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## Newsletter and Blog

Featuring updates on grizzly bear conservation activities,  
and the latest *Grizzly Times* Blog  
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Dear Friends of Grizzlies,

### **“Brandy” Brandborg Leaves Us for the Great Wild**

Bears, mountain goats, cougars, wolves -- wild species and wilderness across the country lost a dear friend this past weekend, as “Brandy” Brandborg left us for his final journey into the wild. Fearless and funny, he was an inspiration to so many of us...and the last living architect of the Wilderness Act.

I am reminded of this quote from Henry V (before the battle of Agincourt): “Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more...” Now it is up to us to go once more unto that breach that is the battle for wilderness in these destructive times. More on a memorial for Brandy soon.

<https://www.facebook.com/GrizzlyTimes/posts/1989516154701075>

### **God’s Love: David’s Latest Blog**

Following this Newsletter is David’s latest blog. In a very different twist from what we usually hear from him, David writes eloquently of his days in the wild cataloging seasonal elk fatalities.

<https://www.grizzlytimes.org/single-post/2018/04/12/Gods-Love>

### **WY Sen. Barrasso Takes Aim at the Endangered Species Act, Again**

Here is a post I did a few days ago, about WY Senator John Barrasso’s renewed threat to gut or repeal the Endangered Species Act, even after the delisting of grizzlies and wolves... (Nothing will satisfy these ideologues other than the complete wreckage of the planet and civil society). And many thanks to the brave souls who went to the Cody hearing on the grizzly bear trophy hunt in WY. I know it ain’t easy...

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### **A Great Summary of the Problem of Wyoming’s Proposed Trophy Hunt, and an Easy Way to Send a Comment**

A nice opinion piece from Bonnie Rice of the Sierra Club...with a simple way to submit a comment to the state of Wyoming at the bottom. (Naturally Wyoming is making it as

complicated as possible to submit comments, so some groups are collecting signatures they will submit by the April 30 deadline.)

<https://www.sierraclub.org/lay-of-the-land/2018/04/wyoming-s-extreme-grizzly-bear-trophy-hunting-proposal-threatens-recovery>

### **Ruthie Shoulderblade (No. Cheyenne) Speaks Out for Grizzlies, Against Wyoming's Trophy Grizzly Hunt**

Ruthie Shoulderblade is a Northern Cheyenne traditional elder who speaks eloquently about the grizzly bear hunt proposed for Yellowstone. She is a direct descendant of Owl Woman (Mésta'ehéhe) and the legendary trader William Bent (eg. "Bent's Old Fort" on the Arkansas River). Owl Woman was the daughter of Grey Thunder, then the Keeper of Maahótse (the Four Sacred Arrows) of the Tsétsêhéstâhese (Cheyenne). Ruthie has undertaken the sacred responsibilities associated with the wife of the Keeper of Ésevone (Sacred Buffalo Hat Covenant), when her husband, Don Shoulderblade, was Keeper. Don Shoulderblade has been a Sun Dance Leader for the Northern Cheyenne for over two decades.

This excerpt from Ruthie:

"We will not stand by the land of our ancestors and watch grizzly bears be blown away by high-powered rifles to satisfy the lust of some rich white hunters."

### **How Canadians Stopped the Trophy Grizzly Bear Hunt in British Columbia: A great Interview with Chris Genovali of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation**

<https://www.facebook.com/GrizzlyTimes/posts/1982871012032256>

You must listen to this fascinating interview with Chris Genovali, the Executive Director of Raincoast Conservation Foundation. He is a leading conservationist, prolific writer, and major voice for the voiceless creatures of British Columbia. Chris shares the inside story of a hugely successful campaign that recently stopped trophy hunting of grizzly bears in British Columbia. With humor and clarity, Chris describes weaving a diversity of approaches involving science, economics, collaborative partnerships with First Nations, ethics and the law. So much to learn from the sophisticated, ingenious and big-hearted efforts for grizzlies in BC! If they can succeed in BC with so many more bears, certainly we should be able to stop Wyoming's killing spree!

For the Bears,

**Louisa**