March 31, 2012

Grizzly bear tracks were photographed by BFC field patrols on the Gallatin National Forest Madison Arm Road, one (1) mile in from Highway 20.

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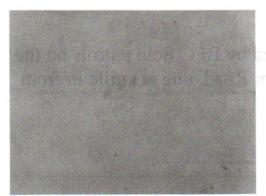


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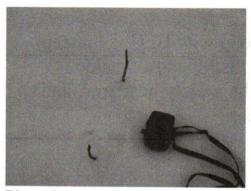


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April 8, 2012

BFC coordinator Stephen Sweeney, along with BFC volunteers Jeffrie and Alex, reconned Cougar Knolls/Meadows inside Yellowstone National Park and sighted a grizzly bear sow, and also saw the tracks of a boar grizzly bear.

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April 8, 2012

Horse Butte resident Ann Stovall photographed grizzly bear tracks moving through her yard.

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Witness, signed with permission on behalf of Ann Stovall

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April 8, 2012 photo by Ann Stovall



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April 13, 2012

Horse Butte resident Ann Stovall photographed grizzly bear tracks moving through her yard.

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April 13, 2012 photo by Ann Stovall



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Just before 9:00 am, at the Gallatin National Forest Madison Arm Road/Highway 20, BFC patrols encountered LS526, DOL Agent Rob Tierney driving out of the Madison Arm Road. Tierney stopped to inform us that he saw fresh grizzly bear tracks and for us to be careful if we were going that way.

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BFC patrollers Stephany Seay and Tyler biked in from Highway 20 on the Gallatin National Forest Madison Arm Road and within 150 yards from the Gallatin National Forest road closure barricades sighted very fresh grizzly bear tracks coming from the eastern portion of the forest, heading north along the Gallatin National Forest Madison Arm Road. The tracks continued directly along the road. Tyler and Stephany felt that it was unwise to proceed, and abandoned their patrol.

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BFC patrols Stephany, Cindy, Rob and Tyler, encountered two Yellowstone Park Rangers who pulled in to Ecology Lane, near the power lines with a horse trailer and two horses. BFC stopped to speak with the rangers, who told patrols that they were riding in to the Northeast Bluffs of the Madison River, into the Park to see what was in there. The following day, April 26, 2012, Yellowstone NP West District Ranger Michael Keeton confirmed that the two NPS rangers were reconning for grizzly bears and/or grizzly bear sign in anticipation of a hazing operation with the DOL helicopter that was set to take place on Gallatin National Forest, into Yellowstone National Park on April 26, 2012.

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BFC patrols Stephany, Cindy, Rob, and Tyler, followed FWP Game Warden Jim Smolzynski, pulling a horse trailer with one horse, onto Rainbow Point Road to Horse Butte. Warden Smolzynski turned onto Pine Needle drive and arrived at the 3rd house on the left, where there was clearly some damage done to one of the residents' garage doors. During a phone conversation on April 27, 2012 with Stephany Seay, Warden Smolzynski confirmed that a grizzly bear had attempted to enter the garage door.

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PHOTO:



Photo taken April 25, 2012, by Stephany Seay, Buffalo Field Campaign

BFC coordinator Tony Reed and BFC volunteer Kitty turned off Highway 20, onto Denny Creek Road, past the Gallatin National Forest campground, just past that, they turned down the road leading to the Gallatin National Forest Summer Homes, where they drove down near Hebgen Lake and found grizzly bear sow and cub tracks along the lakeshore.

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April 26, 2012

Yellowstone National Park Western District Ranger Michael Keeter spoke with BFC patrols David Cacanidin and Don Spates who were present on the Gallatin National Forest Madison Arm Road anticipating a hazing operation. District Ranger Keeter conveyed that the YNP ranger recon that BFC patrols had encountered the day before were reconning for grizzly bears and/or sign, as hazing operations were planned for 4/26/12. This was later re-confirmed in a phone conversation between District Ranger Keeter and Stephany Seay.

(pril 25, 2017)

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