



Grizzly bear activity week of Dec. 19, and FWP wolf trapping assessment

	GYE – Region 3	GYE – Region 5	NCDE West Reg 1	NCDE West Region 2	NCDE East R4	Cabinet-Yaak
Radio collared bears	MT Flight: Bears, 15 of 15 collars denned. No tracks seen at den sites.	Unable to reach high elevation denning location of collared grizzly.	Radio collars turned off 12/15 However, on 12/14 still had an adult female with 2 COY out and on the Swan valley floor.	All denned	All denned	All collars either in the den or at the den.
Encounters	None	None	None	None	None	None
Sightings	None	None	None	None	None	None
Conflicts	None	None	None	None	None	None
Tracks/other sign	0 confirmed sightings of grizzlies on carcasses.	None reported	Reports of single and family group tracks in Swan.	None	None	No reports
Black bear activity	0 reported black bear conflicts	No black bear conflicts or reported activity for over a month.	Captured a black bear in Woods Bay on 12/15 and calls about a black bear out and active in Lakeside 12/15	We still have black bear activity in the Missoula area----report of a black bear at the Missoula Landfill and several black bears still working garbage in and around Bonner. Black bear cub caught in wolf trap in St. Regis area 12/19	None	None
Weather	Snow continues to fall, cold temperatures	Snow coverage and stable	Snow and frigid temps this week	Snow continues to fall, cold temperatures continue	Cold and snowy	Snow and cold

	continue with more snow to come.	below freezing temperatures.				
FWP Recommendation	Recommend opening . Standard precautions apply.	Currently open to wolf trapping.	Recommend we open 110, 140, 141, 150, 170 Recommend we remain closed in HD 130	Recommend we open up the remaining portions of Region 2 with precautions that bears have been known to exit their dens throughout the winter.	Recommend we open trapping season	Currently open to wolf trapping.