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Hi all,

See below for the weekly conflict update. Apologies for not getting this out yesterday. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

GBRP Conflict Update September 19 - 25

Montana

- 9/19 - Conflict specialists relocated a bear in FWP Region 3. This large male bear was a non-target capture at a conflict site in Tom Miner Basin. While non-target captured may be released on site if appropriate, it was decided to relocate this bear due to private property concerns and ongoing conflict levels in that area. The bear was relocated to an area south of West Yellowstone.
- 9/20 - A female with a cub of the year was captured near Yankee Jim Canyon, outside Gardner. This bear had been involved in multiple previous conflicts, and had recently been frequenting areas near houses, on porches, etc. The decision was made to remove the female, and the cub will be placed in a zoo.
- 9/20 - The two subadults that had previously been active around Florence, in the north end of the Bitterroot Valley, were seen on private property several miles north, near Carlton Creek on the west side of Highway 93. Because the bears were remaining in relatively populated areas with high conflict potential, FWP and FWS decided to move ahead with an attempt to preemptively capture and relocate these bears. After extensive communication with and input from FWP, the Bitterroot National Forest, Lolo National Forest, Region 1 FS Leadership, and Idaho Fish and Game, the decision was made to relocate these bears, if captured, to an FWP commission approved site on the east side of the Bitterroot Valley in the northern end of the Sapphires. Traps were set for several days, but the bears were not captured. We will be pursuing additional conversations with the above entities to come up with additional relocation sites on the Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests for future potential FWS relocations.
- 9/22 - FWS Conflict Specialists relocated a female bear from outside of Conrad, MT, along the Rocky Mountain Front, to an area over Marias Pass. This bear had been captured as a research bear this past spring and was one of three bears captured on camera at a site where five or more sheep had been killed over the

previous several days. However, data from her collar indicated this bear likely did not kill the sheep and the decision was made to relocate this bear.

Wyoming

- There were multiple reports of 399 south of the park during 9/20 - 9/22. Most credible reports put her near East Gros Ventre Butte, just NW of Jackson. No known sightings since Friday. Hilary and Ben will be making a trip to Jackson next week, and along with Becca will meet with personnel from Teton Park, WGF, USFS, sheriff's department, and others.
- 863 and her cubs were spotted briefly on 9/23 crossing the highway near Togwotee Pass.

Thanks,

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