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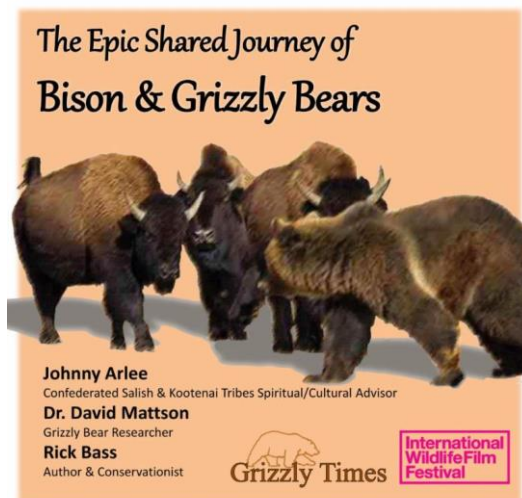
Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities,
and the latest *Grizzly Times* Blog
from [Louisa Willcox and David Mattson, PhD.](#)
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Hello Friends of Grizzlies,

Still no word from Judge Dana Christensen on the legal challenges to grizzly bear delisting in the Greater Yellowstone region – but we expect a ruling from the court sometime this week, as the judge’s order extending the ban on the trophy hunt in Wyoming and Idaho will expire next week. Needless-to-say, we are all on pins and needles here...



Meanwhile TONIGHT, September 24, at 6 p.m. MT, Montana Community Access Television (MCAT) will air a film on grizzly bear-related events from August 28 in Missoula, Montana, including a Press Conference, and a talk by Dr. David Mattson on “The Epic Shared Journey of Bison and Grizzly Bears,” which was held at the Roxy Theater. This event was co-sponsored by *Grizzly Times*, the *International Wildlife Film Festival* and *Bonfire Branding & Communications*.

The film will also be shown on September 29 at 7 p.m. MT. The first hour or so of the film features a Press Conference sponsored by *Grizzly Times* that occurred before the evening event at the Roxy.

You can see the film on Spectrum Channel 189 at these times, and also here on demand: [08/28/18 Events on Grizzly Bears](#)

These events were so powerful and packed with information, that even for those of us who were lucky enough to be there, it is well worth seeing again.

The Press Conference was more focused on the removal of Endangered Species protections for the Greater Yellowstone region's grizzly bears. It featured Spiritual and Cultural Advisor of the Salish and Kootenai Tribes Johnny Arlee, Dr. David Mattson, Author Rick Bass, Deidre Bainbridge and Judy Hofflund of *Shootem With a Camera*, and athlete/hunter Doug Lefler. Press was interested, in part, because of the federal court hearing that was held on August 30th.

In a public talk he has given only twice, Dr. Mattson discusses the past coevolution of grizzly bears and bison in North America, and why the bison and grizzlies that hang on in the Greater Yellowstone are so important.

Louisa gives a brief overview of the situation facing grizzlies at the beginning of the program. Johnny Arlee introduces David's talk, and Author Rick Bass shares his thoughts on grizzly bears, delisting, and other threats, in an introduction to the film "Peacock's War" about Green Beret medic and conservationist Doug Peacock (dougpeacock.net/peacocks-war-documentary).

In other news, we just got back from a couple of interesting conferences that we will write about in coming weeks. First, *Humane Society International* sponsored a visit of ten Romanian grizzly bear experts to a workshop at Seeley Lake, Monana, to discuss coexistence with grizzlies. The country sustains somewhere between 3,000 and 9,000 grizzlies in a landscape with MUCH higher human densities. (See this [blog and associated video](#) for more on differences between Europe and the US.) Four of the experts are staying with us for the next few days and exploring Yellowstone. They've already gotten some amazing photographs of grizzlies and other wildlife. Louisa recorded a couple of interviews at the workshop that I will be posting as podcasts.

Also, David gave a super interesting talk on grizzlies in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. He is calling this population the "Heart of the Grizzly Nation," in part because of its role as a source of grizzlies for other ecosystems, and a driver of recovery there and elsewhere in the northern Rockies.

As with Yellowstone, the federal government and the state of Montana are hell bent on delisting grizzly bears in this ecosystem, starting a trophy hunt, and reducing the population.

We will be sure to let you know when the judge rules, and share our thoughts on what it portends for the future of grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone region and elsewhere in the Northern Rockies.

**For the Bears,
Louisa and David**