



## Weekly Highlights

*May 2009*

### I. Departmental/Bureau News

- Upcoming
- Current.

### II. Agency Work on Presidential Initiatives

### III. Notable Congressional Activity

USGS-NOROCK research biologist Katherine Kendall will meet with Larry Anderson of Montana Representative Denny Rehberg's office on the results of the NCDE project and a new project starting this spring to evaluate the efficacy of sampling bears at a natural rub sites to monitor population trends, and to discuss the potential of doing a grizzly DNA study in the Cabinet-Yaak ecosystem to obtain baseline data on the population. The briefing will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> in West Glacier, MT.

### IV. Press/Media Inquiries

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

USGS researcher Katherine Kendall's recent completion of the grizzly bear population estimate in northwest Montana is featured in an article by Doug Chadwick of Defenders Magazine. The article is published in the spring 2009 issue of the magazine.

USGS researcher Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Julie Cart of the L.A Times on May 5<sup>th</sup> about possible consequences of climate change to grizzly bears. The article may be published sometime this summer.

USGS researcher Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Frank Minter of American Hunter Magazine on May 5<sup>th</sup> about how the IGBST estimates bear numbers, how mortality limits are set, how unknown unreported mortality is estimated, and hunting issues. The article will be published in the July or August issue.

USGS researcher Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Todd Wilkensen of Wildlife Art Magazine, a new publication, on April 30<sup>th</sup> about the use of bear spray, its effectiveness and application. The article will be used in the first issue, though a publication date is unknown.

USGS researcher Chuck Schwartz was contacted by Heidi Ridgley of the Defenders of Wildlife magazine on May 10<sup>th</sup> about reviewing a short article written about Yellowstone grizzly bear mortality rates. The article may be in the next edition of the magazine.

USGS researcher Katherine Kendall was interviewed by Jim Mann of the Dailey Interlake newspaper on May 10<sup>th</sup> about upcoming research on bear population in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. The article was published on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center's Climate Change in Mountain Ecosystems program participated in a media day on May 21st in Glacier National Park to discuss the large magnitude avalanche that affected the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road this past winter. Media who were present and will cover the story included MT Public Radio, local NBC and CBS affiliates in the Flathead Valley, Flathead valley newspapers and the Missoula Independent.

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall was interviewed by Geoff Morgan of the Promoter newspaper on May 26<sup>th</sup> about her current research in 7.8M acres of the US-portion of the Crown of the Contentment Ecosystem to monitoring grizzly bear population trends using non invasive sampling methods. The article date is unknown.

- **Broadcasts and Film**

UGGS scientist Katherine Kendall's team provided remote video footage to Robin Monheit of the Hearst Corporation for use on the *O Magazine* (Oprah Magazine) website, which will be posted on the website May 5<sup>th</sup>.

UGGS scientist Katherine Kendall's team provided remote video footage to Sophie Jones of October Films (United Kingdom) for use in a television program 'Rude Tube'. Date of program unknown.

UGGS scientist Katherine Kendall's team provided remote video footage to Gina Benson of Horizons Companies for use in a series of science videos to be used by elementary and middle school students.

UGGS scientist Katherine Kendall was interviewed by Maritsa Georgiou of KCFW TV (NBC affiliate in Kalispell, MT) on May 12<sup>th</sup>. They ran a brief story about Kendall's work on bear population in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem on the

evening of May 12<sup>th</sup>.

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall was interviewed by Ed O'Brian of KUFM (public radio, Missoula, MT) on May 12<sup>th</sup> about upcoming research on bear population in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. The story aired the evening of May 12<sup>th</sup> and the morning of May 13<sup>th</sup>

- **Upcoming News Releases**

The USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center is working on a release announcing upcoming research on bear population trends in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem using techniques which are potentially a cost effective and safe means to monitor the status of bear populations over time. The release is scheduled for distribution next week.

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

## V. **Key FOIA Requests**