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## NEWSLETTER

Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities,  
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***Dear Friend of the Grizzly,***

We are excited to share with you our new *Grizzly Times Podcast Website*, where we feature interviews with dozens of fascinating and diverse people – scientists, filmmakers, artists and others – who share their passion for grizzly bears and their wilderness habitats.

You can listen to each Grizzly Times' podcast using SoundCloud, YouTube, Stitcher, PodBean, and iTunes by clicking below:



We hope you will find these informative, entertaining and sometimes provocative conversations helpful at a time when grizzly bears and their habitat face unprecedented human-caused changes.

Each interview has a page devoted to it on our new podcast site that also includes a complete transcript and further readings recommended by the interviewee.

We hope you will enjoy – and please consider sharing them with your friends! We also welcome reviews.

We also have all of the Grizzly Times Videos hosted on our podcast site:

<https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/videos>

#### **TOP PODCAST RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### **Estella Leopold, Daughter of Aldo Leopold, Paleobotanist, Environmentalist**



Estella Leopold is the last remaining offspring of American conservation icon, philosopher and writer Aldo Leopold, who is considered by many to be the father of wildlife ecology and the United States wilderness system. Estella is a world-class paleobotanist, ferocious environmentalist, terrific storyteller and absolutely wonderful person. Our wide-ranging conversation is captured in four podcasts, where she offers insights about her father, her family and her own career, including perspectives gained from 93 years of experience that will inspire you to jump up and do something to save this precious earth.

- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/estella-leopold-1>
- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/estella-leopold-2>
- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/estella-leopold-3>
- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/estella-leopold-4>

#### **Paul Paquet and Chris Darimont, Large Carnivore Experts, Advocates, Ethicists**



Paul and Chris are two of Canada's most influential large carnivore experts. They also share a delightful rapport born of collaborations spanning several decades. Paul is an internationally recognized authority on large carnivores who is best known for his ecological and behavioral research on wolves and bears. Chris is an Associate Professor in the University of Victoria's Department of Geography, who is involved in cutting-edge research that integrates natural and social sciences to confront conservation problems. Paul and Chris have long collaborated with Indigenous nations, with whom they share concerns about the current state of wildlife management – a discipline that lacks essentially any concern about the welfare of animals.

<https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/dr-paul-paquet-and-dr-chris-darimont>

**Charlie Russell, Film-maker, Author, Bear-Whisperer**



Charlie Russell was a rancher, bear expert, film-maker, and author. More than perhaps anyone else in recent times, he had a special personal way with bears that led some to call him “bear whisperer” – a honorific that he pooh-poohed. Charlie spent much of his life pioneering a more compassionate and respectful relationship with bears and other wildlife, which he thought was possible for all of us. Charlie's years in Russia's Far East were high adventure, tracking

poachers in his ultralight plane, and building a Russian ranger corps to protect bears and other wildlife. He raised tiny orphan cubs and released them successfully into the wild. Here he shares some of his narrow escapes from the Russian mafia seeking to profit from the sale of grizzly bear parts and salmon. Sadly, Charlie passed away in 2018.

- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/charlie-russell>
- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/charlie-russell-2>

**David Stalling, “Anti-Hunter Who Hunts,” Writer, Conservationist**



David Stalling is a hunter, angler, writer, activist and former Force Recon Marine with a wicked sense of humor and deep insights about conservation. David shares his experience as “an anti-hunter who hunts” – a serious bow hunter who has rejected the high-tech gear of many hunters, like the kind of equipment he used as a Marine. David considers himself a “Leopoldian” after the great conservationist and philosopher Aldo Leopold who shared his love of large carnivores such as wolves and grizzlies. David shares his perspectives about conservation born of years of experience working for hunting and fishing groups, as well as some harrowing adventures, such as bushwhacking from Missoula to Alberta, and digging through the snow into a recently occupied bear den.

<https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/david-stalling>

**Marc Bekoff, Ecologist, Author, Animal Behaviorist**



Marc Bekoff brings infinite wisdom and compassion to our relationships with animals. He is a former professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Colorado, Boulder, a leader in behavioral ecology, and pioneer in the field of compassionate conservation. Marc is incredibly prolific, with a wide range of interests. His scientific and other publications are astonishingly diverse and numerous. In this fun, informative, and free-ranging conversation, Marc discusses what separates humans from animals (not that much), his enormous body of research, his work with Dr. Jane Goodall, and why we need kinder and more humble approaches to living with animals, including a new legal approach he calls Earth Jurisprudence.

<https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/dr-marc-bekoff>

**Gaby Paun, Defender of Romania's Primeval Forests, Grizzlies and Wolves**



Gabriel (“Gaby”) Paun is an award-winning Romanian environmental and animal welfare activist, with extensive experience elsewhere in Europe, as well as in Africa and Australia. Gabi founded the group Agent Green to champion protection of Romania’s wildlife and forests, the biggest and wildest left in Europe. Gabi shares how he survived kidnappings, beatings, and murder attempts for his efforts to protect Romania’s forests from rampant illegal logging. Gabi is also working to improve human coexistence with Romania’s 7,000 brown bears (*Ursus arctos*, the same species as the grizzly) – four times the number we now have in the Northern US Rockies. Incredibly, these bears inhabit a landscape with human population densities similar to those in Appalachia in the US.

- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/gabriel-paun>
- <https://www.grizzlytimespodcast.org/post/gabriel-paun-2>

We extend a special thank you to Kaley Thomas of Markouture who designed the new site, and artist and friend Phil Juliano for our logo.

If you have any recommendations for others we should consider interviewing, please let us know. And if you enjoy these podcasts, please review them and share with your friends!

***For the bears,  
Louisa and David***

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