

**From:** [Jimenez, Benjamin S](#)  
**To:** [Hogan, Matt](#); [Nelson, Marjorie \(Mari\)](#); [Riley, Clint](#); [Zerrenner, Adam](#); [Abbott, Tyler](#); [Wolgemuth, Erryl](#); [Coil, Dan](#); [Darling, Lizz](#); [Ten Kley, Jeremy JT](#); [Bare, Richard](#); [Szuszwalak, Joseph A](#); [Munoz, Anna](#); [Fisher, Sandi](#); [Melbiheess, Tracy](#); [Cooley, Hilary](#); [Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer K](#); [Kasworm, Wayne](#); [Kornak, Amber L](#); [Lyon, Rebecca J](#); [Radandt, Thomas](#); [Smith, Kate](#); [Teisberg, Justin E](#); [Trimbo, Rory D](#); [Vance, Morgan C](#); [Pettibone, Andrew L](#); [Powell, Cassie J](#)  
**Subject:** BGRP Update, 09/15/2023  
**Date:** Friday, September 15, 2023 3:06:48 PM

---

Hi all,

Below is the BGRP update for 8/30 – 9/15. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

### **GBRP Update 9/15/2023**

#### **Libby:**

- Trapping and DNA crews continue their efforts.

#### **SW MT DNA Project:**

- Crews wrapped up a successful field season on the SW MT DNA project and have a possible grizzly bear detection awaiting DNA analysis.

#### **Conflict:**

Idaho

- 8/31 - The 2 subadults that had been in and out of trouble NE of Ashton for over a month were captured and removed by IDFG. IDFG and FWS agreed to remove both bears based on the extensive food rewards these bears received over an extended period and their increasingly bold and aggressive behavior around and towards people. IDFG put out a press release highlighting the roles of people and human attractants play in these situations. [Two grizzly bears trapped and euthanized outside of Ashton after months of conflicts with humans | Idaho Fish and Game](#)
- 9/1 - Two bowhunters shot and killed an older male grizzly that charged them at close range after the hunters jumped the bear from a day bed. The mortality was deemed defense of life by authorities. This bear had been involved in 2 previous surprise encounters in which humans were injured and had been captured during research trapping >5 times since 2007. [Archery hunters kill grizzly bear in self-defense | Idaho Fish and Game](#)

Montana

- 8/30 - An older adult male grizzly was shot and killed by a fisherman in Tom Miner basin after startling the bear at close range. Authorities deemed this a defense of life situation. [Angler kills grizzly bear in self-defense in Tom Miner Basin](#)

[helenair.com](https://helenair.com))

- 9/1-9/3 - A female grizzly with a single cub broke out a window and grabbed a bag of dog food from an occupied house in West Yellowstone. Visual evidence from this scene, a recent structure break-in nearby in Idaho, and the recent human fatality in West Yellowstone, indicated the same female at all 3 incidents. When the female returned to the scene later that evening, in coordination with FWS and local authorities, FWP captured the cub and removed the female. The cub is being transferred to an approved facility in Oregon. [Grizzly Bear Euthanized Near West Yellowstone Following Multiple Conflicts With People | Montana FWP \(mt.gov\)](#)
- 9/6 - A young grizzly bear was struck and killed by a train on the Blackfeet reservation.
- 9/7 - A female grizzly was struck by a train and killed outside of Coram, between Columbia Falls and West Glacier. Multiple bears have been killed at this site in the past.
- 9/8 - A man was mauled by a grizzly in the Madison range, SW of Big Sky. The victim is currently in stable condition in a SLC hospital. FWP bear specialists investigated the scene from the air and on the ground and were unable to locate the bear. The encounter was deemed defensive based on the level of recent bear activity in the area as well as the remains of a cached animal carcass and extensive whitebark pine middens. [FWP Concludes Field Investigation Into Grizzly Bear Attack Near Big Sky | Montana FWP \(mt.gov\)](#)
- 9/12 - A grizzly bear was shot by a bird hunter at close range after bird dogs jumped the bear from a day bed. The hunter was uninjured. Authorities searched the scene on the ground and from the air. They found evidence the bear was likely wounded, but were unable to locate the bear. [Montana Man Attacked by Grizzly Bear While Helping Track a Deer | Outdoor Life Hunter Shoots And Injures Grizzly Bear Near Fairfield | Montana FWP \(mt.gov\)](#)

## Wyoming

- There have been no additional sightings of 399 or her cub.
- The subadult male that was captured and relocated from Togowotee pass on 8/26/23 has returned to the area, but has thus far remained away from highway or other local areas of high human use it had been frequenting prior to relocation.

## General:

- 9/11 - The conflict crew attended a 1-day hazing training with YNP and USGS bear managers in Gardiner, MT

Thanks, and have a good weekend.

Ben Jimenez  
Conflict Coordinator  
Grizzly Bear Recovery Program  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
406-214-0497 (cell)