




INSPIRED CLASSROOM GRIZZLY BEAR CHALLENGE

Noah and Isabella Anderson are twins who attend Montana High School. They and their parents vacation around Montana in the summer. This year they hiked in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. They saw several grizzly bears and talked with FWP bear biologists/managers and Forest Service rangers. Noah and Isabella became very interested in grizzly bear management and the challenges facing these magnificent animals and the people who live with them.

When school started this year, Noah saw this poster as an opportunity to get involved. 



THE **OUTSIDE** IS IN US ALL.

UrsusVISION Youth Advisory Council Members Needed!



We **NEED** you to assist bear managers across the state to envision ways for people and grizzly bears to live safely and thrive together on the landscape.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is calling on Montana students to help create a vision for their communities.

This unique opportunity will involve youth, as future wildlife stewards, in creating UrsusVISION solutions for their communities. Be the first community to get the UrsusVISION Community Award!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE UrsusVISION Youth Advisory Council TODAY by contacting your school.



That evening Noah and Isabella talked it over and decided to check into it. When they met with the school counselor, Ms. Neville, she gave them a link to a website describing the opportunity.

The website explained that volunteer students were needed to work with one of four bear managers in the state. The responsibilities included:

- learning about grizzly bears' basic needs and characteristics;
- examining current research being done in the selected region;
- understanding the job responsibilities of a bear manager;
- interviewing stakeholders to determine their viewpoints and needs; and
- becoming familiar with the following areas and their associated challenges and solutions: the urban/wildlife interface, agricultural, recovery areas, and areas where grizzly bears are expanding.

They clicked on the links of the videos describing each bear manager and region.

Isabella and Noah were excited about this opportunity, especially when they learned that they would be working with other students from across the state to come up with unique solutions and present them at a symposium on grizzly bears hosted by the Governor. In addition, if their solution is carried out in a community, the community could receive the UrsusVISION Community Award.



Kim Annis, FWP Bear Manager, Region 1, Libby



Tim Manley, FWP Bear Manager, Region 1, Kalispell



Kylie Kembel, FWP Bear Manager, Region 5, Red Lodge



Wesley Sarmiento, FWP Bear Manager, Region 4, Conrad



THE CHALLENGE

You and your team will be joining others across the state, along with Noah and Isabella, to participate in the UrsusVISION Youth Advisory Council. Your first task is to select a region and bear manager to work with on your project. You may select your home region or another part of the state that you would like to learn about. Your team will research the natural history of grizzly bears and the challenges surrounding the urban/wildlife interface, agricultural regions, or areas where grizzly bears are expanding.

After researching, select a project to focus on and propose a positive, proactive solution to help grizzly bears and humans share the landscape. The solution should consider grizzly bear needs and the viewpoints and needs of people, including bear managers, in the area you selected. In addition, your proposal should be adaptable and applicable in other communities to help them be eligible for an UrsusVISION Community Award. Your team will present your proposal at the Grizzly Bear Symposium in a polished and professional PowerPoint presentation of no more than six to eight slides.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Is your solution well researched?
2. Have you asked FWP biologists questions either in the live events or the 'Ask and Expert' button to get authentic feedback?
3. Have you included information about grizzly bears in your selected region?
4. Have you included information about stakeholders in your selected region?
5. Can your solution be adapted and applied in other areas?

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Research is used to support the challenge of grizzly bears and humans sharing the landscape and potential solutions.
2. Identified solution takes stakeholders into consideration.
3. Identified solution proactively influences the needs of both grizzly bears and humans sharing the landscape.
4. Identified solution could potentially be adapted by multiple communities.
5. Presentation is creative, polished, and professional.
6. The selected solution would be eligible for an UrsusVISION Community Award.