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Hello,

The Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forest forest plan revision DEIS webpage states the comment period ended April 20, but that public comments are accepted at any time. Below please find new information related to the presence of grizzly bears in and near the forest, supporting the need for the revised forest plan to include grizzly-specific plan components.

Best,

Marla Fox

Grizzly bear tracks spotted 7 miles south of Grangeville
by CBS2 News StaffWednesday, April 22nd 2020

<<https://idahonews.com/news/local/grizzly-bear-tracks-spotted-7-miles-south-of-grangeville>>

An Idaho Fish and Game officer spotted fresh grizzly bear tracks about 7 miles south of Grangeville recently. The fresh tracks were confirmed to be a grizzly bear. They were found on April 18 in the Fish Creek Meadows winter recreation area, which is about 7 miles south of Grangeville.

IDFG is warning hunters and recreationists to be bear aware, because they don't know if the grizzly is still in the area.

IDFG's first evidence of a grizzly in that area came from game pictures last year. Biologists collected a hair sample and submitted it for genetic testing.

Recent results matched a male grizzly bear that was collared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife in 2017 near the Canadian border. The collar fell off the bear in 2018.

Another hair sample was collected near the most recent tracks found, but genetic testing may take months to turnaround.

If confirmed as the same bear, this bear is now 4 years old, and has traveled several hundred miles through Idaho and Montana without any known conflict with people.

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