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Comments:

At least one plan revision alternative must propose and analyze the impacts of removing all Salmon-Challis National Forest land from any grizzly bear recovery zone. If grizzlies are relocated, encouraged to migrate, or reintroduced on the SCNF, it will have enormous impacts on wildlife and public safety/outdoor recreation. Grizzlies eat fish, including listed T/E species. They also eat big game, whose populations are already decimated by wolf re-introduction and high severity fire impacts (habitat loss). Grizzlies in the Frank Church wilderness will affect public safety for thousands of persons who float the Middle Fork and Main Salmon River, ride or hike wilderness trails, or hunt big game. As was the case for wolves, grizzlies are not endangered in North America and their territory should not be expanded near populated areas. Contrary to the p. 258 citation in the Final Assessment, grizzly can and do use roaded areas. Ask anyone who has visited Yellowstone National Park!

I will expect to see the SCNF withdrawn from the existing Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone under at least one plan revision alternative.

Sincerely,

Evalyn Bennett