocated due to [description of situation/conflict and where bear came from]. [If conflict related: Each conflict situation is unique and requires input from staff on the ground, a thorough history of bear interactions and behavior, and close coordination with other federal, Tribal, state, and local agencies. ]

As grizzly bears recover in numbers and geographic areas it is important to remember that this area is within the historic range for grizzly bears as they naturally reoccupy this habitat. Relocating a bear from a more developed area to a remote area of [location information] is mutually beneficial to both the bear and humans, allowing the bear to be removed from another potential conflict, while creating more space between them and human development..

Relocation is not an eligible management tool for grizzly bears that are considered a threat to human safety; bears posing a threat to human safety would not be relocated. The public should continue to practice good [bear-aware habits in bear country](#), including the carrying and knowledge of [how to use bear spray](#).

The community can help prevent the need for relocations and make a difference in a bear's life by doing its part to ensure bears never obtain food rewards. Residents of local communities are encouraged to secure attractants around their homes and store all garbage within bear-resistant

containers. Attractants include items with a scent, such as trash, livestock feed, compost, or beehives. Ensure bird feeders are at least ten feet up and four feet out from any building. Avoid planting fruit trees. Help your neighbors create a bear-wise community to protect wildlife. It may be cliché; however, more often than not, “a fed bear is a dead bear.”

Please visit the [Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Bear Aware page](#) for more information about staying safe in bear country.

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