



Newsletter and Blog

Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities,
and the latest *Grizzly Times* Blog
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Hello Friends of Grizzly Bears, and Happy New Year!

Here is David's latest blog, on why FWS must go back to the drawing board on grizzly bear delisting, including science that the agency needs to get right on as to why we need more grizzly bears and connected ecosystems.

<https://www.grizzlytimes.org/single-post/2018/01/07/A-Poverty-of-Bureaucrats-The-Sad-Case-of-Grizzly-Bear-Recovery-and-Distinct-Population-Segments>

Don't forget that tomorrow, Jan. 8, is the deadline for comments on FWS' crazy comment process on the implications on Yellowstone griz delisting of the HSUS wolf ruling in the Great Lakes Midwest:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/12/07/2017-25995/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-possible-effects-of-court-decision-on-grizzly-bear#open-comment>

Here is a great HCN piece by Gloria Dickie on the piecemeal approach to endangered species recovery, featuring lawyers who are litigating the delisting decision:

<http://www.hcn.org/articles/endangered-species-courts-challenge-a-piecemeal-approach-to-species-recovery-grizzly-protections>

And, another good HCN piece on the fact that politics are increasingly replacing science in Trump's FWS:

<http://www.hcn.org/articles/endangered-species-politics-replace-science-at-the-us-fish-and-wildlife-service>

Also, *Outside Magazine* sheds light on the depressing state of the Interior Department under Secretary Ryan Zinke, who seems bent on crippling the agency through staff cuts, demands for staff "loyalty," and a lack of experience in affecting policy change at top levels.

https://www.outsideonline.com/2268661/department-interior?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=onsiteshare

And, in case you did not see today's nice opinion piece by Stephanie Adams of NPCA in the *Bozeman Chronicle* on why FWS needs to withdraw its flawed delisting decision:

https://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/opinions/guest_columnists/interior-s-grizzly-decision-flawed-should-be-reversed/article_1dad952f-d994-56e4-b7f9-2eb5d5f494d9.html

In other news, a Wyoming judge just slammed a man who illegally killed a grizzly bear, which he mistakenly thought was a black bear, with a five year probation, \$25,000 fine for restitution, a \$5,000 fine, and requirement to undergo cognitive/behavioral treatment. I have NEVER seen such high penalties in 30 some years of doing this work, let alone a requirement for treatment... That this happened in Wyoming makes it even more amazing!

<http://k2radio.com/wyoming-federal-judge-sentences-man-for-killing-grizzly-bear/>

For the bears,

Louisa