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## Newsletter and Blog

Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities,  
and the latest *Grizzly Times* Blog  
from [Louisa Willcox and David Mattson, PhD.](#)  
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*Dear Friends of Grizzly Bears,*

### **Louisa Willcox, Shivani Bhalla Featured on BBC's "The Conversation"**

On March 11<sup>th</sup> the BBC is releasing a new episode of "The Conversation," a podcast spotlighting two women from different countries working in similar fields – this one featuring Louisa and a Kenyan lion conservationist who also stars in David Attenborough's new series "Dynasties."

Shivani and I have never met, but we had a blast – hopefully you will too.

Here is a teaser with Louisa:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p072w9m0>

You can find the show here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3cswp2x>

### **New Blog: *Tale of Two Carnivores: Lions, Bears and BBC's "The Conversation"***

I really had fun with this blog on the BBC interview with Kenyan lion biologist Shivani Bhalla – and thanks as always to David, my editor in chief:

"For people like Shivani and me, the work of saving imperiled predators gives our lives meaning. These animals are intelligent, resourceful, caring and strong in ways we can only admire. For millennia, humans have looked to lions and bears as teachers, mentors and guides. And the more we study these animals, the more they show us how their ecosystems fit together – and the more they surprise, humble and astonish us.

"Most people have no clue about the challenges associated with saving animals with big teeth. The drive to kill rather than coexist can be overwhelming, and conflict situations involving property can be as emotional as economic. Coexistence is far more complicated than it seems.

“To another practitioner, the ingredients of success resemble the definition of pornography: you know it when you see it. I could tell that Shivani has what it takes: a bubbly personality, smarts, courage, good listening skills and social instincts, with a dash of pixie dust.”  
<https://www.grizzlytimes.org/single-post/2019/03/10/Tale-of-Two-Carnivores-Lions-Bears-and-BBCs-%E2%80%9CThe-Conversation%E2%80%9D>

**Mark Your Calendar: *Grizzly Bears for the Clearwater, Beyond the Great Divide***

On April 11th and 12th, Dr. David Mattson and Louisa Willcox will present a program, sponsored by Friends of the Clearwater in Moscow, ID. These Idaho and Montana wildlands are now the most extensive of any in the lower-48 states, with the promise of supporting as many grizzly bears as we currently have in the Greater Yellowstone and Northern Continental Divide Ecosystems.

There once was a thriving population of grizzly bears in the Salmon-Selway-Clearwater ecoregion, but all were killed during a century-long onslaught by European settlers.

This program will touch on the past, present, and future prospects for grizzly bears “beyond the Great Divide,” and how natural colonization could lead to durable recovery of grizzlies in this part of the world.

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d2beb3\\_1f49d83f128543e7a85755fdb230738b.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d2beb3_1f49d83f128543e7a85755fdb230738b.pdf)

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We need your help! We have retired and are doing this full-time work pretty much gratis. If you were following the delisting court case last summer, you know that David’s role was vital to the litigation success that restored protections to Yellowstone region’s grizzly bears. The skilled attorneys could not have won the case without David’s scientific expertise.

There will be continued demands on David’s time with the appeal of this case to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, the potential delisting of the NCDE - or even all Lower-48 - grizzlies, and mounting threats to the Cabinet-Yaak population and restoration of grizzlies to the Selway-Bitterroot ecosystem.

As we do not have a nonprofit, Conservation Congress, a not-for-profit tax-deductible organization, has agreed to be our fiscal sponsor. (*Thank you, Denise!*)

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