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## Grizzly Bear Activity week of Dec. 5, 2022, and FWP's weekly wolf trapping assessment

| Ecosystem and FWP Region   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                            | GYE – Region 3  | GYE – Region 5  | NCDE West Reg 1   | NCDE West Region 2  | NCDE East R4   | Cabinet-Yaak                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Radio<br>collared<br>bears | No flight for border bears due to weather. MT Flight: Bears, 15 of 15 still active collars. 2 bears observed from flight walking. | 1 of 1 presumed out of den. Awaiting next flight to confirm | 6/12 collared bears out Collared Trend Bears: 1 active in low areas of Swan Valley, 1 low and active in Columbia Falls, and 1 moving toward den in North Fork | Two collared bears are denned. No downloads on the others   | All bears near<br>dens, but some<br>bears still active | Two active collared bears                      |  |  |  |  |
| Encounters                 | None  | None  | None  | A hunter on the last day<br>of hunting season<br>encountered a grizzly at<br>close range  | None   | None known                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Sightings                  | Multiple sightings  | None  | Multiple sightings  | Lots of reports of sightings being fielded from the Blackfoot and Clearwater Drainages through the week after hunting season closed | Couple<br>sightings                                    | None known                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Conflicts                  | None  | None  | None  | None  | None   | None   |  |  |  |  |
| Tracks/<br>other sign      | New confirmed sightings of multiple male bears on gut   | None  | Multiple confirmed tracks, and sightings  | Getting reports of family groups and lone bears still being out and about on gut  | No other reports                                       | Tracks at/near gut piles along motorized roads |  |  |  |  |

| Black bear   | piles across occupied habitat.  Multiple black bear  | Black bears continue  | Report of orphaned  | pile/carcass post hunting season circuit in both the Blackfoot and Clearwater Drainages. Several. Reports of grizzly tracks last day of hunting season on the Clark Fork side of the Garnet Mountain Range up Rattler Gulch, Carten Creek and Hoover Creek. Black bear activity in | Black bear  | Yes, slowing way   |
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| activity as<br>surrogate<br>for grizzly<br>bear activity | sightings and<br>ongoing conflict<br>mitigation  | to search for and access unnatural foods along the Beartooth front  | black bear cub 12/5.  | and around Missoula is still occurring.  | euthanized<br>near Conrad<br>12/4   | down but ongoing   |
| Weather  | Snow continues to fall, cold temperatures were replaced with a warming trend.                  | Variable. Warm days<br>followed by small<br>snow storms   | Very cold temps with snowfall   | Snow continues to fall, and cold temperatures continue.  | Snow and cold   | Snow but in varying depths throughout the CYE                                      |
| Bear<br>Specialist<br>Professional<br>Opinion            | Recommend remain closed  | Do not open for trapping. Variable temperatures and continued black bear activity indicate both bear species remain active this week. | Recommend remain closed   | Recommend remain closed  | Recommend<br>remain closed  | Recommend<br>remain closed   |
| FWP wolf<br>trapping<br>assessment                       | Based on continuing<br>bear activity, season<br>should remain<br>closed. Do not open<br>Dec 5. | Based on continuing<br>bear activity, season<br>should remain<br>closed. Do not open<br>Dec 5.  | Based on continuing<br>bear activity, season<br>should remain closed.<br>Do not open Dec 5. | Based on continuing bear activity, season should remain closed. Do not open Dec 5.   | Based on<br>continuing bear<br>activity, season<br>should remain<br>closed. Do not<br>open Dec 5. | Based on continuing bear activity, season should remain closed. Do not open Dec 5. |