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Comments:

In further researching the issue of GYE grizzly bear mortalities of 2018, I was shocked at the amount of available information. Either that information eluded me or I eluded that information-until now, but to me this warrants a serious look and discussion at current and future policies upon the GYE concerning grizzly bear population, behavior and mortality. Do we really know what the heck is going on?

Why are we so worried about losing recreational opportunities when we have these magnificent species around us circling the rabbit hole of extinction? There is something wrong here and before any more areas are opened up for whatever use by the public, wildlife agencies and land management agencies need to get a better handle on the species and the population we have left. I'm going to attach a letter signed by 6 NGO's sent to the Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team. Please read. The Forest Service is well aware of this letter, but to me this is "exhibit one" as to why we must hold off relaxing any land-use designations that could exacerbate grizzly bear mortality.

As said before the purpose of the Forest Plan is to direct actions into the future. Many of the comments I've seen are worried about current conditions and how the plan could affect their current lifestyle. There is more to the plan than what we experience today. How can we write plans into the future if we don't even know the status of species today; ie, grizzly bear, moose, bighorn sheep, bison and others. We absolutely should not remove lands from the grizzly bear recovery zone for any other use, not when we had a record high number of grizzly bear mortality in 2018.

Thank you.