



Newsletter

Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities
and the latest *Grizzly Times* Blog
from Louisa Willcox, Executive Director of *Grizzly Times*.

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Hello Friends of Grizzlies,

I hope you are all staying warm, as the Northern Rockies recovers from yet another major winter storm!

Here is my latest blog, "A Different Night of the Grizzlies," that examines the lessons learned (or not), following the night 50 years ago in Glacier Park that witnessed the death of two people to grizzlies. The piece was published in the recent *Counter Punch* magazine. If you don't know these guys, who are all about hard hitting journalism around the globe -- you should check out their site and consider subscribing (<https://store.counterpunch.org/>)
<https://www.grizzlytimes.org/single-post/2017/12/21/A-Different-Night-of-the-Grizzlies-States-Poised-to-Slaughter-Yellowstone-Grizzlies>

Here are some good talking points about the weird public comment process regarding the implications of the HSUS case that relisted wolves in the Great Lakes for Yellowstone grizzly bears:
<https://dontdelistgrizzly.blogspot.com/2017/12/public-comments-due-18-relist.html?m=1>

And the *Jackson News and Guide* just published a great opinion piece by Andy Salter on why hunting grizzlies is a bad idea:
http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/opinion/guest_shot/grizzly-hunt-plans-are-a-step-backward/article_f5f0cc53-82d8-5825-b587-d59fa6a8610b.html

In other news, the HeraldNet of Everett WA took exception to the order of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to stop the review process of the hundred thousand plus comments submitted on the restoration of grizzlies to the North Cascades:

<http://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/editorial-public-comments-on-grizzlies-return-ignored/>

And, this powerful editorial by the ever-vigilant Joel Connelly of the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* focuses on the major issues facing grizzlies in 2017, including the halt in N. Cascades grizzly recovery, the ban of the trophy hunt in BC, the delisting of grizzlies in Yellowstone, and the push to delist griz in the NCDE:

<http://www.seattlepi.com/local/politics/article/Zinke-halts-Cascades-grizzly-bear-recovery-12446008.php>

Here is an important message from Sam Jojola, ret. FWS law enforcement officer, in a recent piece in the *PPG Gazette*, on why conservation groups should do better in terms of pooling their efforts:

<https://ppg.me/2017/12/26/dynamics-of-wildlife-conservation-between-oppositions-donations-to-nonprofit-organizations/>

Finally, this *Missoulian* story discusses the implications of reduced grizzly bear protections in the draft Flathead Forest Plan:

http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/flathead-plan-draft-could-change-play-areas/article_ec30836d-ed8e-5264-8a80-944337698af0.html

Happy New Year to All, and onward to 2018!

For the bears,
Louisa