

BEAR TAGGING PLAN

There is a need to identify individual grizzly bears in the field; therefore, Glacier is using colored "TEMPLE" 1-1/2" x 2" plastic tags, by using left and right ears and five different colors. Eight grizzlies can be marked before it will be necessary to use both ear combinations.

The tags are by numbers and on the back is "GNP" and also an L or R which designates the ear (left or right ear) if applicable. No L or R appears when two tags of the same color and number are necessary (tag in left and right ear, same color and number).

NOTE:

All black bears are marked with a numbered RED plastic tag. For those black bears caught on the west side, the tag is attached to the RIGHT ear; for those caught on the east side the tag is attached to the LEFT ear. If it is necessary to better identify a specific black bear, a ribbon could be riveted to the red tag.

GRIZZLY TAGGING PROGRAM

Bear Number	Tag Color	Location	Tag Number	Comment
<u>East Side</u>				
4	green	Right ear	254	Deployed at Many Glacier 8/03
5	yellow	Left ear	260	missing
6	orange	Right ear	271	St. Mary
7	green	Both ears	272	Goat Haunt
8	orange	Left ear	277	missing
<u>West Side</u>				
4	white	Right ear	258	
5	blue	Both ears	273	
6	white	Both ears	274	
7	blue	Left ear	275	Plus white in right ear
8	white	Left ear	276	Plus blue in right ear

BLACK BEAR MARKING PROGRAM

Bear Number	Tag Color	Location	Tag Number	Comment
<u>St. Mary</u>				
1	Red	Left ear	322	Deployed at Rising Sun 9/05 Also have red 326-329 & 451-468
2	Red	Left ear	323	
3	Red	Left ear	324	
4	Red	Left ear	325	
<u>Many Glacier</u>				
1	Red	Left ear	331	missing Also have red 336-339
2	Red	Left ear	333	
3	Red	Left ear	334	
4	Red	Left ear	335	
<u>Goat Haunt</u>				
1	Red	Left ear	340	
2	Red	Left ear	341	
3	Red	Left ear	342	
<u>Lake McDonald</u>				
29	Red	Right ear	405	
30	Red	Right ear	406	
31	Red	Right ear	407	
32	Red	Right ear	408	
<u>North Fork</u>				
3	Red	Right ear	446	missing
4	Red	Right ear	447	
5	Red	Right ear	448	
6	Red	Right ear	449	

It is important that the individually marked tags be placed in specified ear, or ears, as noted on the tag. The Chief, Division of Science and Resources Management, or designee, will number and issue tags to District Rangers.

Transient bears inadvertently trapped in operations involving the trapping of a problem bear may be relocated or released on site; no tags or identification will be used on bears released on site.

NOTE: District Rangers will insure that the above "ear tags" are available and that any old tags not conforming to the active system are destroyed.