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Comments: I have lived at this address since Oct. 31st 1985. This area has always been a well used crossing corridor for wildlife. During these years I have been blessed to observe whitetail and mule deer, herds of elk, moose (bulls and females with their young), black bears with cubs, coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, bobcats, and a badger!, and smaller creatures such as ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, grouse and their babies, squirrels, chipmunks, and rabbits. The most exciting was the grizzly bears. From May 2015 to April 2019 I observed a total of two different female grizzlies, 1 with 2 cubs, 1 with 3 cubs. Also in April 2018 and 2019 I saw a huge black grizzly (male?) passing through my property. None of these amazing animals ever caused a problem. It was amazing to watch the females and their family life. The highway project and the development of the property next to me (the bears favorite spring) caused the bears to go over the mountain to the fisher river area. I did hear from a friend in that area and they were beginning to see the bears. I do ask that your specialists will take a step back and realize what a treasure this area is. Thank you.