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## Newsletter

Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities  
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Greetings Friends of Grizzly Bears,

### NEW PODCAST

Here is my latest Grizzly Times podcast that features **George Wuerthner**, who many of you know... In case you don't, George is a prolific author, photographer and fierce advocate of the wild. He has logged countless miles on foot, canoe and skis to explore wildlands that support our wildlife, including grizzlies. George has several advanced degrees in field sciences, and in the tradition of Wilderness champions such as Aldo Leopold and Bob Marshall, he has emerged as one of the greatest living authorities of public lands and Wilderness. George has written more than 30 books – guides to Wilderness, Parks and natural history, as well as gorgeous, yet terrifying, coffee table books such as [Clearcutting](#) and [Thrillcraft](#).

I hope you enjoy our rich conversation about bears, wilderness, and the problems posed by of Off-Road Vehicles, mountain bikes, and livestock – as well as practical ways to resolve them.

**George Wuerthner podcast:** <https://www.grizzlytimes.org/the-grizzly-times-podcast>

### Wyoming Barges Ahead With Trophy Hunting Grizzly Bears

Montana decided not to allow trophy hunting of grizzlies this year, due to pending litigation that could in fact, prevent hunting. But Wyoming, of course, is barging ahead. Media has reported conflicting details, but one thing is clear: expect a public announcement in the next few weeks. WGF plans at least a 45 day comment period. The agency aims to submit a final proposal to hunt grizzlies at the May 23rd WGF Commission meeting, for its approval.

We should brace ourselves for a grizzly bear hunt this fall.

In the article below, WGF repeats that the agency does not encourage people to carry bear spray (despite the fact that it works), but rather maintains that people should choose whatever method, including guns, to protect themselves in grizzly country. Undoubtedly, more bears will be killed in a hunt, as well as by agencies such as WGF and Wildlife Services, and people who just want to kill grizzlies.

[http://www.gillette newsrecord.com/news/wyoming/article\\_0a3a5070-bef8-59d2-bb8d-538c5c941373.html](http://www.gillette newsrecord.com/news/wyoming/article_0a3a5070-bef8-59d2-bb8d-538c5c941373.html)

**First Federal Court Hearing on Grizzly Delisting Slated for March 13 in Missoula**

On March 13, Federal Judge Dana Christiansen will hear arguments on the federal government's motion to stay the litigation over grizzly delisting, as it considers the public comments received recently over the implications of the Humane Society's successful Great Lakes wolf case on Yellowstone delisting. This is the first hearing that has been scheduled so far on delisting Yellowstone grizzlies.

If you plan to go to the hearing, please be in touch, as *Grizzly Times* will be there!

**Conservationists Sell Gallatin Wildlands Short: But You Can Make a Difference by Submitting Comment by March 5**

The Custer Gallatin National Forest is currently revising its forest plan. One of the most important decisions that the Forest Service will make relates to the disposition of 230,000 acres of the wildlands in the Gallatin Range north of Yellowstone Park. The Gallatin Range constitutes the largest, unprotected wilderness in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Grizzlies are increasingly relying on habitat in the Gallatin Range in the wake of the catastrophic decline of whitebark pine in the ecosystem. But many other species, including elk, bighorn sheep, wolves and mountain lions, also benefit from the wildness of habitat in the Gallatin Range.

Unfortunately, some conservation groups like The Wilderness Society have made unjustified compromises in a recently released proposal that would protect only half of the range as Wilderness. Below, you will find two great opinion pieces by Doug Peacock and George Wuertner, who make the case that all the remaining Gallatin wildlands should be protected.

<http://www.livingstonenterprise.com/content/most-dangerous-sport>  
<https://www.thewildlifeneeds.com/2018/03/01/gallatin-range-wilderness-needs-defenders/>

**Please Consider Using These Points to Comment on the Plan by March 5**

You can submit a comment electronically [HERE](#)

Or email a comment letter to [cgplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:cgplanrevision@fs.fed.us) with subject line "Comment – draft plan – CGNF"

Or sent by Mail to:

Custer Gallatin National Forest, Attn: Forest Plan Revision Team, P.O. Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59711for

Thank you for your action!

For the bears,  
**Louisa**