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Dear Frank:

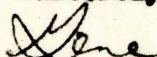
I transferred to Weippe in July and at that time I did not know of any grizzly bear mortalities in Idaho adjacent to Yellowstone or Teton National parks. I have forwarded your letter to Frank DeShon, 1515 Lincoln Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, Phone 522-7783. Frank is the Game Biologist for the Upper Snake River Region and he is co-ordinating the grizzly bear mortality information with Glen Cole and I have requested Frank to send you all the information for 1973 and past years.

I have another falcon sighting for you Frank that I observed Aug 31, 1973. The falcon was in flight and I think it was a peregrine because of the type of terrain: coniferous forest, 6000 ft. elevation. The observation was at Indian Postoffice on the Lolo motor road T37N R12E Sec 17, Forest Service Road No. 500, Clearwater National Forest.

When I talked with Glen Cole February of this year he stated that the grizzly bear population along the western edge of Yellowstone National Park was a separate population from the Park grizzly population. His reasoning was that the high mortalities over the years had not turned up any tagged bears. He also felt that this separate population could sustain an annual mortality or harvest which I believe has averaged about six bears in Idaho.

I wish you all the luck in your endeavors Frank and if I can gain any more information from Dr. Richard Knight or Steve Mealey, both who are working with Glen Cole, I'll pass it on to you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Gene:

My brother John and I are once again trying to get some indication of the grizzly bear mortalities throughout the Yellowstone ecosystem for 1973. I would greatly appreciate any information or tips on deaths that you might give me. This would include any control measures or illegal kills. We are finding it more and more difficult to compile annual losses as Yellowstone personnel will not let us or the Wyoming Fish and Game biologist or the Fish and Wildlife Service representatives work within the Park. I hope to drop over and see you one of these days.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Craighead

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