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Hi all,

Below is our GBRP update for July 9-22. Please let me know if you would like any additional information on anything in here.

In addition, I would like to add an additional note of thanks to our OLE folks for being flexible and willing to step in and assist with what became a pretty dicey situation in Gardiner (a brief summary and press release are in the update below). Our inquiry into sending agents to help FWP and YNP on the ground was met with quick and broad support from OLE in Regions 6 and 1. And while the situation was ultimately resolved before any agents were on the scene, the fact that agents were ready and willing to show up and help did not go unnoticed by our partners.

GBRP Update 7/9 - 7/22/2024

Libby/Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak:

- Trap and hair snag crews are out working in the Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk recovery areas.
- A new male grizzly was captured and collared in the West Fisher River of the Cabinet Mountains

Conflict:

Idaho

Montana

- 7/11 - A young grizzly bear was shot and killed by a property owner outside of Red Lodge in a case of mistaken ID. The bear had been getting into the property owner's pigs, and the property owner was told he could shoot the bear if it came back and was a black bear. After shooting and killing the bear, the property owner self-reported the incident to FWP enforcement.
- 7/19 - A female grizzly bear was shot and killed in a defense of life situation. The encounter was deemed a likely defensive encounter as the female was lactating, and later determined to have had 3 cubs with her. At this point, based on observed condition of the cubs, natural food resources available in the area, and lack of placement options, there are no plans to capture the cubs. [Man shoots and](#)

[kills grizzly bear after it attacks him in Montana \(nbcnews.com\)](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/wildlife/kills-grizzly-bear-after-it-attacks-him-in-montana-nbcnews.com)

- 1 Management removal in Montana:
 - 7/18 - MT FWP removed the adult male grizzly bear that had been the source of consistent conflicts in and around Gardiner and Mammoth over the course of several weeks, including breaking into several occupied structures and numerous unoccupied structures and vehicles. [Food-conditioned grizzly bear removed after conflicts in Gardiner area - Montana Hunting and Fishing Information \(montanaoutdoor.com\)](https://montanaoutdoor.com/news/food-conditioned-grizzly-bear-removed-after-conflicts-in-gardiner-area-montana-hunting-and-fishing-information-montanaoutdoor.com)

Washington

- Grizzly 1068 has been moving between the Columbia and the Pend Oreille Rivers, with no reported or suspected conflicts.

Wyoming

- No reports of grizzly bear 399 + yearling outside of the national parks.
- Grizzly bear 863 has been in the vicinity of Highway 26 and Togwotee Pass, but reports of traffic jams and other associated issues have been infrequent.
- 1 management removals in Wyoming:
 - 7/18 - 10+ year old male grizzly removed from outside of Meeteetse, WY, ~18 miles DMA after multiple depredations.

Thanks,

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