

Dear Fish and Game in the state of Alaska,

I oppose your measure to eliminate 200 grizzly bears.

I love the state of Alaska and have been a visitor many times. I love to visit because of the natural beauty and wildlife. I just told my daughter how great it is that Alaska gives their bears enough space to live and roam. I live next to the Tetons Mountains and very close to Teton National Park. Any time a grizzly roams outside of the park its a huge problem. Even in the park, people leave trash and coolers unattended. The bears get in trouble and many times they are eliminated due to problems that people have created. Jackson, Wyoming has been giving their elk herds such supplemental feedings in the winter for years. It has created an unhealthy environment for the elk. Diseases are spread including chronic wasting disease. If the elk were not given these supplemental feedings their numbers would shrink and become more sustainable. The apex predators, wolves and bear, would keep the numbers healthy by eliminating the weak and injured. We need these apex predators.

You need to address other issues concerning your caribou herds such as habitat loss. The bear is not the problem.

Please do not kill the bear. They are a great resource for your state. Set an example of how to coexist. Thank-you