



7/22/2024

Memorandum of Understanding

This is to verify that one male Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilus*) cub of the year is being transferred from Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Wildlife Images in Grants Pass, Oregon. Grizzly bears are listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and the grizzly bear will be under permanent loan from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), as authorized under 50 CF 12.36. This live grizzly bear may not be sold, traded, transferred, or disposed of without written authorization from the USFWS.

Wildlife Images has agreed to provide permanent housing for the bear and as such, agrees to indemnify and hold the State of Montana harmless during any transfers and temporary or permanent housing of the bear. All associated care and medical expenses are the responsibility of Wildlife Images. The bear will remain with the institution until prior authorization to transfer is given or Wildlife Images no longer meets or exceeds ZAA standards.

Wildlife Images has agreed to the following conditions specified under 50 CFR 12.36:

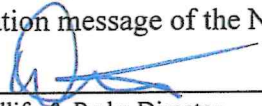
- (1) The purpose for which the wildlife or plants are to be used must be stated on the transfer document;
- (2) Any attempt by the donee/borrower to use the donation or loan for any other purpose except that stated on the transfer document entitles the Director to immediate repossession of the wildlife or plants;
- (3) The donee/borrower must pay all costs associated with the transfer, including the costs of care, storage, transportation, and return to the USFWS (if applicable);
- (4) The donee/borrower may be required to account periodically for the donation or loan;
- (5) The donee/borrower is not relieved from the prohibitions, restrictions, conditions, or requirements which may apply to a particular species of wildlife or plant imposed by the laws or regulations of the United States or any State, including any applicable health, quarantine, agricultural, or Customs laws or regulations.
- (6) Any attempt by a donee to retransfer the donation during the time period specified in the transfer document within which the donee may not retransfer the donation without the prior authorization of the Director entitles the Director to immediate repossession of the wildlife or plants;
- (7) Any attempt by a borrower to retransfer the loan without the prior authorization of the Director entitles the Director to immediate repossession of the wildlife or plants;

- (8) Subject to applicable limitations of law, duly authorized Service officers at all reasonable times shall, upon notice, be afforded access to the place where the donation or loan is kept and an opportunity to inspect it;
- (9) Any donation is subject to conditions specified in the transfer document, the violation of which causes the property to revert to the United States;
- (10) Any loan is for an indefinite period of time unless a date on which the loan must be returned to the Service is stated on the transfer document; and
- (11) Any loan remains the property of the United States, and the Director may demand its return at any time.

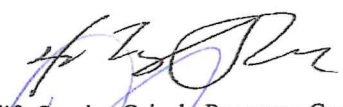
In addition, if a bear expires while in the care of Wildlife Images, Wildlife Images agrees to notify MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the USFWS prior to disposing of the carcass. MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the USFWS will then coordinate the disposition of any samples or specimens from the deceased bear.

The Grizzly Bear originated near Wolf Creek, Montana. The young cub was captured on April 24, 2024 after the sow was killed during an encounter with a man shed hunting in the area. Upon immobilization and examination, the male cub was fixed with a microchip between its shoulder blades, # 985 113 009 011 854. The accession number given to the bear by Wildlife Images is #2024-0004.

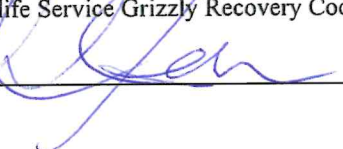
The department appreciates the willingness and efforts to provide the bear with a good environment and long-term care where they can be observed, enjoyed by your visitors and help tell the conservation message of the Northern Rocky Mountain Grizzly Bear recovery.

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Director

Date: 7/23/24

Hilary Cooley 
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Grizzly Recovery Coordinator

Date: 7/23/2024

Dave Siddon 
Executive Director

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