

Weekly Highlights for the USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center (NOROCK)

November 2008

I. Departmental/Bureau News

- **Upcoming**
- **Current**

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall and her team at the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project estimate that 241 grizzly bears live in and around Glacier National Park in Montana or 30 grizzlies for every 386 square miles. This study presents the first rigorous estimate of grizzly bear population density and distribution for this area. The results of this study were published in the most recent issue of the Journal of Wildlife Management and can be found on the journal website at <http://www.wildlifejournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-abstract&doi=10.2193%2F2008-007>.

II. Agency Work on Presidential Initiatives

III. Notable Congressional Activity

IV. Press/Media Inquiries

- **Newspapers/magazines/wires, etc.**

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Todd Wilkenson of the Jackson Hole News and Guide on November 3rd. The interview was the additional bear mortalities that occurred over the weekend in the Jackson area, how unknown and unreported mortality is documented and calculated, and how the agencies are attempting to address the mortality issues. The article will be published within the week.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Cory Hatch of the Jackson Hole News and Guide on November 3rd. The interview was about bear mortalities by age and sex in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. The article is a follow-up on a previous story published on October 24th. The article will be published on November 4th.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Bret French of the Billings Gazette on October 30th. The interview was about a news release on bear mortalities in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. The article will be published within the week.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Joyce Edlefsen of the Rexburg Standard Journal on October 28th. The interview was about a news release on bear mortalities in the Yellowstone Ecosystem and the death of two bears in Idaho to clostridium. The article was published on October 29th.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Cory Hatch of the Jackson Hole News and Guide on November 11th. The interview was about the potential of lead concentrations in grizzly bear blood samples. The article was published on November 13th.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Cory Hatch of the Jackson Hole News and Guide on November 18th. The interview was about whitebark pine and blister rust infection levels, mountain pine beetle infestation, and the future of the species. The article will be published in late November.

- **Broadcasts and Film**

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall was interviewed by Alan Stahler of KVMR-FM, Nevada City, California on November 3rd. The interview was about threats to white bark pine and grizzly bear status in Montana. The broadcast aired the evening of November 3rd.

- **Upcoming News Releases**

- **Other (forum meeting, press conference, media training, etc.)**

V. **Key FOIA Requests**