

Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center



August 2008 Weekly Highlights

I. Departmental/Bureau News

A. Upcoming: None

B. Current:

- II. Agency Work on Presidential Initiatives: None
- III. Notable Congressional Activity:
- IV. Press Inquiries/Media
 - Newspapers/magazines/wires, etc.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed on August 28th by Christine Cyr of *Outdoor Magazine* about causes and consequences of grizzly bearhuman conflicts. There is no print date because this was a background interview for a potential story.

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall was interviewed on Aug 22th about her bear work and John McCain's continued use of the project as an example of pork spending in his speeches. The article was published in the online magazine *Politifact* on August 26th.

USGS scientist Don Despain participated in a Yellowstone media conference on July 30th and was interviewed by Cory Hatch of the Jackson Hole News and Guide and Eryn Gable, freelance writer for Land Letter. Despain discussed the 1988 Yellowstone fires and how the forest had recovered. The print date for the interview is unknown.

USGS scientists Clint Muhlfeld and Chuck Schwartz were interviewed by Eryn Gable of the *Land Letter* about their research on wildlife and climate change. Schwartz was interviewed about his work with grizzly bears and Muhlfeld about his work with fisheries. The article was featured in the August 1st edition of the publication.

• Broadcast and Film

USGS scientist Don Despain was interviewed by Laura Krantz of National Public Radio (NPR) on July 31st. Despain discussed his work with the 1988 fires in Yellowstone and how the park has adapted since. Despain was also interviewed for Weekend Edition Sunday on August 8th by Leanne Hansen of NPR. The broadcast will be aired in September.

- Other (Forum meeting, press conference, media training, etc): None
- V. Key FOIA Requests: None