



## Weekly Highlights

*June 2010*

### **I. Departmental/Bureau News**

- **Upcoming**

USGS scientist Katherine Kendall and the Northern Continental Divide Grizzly Bear program will present the talk, “Evaluation of bear rub surveys to monitor grizzly bear population trends.” and the poster, “Black bear density in Glacier National Park, Montana, USA.” at the Society for Conservation Biology Conference, July 3rd -7th in Edmonton, Alberta. (Katherine Kendall, 406-888-7994 or [kkendall@usgs.gov](mailto:kkendall@usgs.gov) )

- **Current.**

USGS scientist Mark Haroldson will be instructing a seminar entitled “Grizzlies: From Dumps to Recovery”, June 4th – 6th at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch in Yellowstone National Park. The seminar is part of the Yellowstone Association Institute’s Summer Seminar Series. Haroldson will be joined by co-instructor Sue Consolo-Murphy, Grand Teton National Park’s Chief of Science and Natural Resources. (Mark Haroldson, 406-994-5042 or [mark\\_haroldson@usgs.gov](mailto:mark_haroldson@usgs.gov) ).

USGS scientist and Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center Director Jeff Kershner co-authors the article, “An Evaluation of Management Objectives Used to Assess Stream Habitat Conditions on Federal Lands within the Interior Columbia Basin” in the June edition of Fisheries, a publication of the American Fisheries Society. (Jeff Kershner, 406-994-5304 or [jkershner@usgs.gov](mailto:jkershner@usgs.gov) )

The USGS Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project is featured in the May/June edition of the children’s magazine, Apple Seeds. The edition highlights adventurous, dangerous and messy jobs and is published by Cobblestone Publications, Peterborough, NH. (Kate Kendall, 406-888-7994 or [kkendall@usgs.gov](mailto:kkendall@usgs.gov) )

### **II. Agency Work on Presidential Initiatives**

### **III. Notable Congressional Activity**

#### IV. **Press/Media Inquiries**

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz received numerous media inquiries regarding the grizzly bear mauling in the Kitty Creek drainage near Cody, Wyoming. Schwartz discussed the generalities of grizzly bear monitoring by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Media outlets included regional radio and newspapers, as well as the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, and numerous website-based news outlets. (Chuck Schwartz, 406-994-5043 or charles\_schwartz@usgs.gov)

USGS scientist Clint Muhlfeld has been invited to speak at the Society of Environmental Journalists' 20th Annual Conference on October 13th - 17th in Missoula, Montana. Muhlfeld will participate in a conference tour of Flathead Lake on October 14th and discuss North Fork and upstream issues, as well as participate on a panel discussion about the lake's fishery management and invasive species issues. (Clint Muhlfeld, 406-888-7926 or cmuhlfeld@usgs.gov)

USGS scientist Erich Peitzsch participated in a media day for the opening of the Going to the Sun Road in Glacier National Park on June 3rd. Peitzsch fielded questions pertaining to his research on avalanche activity and forecasting along the popular park road. The event was hosted by Glacier National Park and local television, radio, news, and freelance media attended.

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

USGS scientist Steve Corn was interviewed on June 24th by Rob Chaney of the Missoulian. Chaney intends to do a general interest story on Montana's turtles and Corn will work with him on photographing turtles and discuss their natural history. The article will be published July 1st.

- **Broadcasts and Film**

- **Upcoming News Releases**

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

#### V. **Key FOIA Requests**

In response to an inquiry received after a recent Washington Post article on USGS bear rub studies, USGS wildlife biologist Kate Kendall emailed "Jean Public" (jeanpublic@yahoo.com) copies of two of her recent publications that were referred to in that newspaper story. One article about grizzly bear population trend obtained from hair collection surveys appeared in the May issue of the Journal of Wildlife Management.