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Hi all. Please see the conflict update below. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

### **GBRP Conflict Update September 26 – October 2**

#### Montana

- 9/28 - Conflict specialists relocated a female cub of the year from outside of Dupuyer along the Rocky Mountain Front, to the Jocko Divide, adjacent to the Flathead Indian Reservation. The mother of this cub was captured after killing a calf and likely being involved in several other conflicts in the general vicinity. Once captured, FWP found that she had been captured several years prior for depredations in the same general area, and had been relocated as a result. Because of her history and that she had already found her way back, the decision was made to remove her. Given the time of year and that the cub was in good condition, the decision was made, in consultation with several people with decades of experience with grizzly bears and grizzly bear management, to relocate the cub as opposed to removing her as well.
- 10/1 - One of the two subadult grizzly bears, a 2 ½ year old male, that had been frequenting areas around Highway 93 in the northern Bitterroot valley was captured by FWP. Pictures indicated the other bear, which was presumed to be the sibling of this bear, was at the site but not captured. This bear determined to be a preemptive capture, so FWP relocated the bear on 10/2 to the lone FWP Commission approved site in the area; a site along the periphery of the Welcome Creek Wilderness at the north end of the Sapphire mountains.
  - UPDATE: 10/3 - The second grizzly, a female, was captured last night. This bear will also be released at the Welcome Cr site.
- FWS Conflict Specialist Rory Trimbo worked with FWP and landowners on multiple fencing and conflict mitigation efforts throughout the Flathead, Valley.
- FWS Specialists Amber Kornak and Rory Trimbo took part in several educational events in the Flathead and Blackfoot Valleys.
- Hilary, Ben, and Amber attended a meeting put on by Trina Joe Bradley of the Rocky Mountain Front Rangelands Group. Members from WS along with FWP Director Hank Worsch and Chief of Staff Quentin Kujala were there as well. The

meeting was reasonably well attended, and all three agencies fielded a litany of questions from the public.

#### Wyoming

- No additional sightings of 399.
- 863 and her cubs were not seen this week.
- WGF is dealing with an increasing number of grizzly bear conflicts greater distances outside the DMA. A family group was removed for repeatedly getting into conflict almost 30 miles east of the DMA boundary, along the Greybull River. The mother of this group had previously been relocated due to conflicts in this area.
- FWS Conflict Specialist Becca Lyon is working with Teton County to help residents comply with new LDRs and has been assisting BearWise Jackson Hole in the hiring process for their new program manager position.

#### Tribes

- Coordinated with CSKT wildlife staff on relocation site for the female cub relocated from the Rocky Mountain Front.
- FWS Conflict Specialist Morgan Vance will be spending several days meeting with and assisting Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife staff this coming week.

Thanks,

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