Box 3249, Lake Station
Yellowstone National Park
Wyoming 82190

July 21, 1985

Dear Dr. Frank Craighead:

My meeting with you on Friday was a real highlight; something I've wanted to arrange for several years. Later on this summer I would like to take you up on your offer to talk again, at which time I will have definite questions. As it is, I feel you gave me added insights about Yellowstone's grizzlies -- particularly regarding the importance of eco-centers (naturally-occurring or human-implemented) located away from heavy human-use areas. I don't think anyone had ever suggested to me that such centers might be of particular significance to grizzlies during the breeding season.

When I mentioned to John Lounsbury, our Lake District ranger, yesterday that I had visited you, he expressed a strong wish to discuss grizzlies and their habitat requirements (etc.). (John, incidently, mentioned that when he was stationed in the Everglades he spent time in the field with your father.) John's suggestion is as follows: If you (Dr. John, too, if he is available and interested) are agreeable to riding into the Hayden Valley with the two of us some day soon, he will trailer four good trail horses to Trout Creek for our use. I will pack lunch for all of us. John, who says he sees bears four out of five times when on horseback in the valley, questions why this area is not included in the bear-use-adjustment plan. We both want very much to learn all we can about the grizzlies and their use of the Hayden Valley -- past and present.

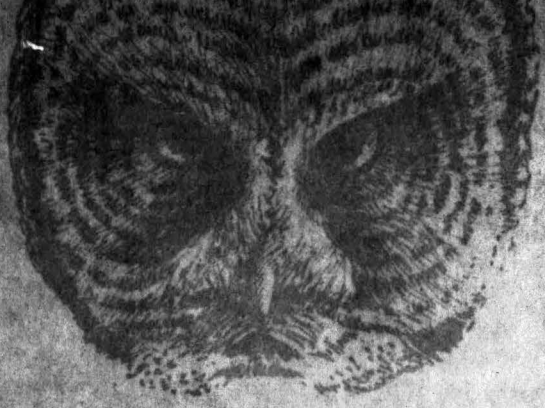
John L. and I both have Fridays off, and so a Friday would be the best day for us. Any Friday is O.K. as it stands now, but on July 26th, I would have to be back at Fishing Bridge visitor center in time to do evening programs at 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. That's the only Friday I have such a commitment.

We hope what we are suggesting is of interest to you. Perhaps you can let me know. Since I don't have a phone, I have to rely on messages left for me at F.B. visitor center (Ext. 6150). Or, 344-7381 I can be reached there in person when I'm working at the information desk; usually Mondays form 5 - 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 8 - 12 a.m., and Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m. Since on July 27th and 28th I'll be attending a Yellowstone Institute class I will not be in this area on that Sunday.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Barbara Pettinga



Frank C. Craighead Jr.
Box 156
Moose, Wyoming 83012

Aug. 7, 1985

Barbara Pettinga
Box 3249, Lake Station
Yellowstone National Park
Wyoming 82190

15th 10:00 a.m.
1 hr.

Dear Barbara,

I have delayed writing this letter with the hope that I could accept your offer to ride into Hayden Valley with you and John Lounsbury. I appreciate and thank you for your offer but I doubt if I can work it out before I leave for Alaska August 17th. I have a busy schedule which will only get worse as my departure date approaches. There may be an opportunity to ride or get together when I return on September 20. I'll keep the possibility in mind.

I would very much like to discuss grizzly management with you and John. Perhaps if time is a factor for both of us we could meet for a few hours at the South Gate?

I enjoyed your recent visit and I appreciate the interest you and John have in the grizzly's welfare. Perhaps our communicating may help in some way.

Sincerely,
Frank Craighead

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October 8, 1985

Mr. Frank C. Craighead, Jr.
Moose, Wyoming 83012

Dear Mr. Craighead:

I have you at a disadvantage because you don't know me and I know a great deal about you. I recognize and respect you as the person who knows the most and makes the greatest sense in the effort to save the Yellowstone grizzly.

For the reasons set out in the attached paper, I am confident that the grizzly is going to follow the wolf and within a short time unless something changes, and it is something that I care very deeply about.

The attached manuscript is a paper that I prepared for reading at a local literary society. It is not a critical audience nor much involved in this subject, and I am satisfied that the paper is adequate for its present purpose. Indeed, the last part of it could be entirely omitted and is included only for the purpose of keeping the members interested. However, I do intend to rework the material in the form of an article which I think will be accepted in a periodical of wide circulation. Before doing that, I would be grateful if you would scrutinize it carefully and critically and tell me how you think it might be improved, and if I am off the track, please set me straight.

I am in your country for about three months each summer. My base is on Horse Creek, north of Dubois, and I know the country from the Upper Yellowstone, below Woodward Canyon, the Park, the Gallatin, and the Beartooth intimately. Also I served six years on the Board of the National Park Foundation. I mention this to show you that my interest is neither recent nor casual.

So that you will feel entirely free in responding to my request, I promise you that nothing you say, no matter what it is, will ever be quoted by me!

Thanking you for your help and promising myself the pleasure of your acquaintance at a later time, I remain

Sincerely,

Lucius E. Burch, Jr.

Enclosed manuscript "Twilight of the Yellowstone Grizzly" returned

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Enc.

Lucius C. Burch Jr.
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130 North Court ave.
Memphis, Tenn. 38103

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see # 9

Oct. 25/85

Dear Mr Burch;

I read with great interest your article "Twilight of the Yellowstone Grizzly." I am in full agreement with your statements and conclusions and sincerely hope you will get your article published. I was glad to see emphasis placed on the establishment of isolated feeding sites for the grizzlies. My brother & I recommended this using frozen surplus elk carcasses. ~~This~~ was in our 1967 mimeographed report to the National Park Service "Management of Bears in Yellowstone National Park." I also restated and recommended this in "Track of the Grizzly" under grizzly bear management suggestion # 9, page 243. I have, since publication, brought this periodically to public attention through lectures and news interviews and releases. I feel it is time that such action be taken, at least on an experimental basis. To wait longer is to risk failure due to ~~waiting too long~~; to having lost, ~~your~~ as you express it, the critical mass.

I have made a few notations on the manuscript but have no ~~an~~ suggestions for improvement. I like the article and look forward to meeting you one of these days in grizzly country.

Sincerely,

returned manuscript

DICK CHENEY
WYOMING

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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August 8, 1985

Dear Frank:

Thanks very much for your recent letter. I think it would be very useful to have the opportunity to sit down with you to discuss the grizzly situation.

I'll be in Jackson on Tuesday, August 27th, for the Gros Ventre Wilderness Dedication at 3:00 PM, and I could easily work out a meeting following the ceremony, if that would be convenient with you.

Please call Norma Fletcher in my Casper Office at 261-5413, if you'll be able to do such a meeting.

I'll hope to have the opportunity to see you on the 27th.

Best regards,

Dick Cheney
Member of Congress

Mr. Frank C. Craighead, Jr.
Post Office Box 156
Moose, Wyoming 83012

Send to Casper office
8/13/85 - phoned Norma & said
& couldn't make meeting,
may send a few thoughts on mgt.

Clifford P. Hansen
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June 19, 1985

Congressman Richard Cheney
Room 427
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Dick:

I have read your interview with Jan and want to indicate my strong approval of your position on acquiring land around Yellowstone by the National Park Service.

In my opinion, Frank Craighead has the most reasonable, scientifically supportable plan for insuring the perpetuation of the grizzly in Yellowstone. If you have not had an opportunity to review his findings and conclusions, I am sure you would find them practical.

Every good wish to you,

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Hansen

cc: Frank Craighead



FRANK C. CRAIGHEAD JR.
P.O. BOX 156 MOOSE, WYOMING 83012

July 11,1985

Congressman Richard Cheney Room 427 U. S. House of Representatives Washington,D. C. 20515

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