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Comments: Hello

The grizzly population is doing extremely well, probably to well. There has been multiple bears living in residential areas and some killing livestock. In fact, a few have had to be euthanized. It doesn't make sense to pass this if it's for the protection of these animals. It might sound good on paper but in reality it would do nothing to benefit the bears. The opposite actually needs to happen. Possibly a chance at a few once in a lifetime tags for locals.

Their numbers are outgrowing the available habitat... Male home range averages 500 sq miles (350 for females)... Unit 1 (from Sandpoint north) has approximately 19,000 sq miles of suitable habitat, and over 90 documented Grizzly Bears. There's not room for the bears we have and they have lost fear of man. Management is needed.

I'm seeing mentions of woodland caribou. They don't exist there anymore, if they are included as needing protection or if anyone is using them as leverage to pass this bill their opinion and this entire bill should be dismissed.

There is 10 feet of snow above 6000 feet at the beginning of May, much less April, the grizzlies are not coming out of hibernation anywhere OSV are being ridden. As the snow starts melting and they are, snowmobiling stops. It would make more sense to push the start date of this restriction off until at least May 1.

Trying to protect the land from OSV doesn't make sense, it's probably the least impactful action you can do in the wilderness. Your on top of snow.

Again, grizzlies are far from being in need of any more protection, and I'm not exactly sure how this would even benefit them. This bill does not make sense.

One thing, what about heli-skiing? Would Selkirk Powder going to get shut down as well? Their out flying over the mountains with a helicopter.

Just to show what it looks like. File is at 5800 feet MAY 10 this year.

Two feet of fresh snow, 10 foot base.