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From: dgoldman@endangered.org
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 9:39 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Cc: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] grizzly bear ARM

Additional Comment:

To add to my testimony today at the hearing, I would like to remind the Commission that the Department bear specialists use a very specific protocol when they lethally remove a bear to protect themselves and the public—tools like culvert traps that livestock owners do not have. They ensure, whenever possible, that a bear is safely in a trap before killing it, so that 1) they can ascertain that they have the “right” bear, 2) so they do not have a situation where a wounded bear is running around the landscape posing a potential public safety hazard.

Under SB 295, it is more than likely that a livestock owner will merely WOUND a bear, which will run off and potentially create a public safety issue on lands where hikers, hunters, anglers and other recreationists may be present. This is another reason to limit SB295 to private land only.

Thank you.

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From: Pavao, Courtney on behalf of FWP General
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 3:33 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Griz

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THE OUTSIDE IS IN US ALL.

From: Eric Viviano <ericviviano@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 6:43 AM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Griz

I am not sure where to direct this email, could you please see it reaches the appropriate department? Thank you.

Dear FWP commission,

I am a rancher in Trout Creek. Clearly the grizzly bear has recovered far beyond anyone's expectations. They are now frequently sighted in open hay fields and have been seen swimming across the Clark Fork river. Here in Sanders county they have been the reason our proposed mine was shut down, which would have brought many good paying jobs to a depressed area. The bears have also negatively impacted our logging industry, which is the last job producing machine we have left. This is done by the forest service and environmental groups shutting down timber sales because it is bear habitat. It is high time that the Montana FWP returns to managing for wild game, instead of predators, while we still have some wild game left. Locals depend on game animals for a food source, this isn't for sport. Thank you.

Eric Viviano
Trout Creek, MT

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From: dgoldman@endangered.org
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:05 AM
To: FWP Wildlife
Cc: FWP Commission; Cooley, Hilary
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Grizzly Bear ARM
Attachments: SB 295 ARM sign-on ltr .pdf

Dear Commissioners and staff,

On behalf of 11 conservation organizations based in or operating in Montana, please accept the attached comment on the draft Grizzly Bear ARM related to SB 295. Thank you for your consideration.

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