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Newsletter and Blog

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Dear Friend of the Grizzly Bear,

LATEST BLOG:

Tribes Stand for Grizzly Bears -- and Us is about the vital role that Tribes are playing in the battle to recover the threatened grizzly in Yellowstone, and to redefine what grizzly recovery can look like. (This Blog follows this Newsletter.)

<https://www.grizzlytimes.org/single-post/2018/01/30/Tribes-Stand-Their-Ground-for-Grizzly-Bears---and-US>

TAKE ACTION:

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is threatened now more than ever. With Donald Trump as President, congressional enemies of the ESA have promised to repeal or gut this landmark law. On the chopping block are wolves, as congressmen are poised, again, to try to strip protections of wolves and allow state-sponsored sport hunts.

But, potential congressional delisting of grizzly bears could be next. The threatened Yellowstone grizzly bear has not yet recovered and needs continued protection to survive in the face of an unraveling ecosystem caused by climate change and invasive species. If legal challenges against Trump's 2017 decision to delist Yellowstone's grizzlies prevail, Congress could attempt to delist grizzlies legislatively.

Your congressman needs to know that you won't stand for these legislative attacks on wolves, grizzlies and other species. One of the world's strongest and most effective wildlife protection laws, the ESA has prevented the extinction of 99 percent of listed species, from the bald eagle to the gray whale and grizzly bear.

Read More Here: <https://www.grizzlytimes.org/>

COMING SOON:

Grizzly Times Podcast: Interview with Nick Arrivo:

Listen to Louisa's interview with Nick Arrivo, the lead attorney with the Humane Society of the United States who is challenging premature delisting of Yellowstone's grizzlies. Here's Nick:

"...in order to maintain enough of a supply of trophy game species, you have hunters in conjunction with state wildlife agencies deliberately culling coyotes, mountain lions, wolves, bears, even in Alaska -- and that is not sound wildlife management. It's not driven by a scientific or ecological approach, it is really the venal interests of the hunters and the state agency in maintaining those relationships, acquiring additional income through the sale of hunting tags. It's a bad system and what is particularly difficult about it I think is the politics around state wildlife management in western states."

IN THE NEWS:

Understanding the Successful British Columbia Grizzly Bear Hunt Ban:

Last fall, conservationists and Tribes in BC won an impressive campaign to stop the BC trophy grizzly bear hunt. The link below outline key events over the last two decades. Next week, Grizzly Times podcast will feature an interview with Chris Genovali, the Executive Director of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation on how they achieved this victory.

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2018/01/26/analysis/who-killed-grizzly-hunt-infographic>

Trump and Environmental Rollbacks:

The New York Times reviews the astonishing list of environmental rollbacks completed or in the works so far by the Trump administration. Grizzly delisting is number 17 in a list of 66 rollbacks – yikes.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/05/climate/trump-environment-rules-reversed.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=second-column-region®ion=top-news&WT.nav=top-news>

Trump Strips Decades Old Protection for Migratory Birds:

This powerful piece by Elizabeth Shogren shows unprecedented bipartisan opposition by top officials, dating back to the Nixon era, to Trump's attempts to legalize unintentional killing of most migratory birds:

<http://www.hcn.org/articles/dc-dispatch-interior-cancels-decades-old-protections-for-migratory-birds>

For the bears,

Louisa