

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

December 2008

I. Departmental/Bureau News

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

II. Agency Work on Presidential Initiatives

III. Notable Congressional Activity

IV. Press/Media Inquiries

Newspapers/magazines/wires, etc.

USGS scientist Clint Muhlfeld was interviewed by Michael Jameison of the Missoulian on November 25th. The interview was about the 2008 bull trout redd counts in British Columbia, Canada, which were conducted immediately downstream of the proposed open-pit coal mine in Foisey Creek and the proposed coal-bed methane wells in the headwaters of the system.. The article was published on November 28th.

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee presented a workshop on whitebark pine in West Yellowstone on November 12th. USGS scientists Chuck Schwartz and Mark Haroldson presented at the workshop and their work on whitebark pine decline and the effect on grizzly bears was included in an article by Brett French of the Billings Gazette. The article was published in on November 26th.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Gib Mathers of the Powell Tribune on November 26th. The interview was about the number of bears that have died in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem this year and the fact that the threshold has been exceeded. The article was published in late November.

USGS research biologist Katherine Kendall was quoted and results of her grizzly bear research were in an article about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report on grizzly mortality in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. The article was published in the Hungry Horse News on November 30th.

An article about USGS research biologist Katherine Kendall's grizzly bear work on the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project titled "Hair Samples Shed Light on Grizzly Bears" has been published in the Endangered Species Bulletin Fall 2008 issue (pg 30-32).

An article about USGS research biologist Katherine Kendall's career titled

"Guard of the Grizzlies" has been published in the Winter 2008 issue of The Wildlife Professional. The Wildlife Professional is a quarterly magazine published by The Wildlife Society.

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

V. Key FOIA Requests