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To: FWP
Comment for Grizzle Bear Advisory Council

Dear Advisory Council Members:

My comment is this: Nearly every problem with grizzle bears occurs when bears and man come together in some way. I think one bear policy that would save lots of bears, eliminate the "dinner bell" problem, and encourage bears to become more reclusive would be this. All employees of FW&Ps, regardless of their position, or location, shoot at every bear that is sighted with rubber bullets. None of the grizzle bears currently living have ever been hunted. Consequently, they have no fear of man. The rubber bullet policy would have to be strictly adhered to, and include state park employees. I think this one policy would become more effective the longer it is used, and would save lots of bears, and maybe even some people.

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