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Hello Friends of Grizzlies,

Here is my latest blog, *Grizzly Killing Climbs, Even as Trophy Hunt is Stalled*, on the unprecedented spike in grizzly bear mortalities this year – with more deaths expected during big game hunting season. Most conflicts are avoidable, and now more than ever, we need to redouble efforts to make peace with grizzlies. The crisis comes after Endangered Species protections were removed from Yellowstone region's grizzly bears last year, and we await a final ruling by Federal Judge Dana Christensen on possible restoration of federal protections for the population.

<https://www.grizzlytimes.org/single-post/2018/09/16/Grizzly-Killing-Climbs-Even-as-Trophy-Hunt-is-Stalled>

**Don't Miss the Film Showing of Dr. David Mattson's Presentation,
"The Epic Shared Journey of Bison and Grizzly Bears," on September 25 & 28**

Montana Community Action Television will air this film of a powerful and inspiring talk on the ancient and ongoing relationship between grizzly bears and bison, which was presented on August 28th at the Roxy Theater in Missoula. The talk is introduced by Johnny Arlee, Spiritual and Cultural Advisor of the Salish and Kootenai Tribes. This talk will certainly broaden your horizons about bears and bison!

I will send another newsletter out on the details when we get them, and post on Grizzly Times Facebook.

The program was co-sponsored by Grizzly Times, the International Wildlife Film Festival, and Bonfire Branding and Communications.

IN THE NEWS:

- Grizzly Bear Hunting Ban Extended

On September 12th, Judge Christensen extended his ban on state-sponsored sport hunting of Yellowstone grizzly bears for another two weeks, as legal briefs continue to pile up following the August 30th court hearing in Missoula. A decision is expected by the end of the month.

https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/this_just_in/article_1c4c545d-1401-53b6-bc3f-7ab209985a9f.html

▪ **Grizzly Tragedy: Elk Hunting Guide Killed by Grizzly in Teton Wilderness, Two Grizzlies Killed in Response**

In terrible news, on September 14th, a hunting guide named Mark Uptain was killed by a grizzly bear as he and his client Corey Chubon were dressing out an elk that Chubon had killed in the Teton Wilderness near Jackson. The elk had been left overnight. The facts around this horrible tragedy are still confused. But according to news reports, Chubon was attacked by a grizzly, who then turned on his guide. After throwing his pistol to Uptain, Chubon climbed a hill where he got enough cell connection to call 911, and then ran from the scene. Government officials conducted a major search for several days before finding Uptain's body. They also trapped and killed two grizzlies - a mother and her yearling cub. (This makes for a total of 39 grizzlies killed so far this year!)

https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/this_just_in/article_fb78dcc0-94a9-5dab-804d-23991c46f90c.html

▪ **Neuroscience Should be Considered in Managing Grizzly Bears**

Dr. G.A. Bradshaw has written a fascinating piece on grizzly bear sentience in *Psychology Today*. She emphasizes something that agencies rarely mention: that the brains of bears are much like ours, so they experience pain, trauma and joy in similar ways. She makes a compelling case to ban hunting of grizzlies.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/bear-in-mind/201809/science-and-truth-missing-yellowstone-grizzly-case>

**For the bears,
Louisa and David**