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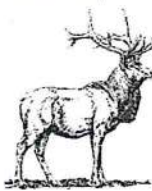
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Bears Prepare for the Great Nap

We have entered the last week of hunting season and the question of whether bears are hibernating is on the mind of savvy sportsmen. To be safe we never count on bears to hibernate until December, though many den earlier. Every year hunters are surprised to see bears out and about in late November and report that bears are slow-moving late in the year but still foraging for food and happy to find and defend a carcass or gut pile. Female bears will generally den earlier to protect their cubs or to begin gestation and male bears may stay awake longer to search for late season food.

Did you know that bears in warm climates don't hibernate, or will only hibernate for a few days a year? The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone keeps their bears awake all year by continuing to feed them. Hibernation in the wild is triggered by inclement weather, reduction in food availability, limited mobility due to snow, and photoperiodism (reduction in daylight hours). Black bears generally choose simple dens - hollowed trees, under brush or logs, in caves, culverts or under buildings. Grizzly bears often have more complex dens that require excavation with their specialized claws.

No other animal hibernates quite like bears do. Most hibernators significantly reduce their body temperature and metabolic rates and have to wake their body several times during the winter to eliminate built up wastes. Bears only reduce their temperature partly and they don't urinate or defecate. They convert the ammonia in urea (a waste that can be toxic) to amino acids, which rebuild their muscles and prevent atrophy over the long sedentary period. Bear hibernation is being researched for medical application and scientific advancements such as sending astronauts on long space voyages.

Bears generally wake up in March and April. If you don't store attractants during the winter, make sure you start again March 1. Put away bird feeders, trash bins, pet foods and all other attractants outside your home. Remember Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest offices loan bear-resistant containers for use free of charge.

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MONTANA WESTERN STUDENT WINS PEER EDUCATION AWARD

University of Montana Western student Cheyenne Bray received the Outstanding Student Award at the 2013 BACCHUS Network General Assembly.

Bray is a senior from Emigrant, Mont., double majoring in biology and equine studies and is a Dean's List scholar. As an active member in Montana Western's peer education program, she has worked on presentations and campaigns about a variety of topics that concern the well-being of students.

Over the last few years, Bray is a mentor at the TRiO program, a tutor at the UMW Learning Center and a member of Americorps Campus Corps. She has logged countless hours of service learning. Bray also serves as a student leader for UMW's Peer.a.Zoids, Montana Western's peer education program.

UMW's counseling director Lynn Weltzien said "Cheyenne is a student who has capitalized on peer education as, not only a way to better her campus community, but also as a way of preparing herself for the future through the development of life-long interpersonal skills" in nomination materials for the award.

The Outstanding Student Award is given to up to five undergraduate students each year who are members of a recognized BACCHUS Network member peer education group. The recipients of the award are recognized for their contribution to campus peer education efforts, academic successes and leadership.

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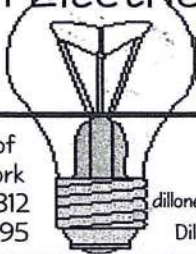
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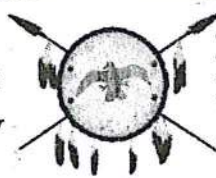
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Cold. Clear. Calm. These three words describe the conditions facing hunters in the second to last weekend of the big game season. Region 3 operated four game check stations (Cameron, Divide, Mill Creek and Silver City) seeing greater overall hunter success than the prior weekend (over 10 percent of hunters harvested game, compared with 7.4 percent the week before).

The most significant change in success rate came at the Divide station which checked in 16 deer and 11 elk in a weekend which saw 215 hunters pass through. The majority of those hunters harvested buck mule deer.

2013 R3 Check Station Summary - Weekend 5, Nov. 23 & 24

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Check Station	Hunters	White-tailed Deer				Mule Deer				Elk				Hunters w/ Game
		M	F	Juv	Tot.	M	F	Juv	Tot.	M	F	Juv	Tot.	
Alder		DID NOT OPERATE												
Cameron	281	1	1	1	3	9	0	0	9	15	7	0	23	12.5%
Divide	215	1	2	0	3	10	2	1	13	6	5	0	11	12.6%
Gallatin		DID NOT OPERATE												
Livingston		DID NOT OPERATE												
Mill Creek	137	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	1	0	4	4.4%
Silver City	527	5	4	2	11	14	0	1	15	3	18	2	23	9.3%
Totals	1160	7	7	3	17	34	3	2	39	27	31	2	61	

At Cameron, success was back up to 12.5 percent after a slow weekend number four where just 5.2 percent of hunters passed through with game. Hunters took 15 bull elk and 7 cows. Meanwhile, 9 mule deer buck were harvested along with 3 white-tailed deer.

Area Biologist Julie Cunningham says hunters reported seeing notably more mule deer in the Madison. "You would expect folks to see more given they are in the rut, but we heard that repeatedly over the weekend," she said. "Plus, we checked one of the biggest mule deer I've seen."

Meanwhile, at Silver City – which typically sees the highest number of hunters come through – success took a jump to 9.3 percent of hunters harvesting game compared with 7 percent the week before.

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A short time later at 5:45 pm, we were called to 1575 East Bench Road for a fire alarm. It was determined from employees on scene the alarms were set off by steam in the building.

Road Closures

The Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway and Lemhi Pass Road will be closed for the season on Monday, December 2nd, 2013.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Happy Thanksgiving to all from Chuck and Roz Dishno...

As we settle down to a day stuffing ourselves with turkey, I want to reflect on how grateful Roz and I are to be residents of our beautiful Dillon. We moved here almost 25 years ago and were immediately accepted into the community. My dad was born in the Big Hole in 1884 and always talked about how much he loved Montana. He was right.

We are thankful for:

Our many friends, the right to freedom of speech, the love of God and country, the community Thanksgiving dinner that will be delivered to us on Thursday.

Dillon is a wonderful place and now with a new mayor on the horizon, things can only get better. I hope you will all join me in supporting Mike Klakken and giving him all the help he needs to succeed in making Dillon an even better place to live.

Thank you, my friends for listening to and reading my rants over the past few years, knowing that I am a man who is not afraid to speak his mind. We love you all...

God bless you and have a peaceful Thanksgiving. Don't blame us if you eat too much, just reach for another Pepto-Bismol.

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Building Active Communities Initiative

The Building Active Communities Initiative (BACI) is a training and mentoring opportunity designed to help local leaders build active and vibrant communities. Beaverhead County Public Health would like to invite all interested individuals to attend a meeting to discuss the grant application on Wed., Nov. 27th at 10 am in the Barrett Hospital Board room.

UPCOMING AT THE ELKS

The Dillon Elks will have their annual Craft Fair on Dec. 7th at the Lodge from 10 am - 3 pm. The cost is \$30 for a table with limited spaces (there are only 5 spaces left). First come, first served - call Linda 683-5552.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING - at the Elks Lodge. December 8th, 2 pm - 4 pm. Get into the Christmas spirit. Bring the family and enjoy decorating cookies. Hot cocoa and apple cider. Donations welcome.

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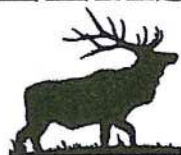
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"We recognize that closing these offices may cause some inconvenience. Balancing public service with employee training is of equal importance," said Acting Forest Supervisor Tim Garcia. For customers who want to purchase maps and Christmas tree permits, the following vendors have these available for purchase: in Anaconda: Hardware Hank; Boulder: Ace Hardware Store; Ennis: True Value Hardware; Harrison: Wheat and Thistle; Sheridan: McLeod Mercantile; Whitehall: Ace Hardware Store; Drummond: Fin's Conoco; Deer Lodge: I-90 Truck Plaza; Lima: Ralph's Exxon; and in Butte: Bob Ward and Sons Sporting Goods. BLM offices in Butte and Dillon also have maps and permits available.

For more information contact the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest at (406) 683-3900.

Weird Rocks Come to Dillon

The Bookstore will be hosting author Michele Corriel on Saturday, November 30th from 11:00-1:00. She will be signing copies of her new book, Weird Rocks. A selection of rocks highlighted in the book will be on display during the event.

A must-have guide for young rock hounds, Weird Rocks will introduce readers to sixteen unusual rocks. The science behind each one is explained. Discover what makes one kind of rock smell like a rotten egg, what rock acts like a magnet, and what rock contains hidden treasure. High-quality photographs, colorful paintings, and hilarious cartoons add visual delight to this entertaining and informative book.

Michele Corriel is a children's book author and freelance writer living and working in Belgrade, Montana. Her work has taken her from the art galleries of New York City to the back roads of the Rockies. Her middle-grade novels include Fairview Felines: A Newspaper Mystery and True Lies: A Newspaper Mystery. When she's not out rockhounding with Pat, her husband and favorite geologist, she's probably got her nose in a good book.

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Monitoring To Continue for Winter at Mt Jefferson

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest manages many special areas in southwest Montana. Mt. Jefferson located NW of Island Park, ID in Montana is one of those special areas. In 2009 the Revised Forest Plan (RFP) allocated the north half of the approximately 4,500 acre Mt. Jefferson area as recommended wilderness. The southern part was allocated to summer non-motorized status while allowing snowmobiling during the winter season.

The RFP directed the Forest to monitor use of the Mt Jefferson area to assess use of the area, and to determine if the closure of the northern portion was being honored by snowmobile users. The Forest Service has been working with snowmobile user groups to support and self-police the closure. However, monitoring since the signing of the Forest Plan in 2009 indicates the snowmobile closure in the northern portion is consistently violated during the winter months.

"For the 2013-14 winter season, the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF intends to allow snowmobile use of the southern portion of the Mt Jefferson area," said Acting Forest Supervisor Tim Garcia. "We will also continue to closely monitor closure boundaries which were put in place after extensive public involvement and as designated in the 2009 RFP to provide for quiet winter recreation and wildlife habitat. A decision of whether to continue to allow winter motorized use in the area will be made after this season."

For more information, contact the Madison Ranger District in Ennis at (406) 682-4253, or the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Headquarters office in Dillon at (406) 683-3900.

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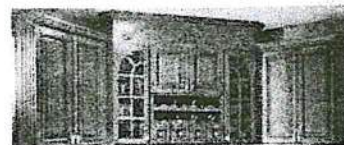
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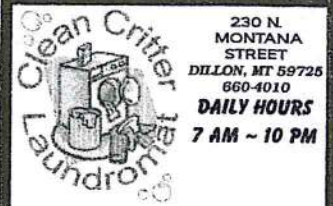
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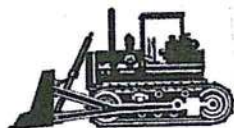
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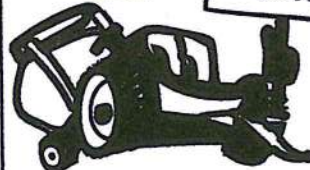
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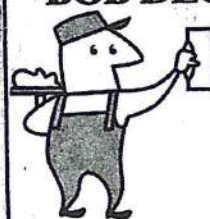
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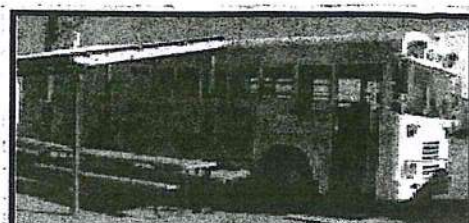
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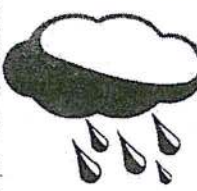
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