

**Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and the
Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem
2004**

Total Grizzly Bear Mortalities as of 9/27/04

GYE: 16

NCDE: 11

GYE Deaths by cause

12 Human caused

2 natural

2 unknown

Unmarked Bear

Date: 4/12

Location: Cody , WY

Age: 5

Sex: Male

Comments: Management action (euthanized by WY Game and Fish due to habituation)

Unmarked Bear

Date: 5/1

Location: Meeteetse, WY (Grass Creek, beyond 10 mile perimeter)

Age: young adult

Sex: Male

Comments: Mistaken identity, black bear hunter

Unmarked Bear

Date: 5/7

Location: Timber Creek, WY

Age: adult

Sex: Male

Comments: Self-defense? Under Investigation as of June 15

Tagged Bear

Date: 5/10

Location: Pinedale, WY

Age: 3-4
Sex: Male
Comments: Mistaken identity, black bear hunter

Unmarked Bear
Date: 5/22
Location: NCDE, Hungry Horse Reservoir
Age: unknown
Sex: unknown
Comments: James Fisher and his 14 year old son have been charged with killing a grizzly bear during a closed season and shooting from a public roadway. Their initial hearing is scheduled for August 31.

Unmarked Bear
Date: Found spring '04, probably killed in the fall of '02
Location: Northwest Wyoming
Age: Unknown
Sex: Male
Comments: Undetermined Mortality

Unmarked Bear
Date: 5/22
Location: Lamar Valley, Yellowstone Park
Age: Cub
Sex: Male
Comments: Natural Mortality Killed By Wolf

Unmarked Bear
Date: 6/12
Location: East of Essex, Upper Middle Fork, Flathead, NCDE
Age: Unknown
Sex: Unknown
Comments: Illegal Kill

Unmarked Bear

Date: 6/23

Location: Swan Valley, NCDE

Age: -

Sex: -

Comments: Probably killed by a poacher. Under investigation as of June 25

Unmarked Bear

Date: 6/26

Location: Private Land on tributary to the South Fork of the Shoshone, near Cody

Age:

Sex:

Comments:

Unmarked Bear

Date: 7/6

Location: Lamar Valley, Yellowstone

Age: Cub

Sex: ?

Comments: Natural Mortality. Likely predation, but not confirmed.

Unmarked Bear

Date: 6/29

Location: North Fork of the Shoshone

Age: Subadult

Sex: Female

Comments: Management Removal

Bear number 456

Date: 6/29

Location: Shoshone

Age: Adult

Sex: Male

Comments: Cause of death undetermined. Carcass, when discovered, was too far deteriorated for necropsy.

Unmarked Bear

Date: 7/23

Location: Near Monture Creek on Montana 200 (NCDE)

Age: 2 (225 lbs.)

Sex: Male

Comments: Vehicle collision. Found missing its right-hand thumb.

Unmarked Bear

Date: Discovered 7/31, but had been dead for "a while"

Location: Dutch Lake, Glacier National Park, NCDE

Age: Adult

Sex: Female

Comments: Field Necropsy revealed no signs of foul play or trauma

Unmarked Bear

Date: 8/9

Location: Paint Creek on Shoshone NF

Age:

Sex: Male

Comments:

Unmarked Bear

Date: 8/??

Location: Middle Fork Flathead; Nyaak Falls (NCDE)

Age: Cub

Sex: Female

Comments: vehicle collision

Unmarked Bear

Date: 8/17

Location: Swan Valley, NCDE

Age: Unknown

Sex: Unknown

Comments: Probably a poacher. Under investigation as of 8/23

Unmarked Bear

Date: 8/20

Location: Badger Creek on Blackfeet Reservation, NCDE

Age: Adult

Sex: Female

Comments: Captured in response to 4 calls within 24 hours about her searching around homes for food.

Unmarked Bear

Date: 8/20

Location: Badger Creek on Blackfeet Reservation, NCDE

Age: cub

Sex: unknown

Comments: euthanized after "control" of its mother

Unmarked Bear

Date: 8/20

Location: Badger Creek on Blackfeet Reservation, NCDE

Age: cub

Sex: unknown

Comments: euthanized after "control" of its mother

Unmarked Bear

Date: 9/1/04

Location: Foothills Rd. North end of Swan Valley, NCDE

Age: 8

Sex: Male

Comments: Removed for food conditioning

Unmarked Bear

Date: 9/2/04

Location: Near Wapiti, Wyoming. North Fork Shoshone

Age: About 8

Sex: Female

Comments: Bear had been breaking into buildings

Unmarked Bear
Date: 9/3/04
Location: Bridger-Teton
Age: Adult
Sex: Female
Comments: Under investigation as of 9/22.

Unmarked Bear
Date: 9/7
Location: Highway near Nez Perce Trailhead, Fountain Flats, Yellowstone National Park
Age: 3
Sex: Male
Comments: The 473 pound bear was struck by a car. The impact bent the drive shaft of the vehicle.

Unmarked Bear
Date: 9/8
Location: Yellowstone National Park
Age: subadult (170 pounds)
Sex: Female
Comments: Euthanized. She was captured at Pebble Creek Campground. She had repeatedly showed up at the campsite looking for food. Firecrackers and other deterrents had little effect on her. She is thought to be the same bear that raided a backcountry campsite in the Lamar Valley this summer.

Unmarked Bear
Date: 9/11
Location: Northwest Wyoming
Age:
Sex: Female
Comments: Under Investigation. Human Caused. With this death, GYE has surpassed female human-caused mortality limits for the first time since 1997.