



**Grizzly Bear Activity week of Dec. 12 and FWP wolf trapping assessment**

	<b>GYE – Region 3</b>	<b>GYE – Region 5</b>	<b>NCDE West Reg 1</b>	<b>NCDE West Region 2</b>	<b>NCDE East R4</b>	<b>Cabinet-Yaak</b>
<b>Radio collared bears</b>	MT Flight: Bears, seven of 15 still active collars.	Unable to reach high elevation denning location of collared grizzly.	Three of 12 collared bears for management still out. One collared trend bear out	Collared bears denned	Collared bears denned	All collars either in the den or at the den.
<b>Encounters</b>	None	None	None	None	None	None
<b>Sightings</b>	Four sightings	None	None	Female grizzly with two cubs observed and filmed climbing a ridge on the Bison Range, Flathead Indian Reservation	Report of a sow and cubs observed last week on lower Dupuyer Creek	None
<b>Conflicts</b>	None	None	None	One report of a grizzly investigating a cabin site along the Swan Clearwater Divide	None	None
<b>Tracks/other sign</b>	Two confirmed sightings of grizzlies on carcasses. Surveys detected two individual tracks of males.	No confirmed sightings	Multiple confirmed tracks in snow in Northfork and Swan.	Reports from lion hunters of grizzly tracks in the Swan/Clearwater drainages; report of lone grizzly track near Cooper’s Lake, Ovando.	Report of tracks near Teddy Roosevelt Memorial Ranch a couple days ago	No reports for Wayne or Kim Annis
<b>Black bear activity</b>	Zero reported black bear conflicts	Zero reported black bear conflicts	Black bear sighting in Kalispell, tracks in Lawrence Park. Bear in garbage near Lawrence Park in Kalispell	Black bear activity in Missoula, Bonner and Piltzville—but quieting down	Zero reported black bear conflicts	

<b>Weather</b>	Snow continues to fall, cold temperatures were replaced with a warming trend.	Snow coverage with current warming trend.	Cold temps and snow fall in the mountains	Snow continues to fall, cold temperatures	Cold and snow	Snow and cold
<b>FWP Recommendation</b>	Based on continued bear activity, recommend season should remain closed	Recommend we <b>open</b> trapping in occupied grizzly habitat portion of R5.	Recommend we <b>open</b> HD's 101, 103, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124. Recommend keeping following districts <b>closed</b> : HD's 110, 130, 140, 141, 150 and 170.	Recommend we <b>open</b> trapping in Region 2 for all Deek/Elk HDs south of I-90. Deer/Elk HDs: 210, 211, 216, 217, 212, 213, 214 and 215	Based on continued bear activity, we recommend season should remain closed.	Recommend we <b>open</b> HD 100 and 104.