

**Montana Department
of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



Helena, MT 59620
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Dr. Frank Craighead
Moose, Wyoming 83012

Frank
Dear ~~Dr.~~ Craighead:

This letter is to inform you of our progress toward completing an Environmental Impact Statement concerning our grizzly bear management program. A total of three scoping meetings were held last summer and an initial outline has been developed. The outline is available on request.

Arnold Dood, Endangered Species Biologist, will be the major author and the department contact if you have questions concerning the status of the report. He can be contacted at Roy Huffman Building, Box 5, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 994-6433.

Our current schedule is to have the EIS made available for public comment initially as a preliminary draft by July 1, 1985. The draft should be available by October 1, 1985 and public hearings will be held through November 15, 1985. We anticipate completing the final EIS by January 1, 1986 in time for the season setting process for 1986.

The initial stages of drafting the EIS will entail considerable professional and public involvement. We would appreciate your help in this endeavor when asked to provide information.

You are encouraged to contact us at anytime during the process if you have questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ron Marcoux
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Associate Director

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