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NEWSLETTER

Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities,
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September 11, 2023

Dear Friend of the Grizzly:

***Grizzly Times'* Louisa Willcox in Live Webinar on Grizzly Bear Recovery**

With apologies for the short notice, we wanted to let you know that Louisa Willcox will be a panelist in a conversation on Zoom about connectivity and grizzly bear recovery. The webinar is sponsored by WildEarth Guardians and can be seen Wednesday, September 13, at 12:00 noon Mountain Time.

Other panelists are:

John Horning, Executive Director of WildEarth Guardians;
Adam Rissien, Wild Earth Guardians' grizzly bear specialist; and
Kristin Combs, Executive Director of Jackson Hole Bear Solutions and Wyoming Wildlife Advocates.

Details for the event follow below. You can register for the webinar using the link below.

We hope you can join us!

Power of Connection for Grizzly Bear Recovery

WildEarth WEBINARS
WITH JOHN HORNING

A conversation with

Lousia Wilcox
Co-Editor, Grizzly Times

Kristin Combs
Executive Director,
Wyoming Wildlife
Advocates

Adam Rissien
Rewilding Manager,
WildEarth Guardians

Join us on Zoom! Wed, Sept. 13th at 12:00 pm MDT

Date & Time: Sept. 13, 2023. 12:00 noon Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Sign up here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register>

Description

This discussion, sponsored by WildEarth Guardians, will feature experts with decades of experience sharing their views about efforts to recover grizzly bears in the Northern Rockies as well as challenges faced by those wanting to achieve a vision of recovery that ensures the survival of grizzlies in this region for centuries to come.

The states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are moving again to strip vital federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections just as mounting threats promise to reverse hard-fought gains made during the last four-plus decades of protection. Despite efforts by federal and state agencies, private lands protection groups, and environmental organizations specializing in coexistence work, even our largest populations of grizzlies remain too small and isolated to ensure long-term resilience in the face of climate change and increasing human impacts.

Today, grizzlies occupy less than 5% of their historic range. To recover grizzlies, we need not only to retain federal Endangered Species Act safeguards but also enhance connectivity among populations so that a natural exchange of bears can

ensure genetic health, and help rescue our most vulnerable populations. Wildlife biologists have long known that connectivity is essential to recovery – even dating back to when grizzlies were listed under the ESA in 1975 – but federal and state wildlife managers have failed to take the steps needed to ensure that connectivity becomes a reality. Restoring a healthy population of bears to the Selway-Bitterroot ecosystem of western Montana and central Idaho is perhaps one of the most important steps needed to achieve meaningful connectivity among Northern Rockies grizzly bear populations.

Join us as we highlight efforts to conserve this icon of wilderness and oppose state politicians and wildlife managers intent on allowing trophy hunting of grizzlies, increasing lethal management, and confining bears to untenably small islands of habitat.

There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

Sign up here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bZe-0PFTTN-iReJa2QoFMQ#/registration



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We need your help! We have retired and are doing this full-time work pretty much gratis – despite the gradual dissolution of our physical bodies.

As we have discussed before, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is, yet again, making a run at removing Endangered Species Act protections for grizzly bears – potentially throughout Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. This move has been catalyzed by petitions from these states' Republican Governors against a backdrop of legislation in all three states designed to persecute carnivores, with wolves targeted for especially vindictive measures. Congressional delegations from the northern Rockies are simultaneously attempting to legislatively remove ESA protections, which judicial review explicitly exempted.

If grizzlies are delisted, whether legislatively or by the administration, they will almost certainly be subject to punitive state management aimed at reducing the sizes and distributions of our two largest grizzly bear populations. As always, we will be in the trenches trying to protect grizzlies and the habitats they depend on in this region and elsewhere.

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

You can make a one-time contribution or sign up for a monthly donation through this link:

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Or, you can mail a donation to:

*Conservation Congress
c/o Denise Boggs
1604 1st Avenue South
Great Falls, Montana 59401*

* Be sure to note that your contribution is for *Grizzly Times* (GT).

Thank you for your continued support – in any way – it is greatly appreciated!

*For the bears,
Louisa and David*