From: Jonkel, James
To: Jim Conkle; Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Bcc
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Grizzly Bear Alert System
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:40:06 AM

Thanks Jim. All great ideas. The grizzly earlier this spring was not collared. We got a series of photos from the community that morning-----just fresh tracks in snow---nothing on that bear since, but lots of black bear activity. The female grizzly that was hanging around last fall in the north hills was not captured, although we tried. So no collar on her or the cubs either. We have had a pretty good reporting system in place for the last ten years or so through our Missoula Bears web site and Face Book Page. These sites are carefully monitored by all the news channels and stations and they relay that information frequently. And yes, the bear alert systems set up through the Missoula County School System and University system and City police, when needed, have been an great tool for getting information out there. We launched alerts two or three times last year but not this year yet. Here is a link to the Missoula Bears Site and Facebook Page. Take care, JJJ.

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From: Jim Conkle <jimconkle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:19 AM
To: council@ci.missoula.mt.us <council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Bcc <bcc@missoulacounty.us>; Jim Conkle <jimconkle@yahoo.com>; Jonkel, James <JaJonkel@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Grizzly Bear Alert System

Hi again,
Found James Jonkel Email.
Forwarded earlier email.

Missoulian article today also talks about U of M alert system.

Thanks
Jim Conkle

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, 09:37:00 AM MDT, Jim Conkle <jimconkle@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you for your service.

May 13th article in the Missoula Current.
Missoula for Bears meeting disclosed that:
" About four weeks ago, a lone grizzly came off Waterworks Hill, ambled through the Rattlesnake, and climbed up on to Mount Jumbo"
Although that quote paints a romantic scene, as a Rattlesnake resident 2 blocks from Mt Jumbo, whose children walk our dog in the dark in late Fall, I imagined a more dangerous situation.

Missoula County Public Schools sends out text notices of animal activity near bus stops.
I sure appreciate the "bear activity postings" in Glacier Park.

I assume this was a collared grizzly bear they were tracking through the Rattlesnake.
I'm not sure if the North Hills Grizzly family is collared, but their existence was not publicized for about 2 years.
I assert that notice is not only sensible, but without notice after knowledge of a danger, legal liability is probably created if an incident happens.

1) If neither council nor the board have any role in initiating a required notice advisory system, if possible, please provide me with a referral.

2) Possibly consider tax money going to the Garbage Disposal companies to offset extra expense of bear resistant garbage containers.
Our neighborhood bear activity (less sightings, less scat) seems to have been reduced only after vast majority of residents purchased the service.
Only after increased enforcement of ordinance did people really sign up.
It also was challenging as Republic Services was backordered by months to receive one.

3) As to dog food, bird feeders, fruit trees etc,, possibly more education to all.
I believe Including the word Grizzly would get more response.
If needed, maybe future new ordinances to address these concerns.

Available information suggests that this issue will occur more and more frequently in the future.

Thanls

Jim Conkle