

# Taking Action on Behalf of Grizzly Bears & Their Habitat

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## New Video on Grizzly Bear Science and Events in Missoula, MT Surrounding the August 30 Federal Court Hearing on Yellowstone Region's Grizzly Bear Protections

*Grizzly Times* has released a new film: *Gunning Down Grizzlies: Scientists Speak Out* Watch the video at: Gunning Down Grizzlies: Scientists Speak Out

This short film features renowned scientists Drs. Jane Goodall, David Mattson, Rob Wielgus, Jesse Logan, Jeremy Bruskotter and Diana Six, as well as *Patagonia* Founder Yvon Chouinard, who share concerns about the 2017 government decision to strip Yellowstone region's grizzly bears of Endangered Species protections. This decision by the US Fish & Wildlife Service allows the states, including Idaho and Wyoming, to move ahead with trophy hunts, slated to begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The film, co-produced with Wyoming-based filmmaker Marni Walsh, is an updated version containing much new information.

Background on the scientists in the video can be found here: grizzlytimes.org/meet-the-scientists

# Grizzly Bear Events in Missoula During the Week of August 27<sup>th</sup>:

# FEDERAL COURT HEARING

August 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Russell Smith Courthouse, 201 E. Broadway, Missoula, Montana.

This Federal Court hearing will determine whether the government's decision to remove the Yellowstone region's grizzly bear's Endangered Species protections will be reversed or stand. Oral arguments before Judge Dana Christensen will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The Judge is expected to rule on August 30<sup>th</sup> or shortly after, as Wyoming's trophy hunt is scheduled to begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Grizzly Times* will be conducting interviews and posting LIVE on Facebook throughout the week.

### PRESS CONFERENCE August 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Doubletree Edgewater Hotel, 100 Madison St., Missoula, Montana

*Grizzly Times* will host a press conference featuring Dr. David Mattson, Salish elder Johnny Arlee, author Rick Bass, athlete/hunter Doug Lefler, and conservationist Louisa Willcox, as well as activists Deidre Bainbridge and Judy Hofflund. Deidre and Judy are leaders of a new organization, *ShootEmWithACamera*, that, as a form of protest, buys up hunting licenses for use by photographers, rather than by trophy hunters.

### **ROXY THEATER EVENT**

## August 28 at 5:30 p.m. The Roxy Theater, 718 So. Higgins Ave, Missoula, Montana 406-728-0380

*Grizzly Times*, and the International Wildlife Film Festival, as part of its "IWWF Presents" series, will feature a talk by Dr. David Mattson, *The Epic Shared Journey of Bison and Grizzly Bears,* that describes the long history and uncertain future prospects of Yellowstone's bison and grizzly bears.

Johnny Arlee, Cultural and Spiritual Advisor for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, will introduce the program. Dr. Mattson's talk will be followed by the film *Peacock's War*, an award-winning documentary about Vietnam veteran Doug Peacock's work on behalf of grizzly bears, which will be introduced by author and conservationist Rick Bass.

For more information about the **Roxy Event**, see: <u>www.theroxytheater.org</u> **For advance tickets at \$5.00 each**, go to: <u>Ticket Link</u>

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# About Grizzly Times:

We provide scientific evidence-based information about the Great Bear – its natural history and the policy debates surrounding it – for journalists, advocates, scientists and bear fans. The husband-wife team of David Mattson and Louisa Willcox shares over 60 years of experience studying, and striving to protect, grizzlies.

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