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Grizzly Bear Research Trapping Taking Place in Park Visitors Reminded to Respect Signs and Stay Out of Posted Areas

MOOSE, WY—Grizzly bear research and trapping operations will occur in Grand Teton National Park from now through mid-November. Park biologists in cooperation with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team will conduct this research to monitor the population of grizzly bears as part of on-going efforts required under the 2016 Conservation Strategy for the Grizzly Bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

When bear research and trapping activities are being conducted, the area around the site will be posted with bright warning signs to inform the public of the activities occurring. For bear and human safety, the public must respect these signs and stay out of the posted areas.

Trained professionals with the interagency team will bait and trap grizzly bears in accordance with strict protocols. Once trapped, the bears are sedated to allow wildlife biologists to collar the bears and collect samples and data for scientific study.

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team was established in 1973 to collaboratively monitor and research grizzly bears in the ecosystem on an interagency basis. The gathering of critical data on the bears is part of a long-term research effort and required under the 2016 conservation strategy to help wildlife managers devise and implement programs to support the ongoing conservation of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's grizzly bear population. The team includes representatives from the National Park Service, U. S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribal Fish and Game Department, and the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

For more information regarding grizzly bear trapping efforts contact the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team at 406-994-6675.

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