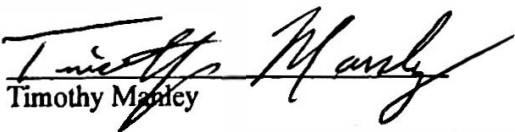


7. I also captured an older female grizzly that was missing the lower part of her front leg below her elbow. The wound was healed, and I don't know with certainty what caused the injury to her leg, but it appeared her leg could have been caught in a trap.
8. I also had to drug two grizzly bear cubs of the year that had been captured in leghold traps to release them from the traps. One cub was caught by a private individual trapping for coyotes. The second was caught by a Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks wolf technician who caught the cub in a wolf trap.
9. I also had to drug and release two yearling grizzly bears that had been captured in leghold traps set for a coyote and a bobcat. The second yearling was caught in the trap in mid-December. The adult female and two other yearlings were at the site. We enlisted the assistance of Two Bear Air Rescue to push the uncaptured bears away from the site so we could safely hike to the site, drug, and release the yearling that was trapped.
10. I also tried to help track down a grizzly bear that had been caught in a leghold trap set by a USFWS wolf biologist in Glacier National Park. The bear broke the trap swivel and escaped with the leghold trap still attached to it. We tracked it with Karelian Bear Dogs to the North Fork of the Flathead River before losing the trail.
11. Myself and another bear manager captured an adult male grizzly at a residence near Glen Lake that was missing an entire front foot and wrist. It is our belief that it had probably been caught in a neck snare set by a trapper in search of bobcats or coyotes.
12. I also was sent photos by Kevin Burns of an adult male grizzly bear on the Rocky Mountain Front that is missing claws on its front foot. It appeared that the claws could have been caught in a trap.
13. Based on my training and experience, grizzly bears are attracted to leghold traps set for other species, including wolves, especially when set around baits.
14. Based on my training and experience, the current wolf and furbearer trapping regulations approved by the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission on August 17, 2023, will result in increased incidences of accidental capture and harm to grizzly bears because these regulations increase the likelihood of traps being set in areas occupied by non-denning grizzly bears.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2023.


Timothy Manley