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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 October 3-9

Montana

- 10/7 - Conflict Specialists relocated a female from the Foothill area outside of Kalispell to Spotted Bear. This bear was captured by FWP after killing several unsecured chickens and getting into an occupied chain-link dog kennel to get at large quantities of dog food. When confronted by the barking dog, the bear reportedly took a swipe at the dog before returning to the food. This bear had no known capture or conflict history. However, based on the volume of attractants at that site and in the general area combined with her apparent interest in chickens and dog food, the decision was made to relocate this bear.
- Collar data from the two subadult grizzly bears captured in the north end of the Bitterroot and relocated to the Welcome Creek Wilderness ~ 10/3 - 10/4 indicate the bears remain separate and at higher elevations.
- FWS Conflict Specialists continue to assist FWP with various fencing, conflict mitigation, and bear education efforts.

Wyoming

- No additional sightings of 399.
- 863 and her cubs were spotted crossing the highway on 10/8, and then seen on a carcass on a spur road near the highway on 10/10. Neither incident involved any traffic issues or hazing.

Tribes

- FWS Conflict Specialist Morgan Vance spent 4 days this past week working with Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife.

Thanks,

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