



## Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center



### Weekly Highlights

February 2009

#### I. Departmental/Bureau News

- Upcoming
- Current.

The USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center's Repeat Photography project is being exhibited at the Hockaday Museum of Art in Kalispell, Montana from January 29th – April 10th, 2009. For more information contact Lisa McKeon at 406-888-7924.

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall gave a presentation at The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society in Kalispell, Montana, February 13. The talk was entitled "Demography and genetic structure of a recovering grizzly bear population". The presentation is about the final results of the USGS Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project.

USGS researcher Clint Muhlfeld gave a presentation at The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Montana Chapter of The American Fisheries Society in Kalispell, Montana, on February 13<sup>th</sup> entitled "Hybridization rapidly reduces fitness of a native trout in the wild". The presentation is about the final results of Muhlfeld's Ph.D. research.

USGS researcher Dan Fagre will present *Glacier and Sagarmatha National Parks: Contrasts in Change across the Globe*. to the Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center's Brown Bag Seminar series in West Glacier, MT. February 23, 2009.

#### 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 Jim Robbins of the New York Times on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The interview was about how the Interagency Grizzly Bear

Study Team (IGBST) used isotopes and mercury to understand diets of grizzly bear from hair snagged at barbed wire sites. The article will be published sometime in February 2009.

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall was interviewed by Jim Robbins of the New York Times on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The interview was for an article on noninvasive studies which will include a paragraph on the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project. The article will be published sometime in February 2009.

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall was contacted by Laura Bell of the The Big Sky Weekly on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The publication will use the recent press release on the Kendall's newly published paper about Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project. The date of publication is unknown.

- **Broadcasts and Film**

The USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center was contacted by Huw Martin of Silver River Productions for permission to use footage from the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project of a bear rubbing a tree. The footage will be used in the upcoming new family entertainment series, "Oops TV".

USGS researcher Katherine Kendall was contacted by Winston Greely of Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The interview was about developing video on the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project for the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks website and other outlets. Video will be released sometime in March.

- **Upcoming News Releases**
- **Other (forum meeting, press conference, media training, etc.**

## V. **Key FOIA Requests**