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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Glacier National Park, National Park Service  
From: Christopher Servheen, Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, USFWS  
Subject: Subpermit for handling management and research grizzly bears

This subpermit authorizes you to take grizzly bears under certain conditions as described in Section (i) C and D of the grizzly bear 4(d) rule, 50 CFR 17.40(b) as long as activities are in conformance with the criteria listed therein. This authority is valid through December 31 2011 subject to annual renewal. Under the authority granted in this subpermit, you may take grizzly bears for nuisance bear removal or management, or for other scientific or research purposes under the following conditions:

1. Capture using bear traps or snares, ear tag, radio collar, mark, take tissue, hair, blood, and tooth samples, and release grizzly bears (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) in Glacier National Park. Samples may be sent to facilities identified by the Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. Free dart and immobilize grizzly bears for the purpose of translocating or marking the animal.
  - (a) Only those personnel and their assistants who are trained and/or experienced in immobilizing, marking, and handling bears will be authorized to participate in these activities.
  - (b) Assist in the occasional transport of nuisance grizzly bears to zoos throughout the United States and Canada.
3. Manage bears to limit conflicts with people to enhance the survival of grizzly bears.

- (a) Live-trap and transport nuisance bears to relocation sites or euthanize only when authorized by the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, University Hall, Room 309, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59812; telephone (406) 243-4903, cell phone (406) 240-6506 (the best way to make contact after hours or on weekends or evenings). Euthanasia will only be done when authorized by the Recovery Coordinator. The disposal of any euthanized bears will be coordinated with the Recovery Coordinator.
  - (b) Preemptively move bears that are in an area where they may come into conflict with human activities. Bears may be moved only when authorized by the Recovery Coordinator (see contact information above).
  - (c) Harm and harass grizzly bears while conducting aversive conditioning activities with rubber bullets, specially trained dogs, noise, and sprays.
  - (d) All activities conducted under this subpermit must be done in compliance with the terms and conditions of the subpermit and with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Guidelines.
4. The only persons to be in the vicinity of your activities are those authorized personnel needed to accomplish the work being conducted. Every possible precaution shall be taken to avoid confrontations between bears and the public, including but not limited to closure or signing of the study sites. Study sites, including capture locations, are not to be disclosed to the public to ensure human safety and to prevent dangers to bears.

Coverage under this subpermit is provisional under the following restrictions:

1. You will obtain, have in your possession, and conduct your activities in compliance with all appropriate Federal and Montana state required permits and licenses for take of listed species. This authorization does not grant the right of trespass. Such permission must be obtained from private landowners or the land management agency.
2. All grizzly bear activities will be coordinated with the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator (see contact information above). You are to inform the Recovery Coordinator of all grizzly bear activities conducted under this subpermit.
3. Any threatened or endangered species that is accidentally killed while conducting activities under this authorization must be reported within 24 hours to the Recovery Coordinator (see contact information above). Species and/or the parts of species that are taken remain the property of the Fish and Wildlife Service. If the disposal of species is not identified in the above conditions, contact the Recovery Coordinator for the final determination on disposition of any threatened or endangered species taken during authorized activities.

4. If you wish to continue work with grizzly bears, your request for annual renewal should be received by the Recovery Coordinator (see contact information above) on or before December 15, 2010. Otherwise, this subpermit becomes invalid on that date. You are not authorized to conduct any activities that may result in take of grizzly bears other than those identified above. The conditions that must be followed for take of grizzly bears under this authorization may be modified as deemed necessary by the Recovery Coordinator.
5. A report of all your activities relating to take of grizzly bears conducted under the authority of this memo must be submitted to the Recovery Coordinator (see contact information above) by December 31 of each year. Your reports should include complete accounts of those activities conducted under this authorization. A renewal of this authorization may not be provided if all reports have not been received.
6. This subpermit must be in your possession, or in the possession of designated members of your staff, while conducting all authorized activities.

If you have any questions about this authorization or need additional information, please contact the Recovery Coordinator (see contact information above).