

To: **Montana Grizzly Bear Advisory Council**
From: **Center for Biological Diversity supporter (152 comments)**
Re: **Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana**

First Name	Last Name	City	State	Zip	Subject Line	Comment	Date Submitted
Linda	Johnston	Saint Ignatius	MT	59865	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I personally object to grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana. As a child I observed family members hunt both for food and trophies. I personally do not support trophy hunting in genera, world wide. Additionally, I agree with the suggested text for the reasons the Center for Biological Diversity has delineated below. Please forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. Hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Sally	Brown	Springdale	MT	59082	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. This makes me sick! There's nothing more exciting than seeing a Grizzly bear in the wild just living it's life! We get so many tourists that pay a lot to come to Montana for a chance to see one of these! If we allowed hunting, we can write off ever seeing them again! I'm sick of people who like randomly killing things make the laws for our state! Please don't do this!!	4/3/2020
Kathryn L	Hiestand	Bozeman	MT	59718	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I am pleased to sign my name to this letter. I'm writing to let you know that I STRONGLY oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. To call the grizzly bear a 'recovered' species is a wholly inadequate assessment of this species. There are so very few bears left in this country compared to a few hundred years ago, that to remove this animal from the endangered species designation is criminal. To consider hunting grizzly bears is appalling. Managing grizzly bears DOES NOT mean they need to be hunted. Far too many grizzlies are killed because of cars and other 'takings' that a hunting season shouldn't even be considered. Yellowstone bears are accustomed to protection. If they leave the Park, they are sitting ducks for greedy hunters. There is NO point to killing a grizzly bear besides having a trophy. This is doubly appalling. Taking the life of a grizzly bear is just plain criminal. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Jenny	Sowell	Bozeman	MT	59718	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. It took so long to bring these bears back and they are still just a small (historically) population that a hunting decision makes no sense at all.	4/3/2020
Lori	Armstrong	Missoula	MT	59801	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. Please protect these intelligent creatures. Hunting for sport is no longer viable when grizzly populations are in decline. I support hunting for food, never for trophies.	4/3/2020
Barbara	Van Cleve	Big Timber	MT	59011	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. It is not a sport. A grizzly is no match for night vision scopes and incredibly powerful rifles. What is so sporting about that? Please do NOT approve any grizzly bear hunting. They are worth more to the state and local communities alive than dead. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020

Diana	Graves	Great Falls	MT	59401	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. All bears have been here long before us and they need to continue being here. It's not like Montana is a smaller State. It's a very large state with plenty of room for them too! People need to remain cautious as they have been for several hundred years. From a Montana resident.	4/3/2020
kent	molohan	Helena	MT	59601	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Emma	Wear	Bigfork	MT	59911	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. Please follow conservation biology best practices and scientific advice, rather than anti-predator scaremongering. At present, grizzlies occupy less than 5% of their historic range and populations have decreased in recent years. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Chris	Daum	Stevensville	MT	59870	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population (as well as incurring losses from highway deaths and poaching). And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Kari	Gunderson	Condon	MT	59826	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to you from the Swan Valley to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. I live and work in grizzly bear habitat and make every effort to live with them, not against them like some of my neighbors. Surely you are aware of Windfall and her 3 cubs who were habituated by people who didn't report it until it was too late resulting in the sow being euthanized, two of her cubs sentenced to a life imprisoned at the Yellowstone Discovery Center, and one cub who wasn't caught who is most likely dead by now. This should NEVER happen again and I am deeply ashamed of this happening in the Swan Valley where I've lived for 42 years. If we're worried about CWD then opening up a trophy hunting season on this top predator is a pretty stupid thing to do. It's these predators that will prey on the weak and injured ungulates. There are more people to listen to than some of the cattle ranchers on the east side who hate grizzly bears. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Margaret	Adam	Bozeman	MT	59717	No Grizzly Trophy Hunting	I am strongly opposed to grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I want this comment forwarded to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and included as part of the public record. Even as I hiked and backpacked frequently in the Wilderness, seeing a grizzly was a rare event- and an ecstatic highlight of the trip. Many other people who live in Montana, and many who travel from far away, wish to see these bears. We appreciate the rare chance to observe this magnificent animal in its own environment. Grizzly bear hunting would cause a black mark on the Montana's reputation, and would adversely affect the flow of tourism income - not just from those who came to see Grizzlies, but from others who would be disgusted by the stupidity and viciousness of such a hunt. Why do I call it that? Because such a hunt would serve no useful purpose: it would neither control bear populations, not change bear behavior. As top predators, grizzly bears control their own population. Killing them won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals, so killing one fails to teach another anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Jennifer	Nitz	Missoula	MT	59802	Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. Hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. Hunting won't change their behavior, grizzlies are solitary animals and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt, uphold this decision.	4/3/2020
Katie	Callahan	Whitefish	MT	59937	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. DEAD ANIMALS ARE NOT TROPHIES!!!	4/3/2020

Marsha	Katz	Missoula	MT	59808	I Am Against Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. I have so many friends travel from all over the country and even different countries just for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. Our grizzly bears generate tourism dollars that contribute greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Steve	Krum	Laurel	MT	59044	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Hunting in Montana it's Their W	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. Trophy hunting is most likely the reason we are seeing diseases like CWD wiping out our herds by allowing trophy hunting to kill the strongest animal instead of the weak and old, perfect example is archery hunting during breeding seasons.	4/3/2020
Charlotte	Trolinger	Livingston	MT	59047	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. I've lived in Montana since 1981 and have been in much wild country -- and am still hoping to see a grizzly bear. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Richard	Waide	Billings	MT	59106	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. Let's not forget that Grizzlies, just like Humans, are also God's creatures and deserve to be treated as such.	4/3/2020
Dick	Walton	Billings	MT	59102	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I endorse the Montana tradition of 'grocery hunting,' but 'trophy' hunting is highly questionable. Few people have, or will, eat grizzly meat. (I have - in an arctic Alaska native village.) There is no purpose or need for grizzly hunting in Montana. And it is a threat to natural Montana wildland ecosystems. I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Nancy	Ostlie	Bozeman	MT	59715	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	As volunteer leader of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, I'm writing to oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana. Bears have the slowest reproductive rates of all terrestrial mammals. A female grizzly can take 10 years to replace herself in the wild, so we may not see the impacts of an aggressive hunt for a decade. Removing female grizzly bears from the wild could seriously hurt the entire population. Holding a hunting season so soon after federal protections are lifted is irresponsible and demonstrates why the public majority doesn't trust the state to manage wildlife. In fact the state does not have jurisdiction over wildlife; the federal government does, per a published study by U of M's Martin Nie. Pregnant bears could be shot during a fall hunting season. And so killing one female bear could equate to the actual removal of what would have been up to five bears from the population. In 2017 Montana recognized that holding a hunting season soon after delisting was unnecessary. Montana should stand by its original decision and not open a hunting season on grizzlies in the future. Grizzly bears still occupy less than 5% of their historic range. Grizzlies in the Yellowstone region are already struggling as a result of dwindling food sources as a result of climate change, invasive species and disease. Since 2015 the population has decreased and mortalities have increased. This isn't the time to introduce a new source of mortality for these bears. Grizzly bears are solitary animals, and so a hunt won't change their behavior. Dead bears don't learn anything. The federal government and states have spent millions of dollars recovering this magnificent species from the brink of extinction. Rushing forward with a hunting season so soon after declaring recovery successful is counter-intuitive and may undo all the hard work people have put into recovery. People travel from all over the world to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to the surrounding states' economies. The money that would be generated by a trophy hunt pales in comparison. 'Management' shouldn't automatically mean 'hunting.' Predator populations like grizzly bears are self-controlling; hunting is not needed as a management tool to control the population. Research has shown that permitting trophy hunting does not increase social tolerance, and may in fact have the opposite effect. With no buffer around Yellowstone National Park, bears that spend much of their time inside park boundaries accustomed to people could be shot the second they step outside the line. This is unethical. It could also be devastating for park visitors who find out that the bear they saw just yesterday got shot by a trophy hunter.	4/3/2020

Toni	Semple	Livingston	MT	59047	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. It is better to compensate ranchers who lose livestock to grizzlies. It is also mandatory that ranches which butt up to the park boundaries practice bear avoidance with proper garbage containers, gathering in young calves, employing guard dogs such as Karelian bear dogs and Anatolian shepherds.	4/3/2020
Eric	Bindseil	Missoula	MT	59802	Absolutely, I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	Seriously now!... trophy hunting of grizzly bears is unreasonable and irresponsible for so many important reasons to say the least! I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. Absolutely... People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. Seriously now! What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future!... for ALL America's healthy futures!	4/3/2020
Debbie	Lyman	Heron	MT	59844	Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana is Wrong!	I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana and everywhere else. I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. Folks from all over the world travel to Montana for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. These tourism dollars contribute to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting diminishes the state's reputation. On top of that, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. Trophy hunting is not 'sport' it is a pathetic need to make the hunter feel good. As federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt and this decision needs to be continued onward. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Norman	Bishop	Bozeman	MT	59715	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	Having served 17 years as a park ranger at Yellowstone, I have followed the recovery of the Great Bear for decades. That's why I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Rochelle	Gravance	Columbus	MT	59019	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	This is a delicate issue...because if given approval it may very well hold as the status quo unless and until the grizzly populations fall too low and are once again placed on the ESA list. I am a hunter but a conservationist first. We need diversity in genetics in these bears as with all other species. They need room to roam and spread a diverse genetic profile across the region. Cattle ranches are important but they too must be supported to work with the bear. If we work on opening up more lands with wildlife corridors, If we support ranching with wildlife. If we open modest hunting seasons. If we enact much more strict game violation laws and much more severe punishment toward those violators, .. And.. Let us not forget the factor which determines the health and well being of us all... CONSERVE RESTORE PROTECT Intact, uninterrupted, healthy ecosystems. I believe we have a starting point to build a cohesive foundation with all parties involved. Thanks for your consideration. Sincerely, Rochelle Gravance	4/3/2020
Clinton	Nagel	Bozeman	MT	59718	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm personally writing this letter urging the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council decide against the trophy hunting of grizzly bears in Montana. Please include these comments as part of the public record. We as a people must realize we are living at a time where species different from us have a right to live without having the fear of a bounty on their head. There is value in all life on this planet. As we are trying to save the species from becoming extinct, we must realize there are forces in nature beyond our control that are taking their toll on the species; ie, climate change. This adverse condition (brought on and aggravated by man) is affecting their habitat, their food supply, and their reproduction rates. We don't need man to interfere in this process, making their ability to survive more of a struggle. The bear must be able to search for food, habitat and be able to roam on large landscapes. Man thinking he deserves the right to hunt bears for trophies is selfish to say the least. There is a greater need by man wanting to travel from all over the world to this state to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Jeffrey	Juel	Missoula	MT	59801	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	The fact that Montana is even considering grizzly bear trophy hunting in the absence of strong scientific consensus the population is recovered shows how unqualified the State would be in the even of delisting. So at this point delisting is also very premature. Please include my comments as part of the public record.	4/3/2020
Kristin	Carden	Bozeman	MT	59715	No Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	As a Montana resident, I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in the state. As a wildlife ecologist, I have had the privilege to study Ursus arctos in the wild. They are extraordinary animals that have as much a right to exist as do human beings. There is no practical justification for instituting a trophy hunt; the practice is immoral and outdated. As an attorney, I have endeavored to ensure that grizzly bears recover and remain protected in a mere fraction of their historical range in the lower 48 states. Trophy hunting has no place within our state's borders. The species garners much more attention and revenue from tourists who strive to see a grizzly in the wild. Grizzly bear hunting would blight our state's reputation. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. Thank you.	4/3/2020

Tamara	Iwerks	Red Lodge	MT	59068	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. Grizzly bears have one of the slowest reproductive rates of all terrestrial mammals. A female grizzly can take 10 years to replace herself in the wild, so we may not see the impacts of an aggressive hunt for a decade. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. Lastly - only an asshole would shoot a grizzly bear for sport.	4/3/2020
Seth	Rigles	Saint Ignatius	MT	59865	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. Grizzly bears pass through our property in the Mission valley all the time. They cause us no harm. We like having them here. I see no reason we should allow some rich trophy hunters to kill them for fun. I'm sure rich people can find something else to do, like golfing or yachting or something. There is simply no reason we need to have fewer bears.	4/3/2020
Judy	Hoy	Stevensville	MT	59870	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. Bears are far more valuable alive because so many people love seeing them. People coming to Montana in hopes of seeing a grizzly or black bear provide millions of dollars to Montana businesses. Thank you for protecting our precious bears.	4/3/2020
Karen	Galiher	Stevensville	MT	59870	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	Please take this issue seriously! I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Robert	Black	Bozeman	MT	59715	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I attended the two day meeting in Bozeman when the grizzly bear advisory Council met there and am aware of the issues. Nothing I heard can defend in anyway trophy hunting of the great grizzly bear. Especially now during COVID-19 our interest should be focused on more humane activities. In fact, trophy hunting of the great Grizzly Bear should never be tolerated at any time. Trophy hunting is simply the activity of punks and thugs. I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Joel	Vignere	Lakeside	MT	59922	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	Why so damned anxious to start killing bears? More coin in the F&W coffers? I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
clarence	sanders	Bozeman	MT	59715	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	Montana relies on the ecotourism and general tourism industries as a substantial part of it's economic development. For that reason I now write to strongly and emphatically oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana. A trophy season for hunting grizzly bears in Montana would be at odds with the state's ecotourism and general tourism industries. Indeed, to allow a trophy hunting season would be hostile towards, and substantially frustrate, the states's ongoing efforts to develop and expand it's large and growing ecotourism and general tourism industries. Montana has been very successful in cultivating it's multiple tourism industries, and it's numerous external economic benefits in lodging, shopping, dining, and other travel related economic segments. To allow a trophy hunting season would put all that at risk, simply for the trophy 'harvest' of a few grizzly bears, In short, to establish a trophy season would be nothing more than a poster child for bad public policy, and would be tantamount to we Montanans 'shooting ourselves in the foot,' sacrificing a vital and growing tourism industry for the trophy death of a few noble grizzly bears. I urge you do not allow trophy hunting of grizzly bears in Montana.	4/4/2020
Alex	Romanko	Missoula	MT	59802	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future. The fears of the few do not have the right dictate the future of the Grizzly. What is the point of a 1 or 2 bear hunting quota? We already loose 40 plus bears a yearly to cars, trains, and hunter misidentification. Do the right thing and let science guide your decisions.	4/4/2020

Annick	Smith	Bonner	MT	59823	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	Trophy hunting is an outdated colonial, usually rich person's hobby. It is NOT HUNTING in the way most Montanan's hunt, as a way to put healthy food in their freezers, and a respectful way to celebrate and connect with their prey. Of course Grizzly bears are NOT FOOD for most of their hunters, and in my opinion, for that reason alone, they shouldn't be hunted at all. This is why I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/4/2020
Ernest	Scherzer	Trout Creek	MT	59874	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. I have a brother-in-law and a nephew who are trophy hunters. They care little about the animals they hunt, just that they have another head to hang in their home or office. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/4/2020
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Nancy	Schultz	Bozeman	MT	59715	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Tristan	Sophia	Reed Point	MT	59069	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
Layne	Wheeler	Livingston	MT	59047	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/3/2020
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Kristine	Ellingsen	Bozeman	MT	59771	I Oppose Grizzly Bear Trophy Hunting in Montana	I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose grizzly bear trophy hunting in Montana, and I ask that you forward this comment to the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council and include it as part of the public record. People travel from all over the world to the state for a chance to see a grizzly bear in the wild. The money generated from this tourism contributes greatly to Montana's economy. Grizzly bear hunting would be a scar on the state's reputation. What's more, hunting is unnecessary because top predators like grizzly bears control their own population. And hunting won't change their behavior because grizzlies are solitary animals — and a dead bear doesn't learn anything. When federal protections were removed from grizzly bears in 2017, Montana wisely decided not to approve a grizzly bear hunt. Please uphold this decision in the future.	4/6/2020
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