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2015 Bear and Cougar Activity in Mountain View County

Cougar Sighting Dec 26, 2015 On Dec 23 & 24, a cougar was sighted south of Bergen. The cougar killed a cat and had been seen on the deck of the home twice. (info from local land owner) Due to the time delay of a call to Fish & Wildlife, no action was taken. Persons are encouraged to call wildlife events in ASAP in order for officials to have the best response time possible.

Cougar Sighting Dec 11, 2015 In the afternoon on Dec 11, cougar tracks were seen in northern part of the Hainstock area, NW of Olds. (info from local land owner)

Wolf Sighting Nov 21, 2015 On the afternoon of Nov 20, wolf tracks were seen near Highway 22 in the Bergen area. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Nov 20, 2015 On the evening of Nov 18, a grizzly bear was seen along the Little Red River in the Bergen area. (info from hunter)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Nov 20, 2015 On Nov 6, a grizzly sow and cub were seen feeding on a moose, west of Water Valley on public lands in Bighorn County. (info from hunter)

Wolf Sighting Nov 14, 2015 On the morning of Nov 14, a pack of 5-8 wolves was seen in the Shell Gas Plant area, west on the Burnt Timber Road in Bighorn County.

Black Bear Sightings Oct 30, 2015 A black bear with 2 cubs was sighted east of the junction of Highway 22 and Bergen Road. There was a second sighting of a bear in the same area. (info from passing motorists)

Cougar Sighting Oct 26, 2015 On Oct 25, a cougar was seen along the forestry trunk road in Clearwater County, west of Sundre. (info from passing motorist)

Wolf Sighting Oct 22, 2015 On Oct 22, a grey wolf was seen in a farm yard in the Bergen/Elkton area. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Predation Oct 21, 2015 Early on the morning of Oct 21, a cougar killed a number of sheep on a farm in the Bergen/Elkton area - the land owner fired a shot and scared the cougar away. (info from local land owner) The cougar returned in the evening on Oct 21 and was still on the farm the following morning. Due to the threat to the livestock, the cougar was destroyed.

Wolf Predation & Grizzly Sighting Oct 18, 2015 On the night of Oct 13, a llama was killed SW of Bergen. Fish & Wildlife investigated and suspect it was wolf predation. A trail camera at the site photographed a grizzly bear feeding on the carcass as well as wolves and coyotes. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Oct 15, 2015 In the early evening on Oct 12, a mother cougar and two older cubs were seen walking down a road in the Bergen area. (info from passing motorist)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 28, 2015 Around noon on Sep 26, a brownish coloured black bear was seen in a yard west of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 28, 2015 Late in the afternoon on Sep 25, a black bear was seen in a field SW of Highway 22 and Bergen Road. (info from passing motorist)

Cougar Sighting Sep 24, 2015 On the evening of Sep 24, a cougar was sighted crossing a road in the Westward Ho area. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Sep 29, 2015 In the afternoon on Sep 23, a cougar was photographed by a trail camera, NW of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 18, 2015 On Sep 18, a black bear was into a bird feeder in a yard in the Rugby area, east of Highway 22 and a bear scat was seen on the road. (info from local land owner) Please remove all bird seed feeders from your yard and do not rehang them until the bears have gone into the winter dens (approximately Oct/Nov) - also be aware that bird seed feeders attract deer which may draw in cougars at any time of the year.

Black Bear Sighting Sep 18, 2015 On the evening of Sep 16, a black bear was sighted by garbage/compost bins on a street in Sundre. (info from local resident) Residents are reminded to store the bins inside a garage or strong shed and not to put them out on the street until the morning of pickup.

Cougar Sighting Sep 15, 2015 In the evening on Sep 13, a large healthy cougar was seen north of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 13, 2015 On the afternoon of Sep 12, a brown coloured bear was seen in a field in the Eagle Hill area. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sightings Sep 11, 2015 At our booth at SPOG Neighbour's Day on Sep 11, many residents from Riverside RV, Tall Timber RV and Sundre advised of seeing a black bear or bear scats over the past few days in various locations.

Black Bear Sighting Sep 11, 2015 On the evening of Sep 10, a black bear and her 2 cubs (1 brown, 1 black) were seen in the Bergen area. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Predation Sep 10, 2015 A black bear killed and ate a beef calf in the Bergen area. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 11, 2015 On the evening of Sep 9, a black bear was photographed by a trail camera in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 09, 2015 On Sep 8, a black bear sow with 3 cubs (2 cinnamon cubs, 1 black cub) were getting into dumpsters, just west of Highway 22 in the Elkton area. (info from local land owner) Home owners are reminded that garbage should be stored in bear-proof containers if left outdoors or stored indoors in sturdy sheds, garages or basements. When camping, the public is reminded to keep campsites clean and properly store food out of reach of bears.

Bear Sighting Sep 18, 2015 On Sep 7, a bear scat containing bird seed shells was photographed on a lawn in Sundre. (info from local resident) Please remove all bird seed feeders from your yard and do not rehang them until the bears have gone into the winter dens (approximately Oct/Nov).

Black Bear Sighting Sep 07, 2015 Fish & Wildlife have received a couple calls of a black bear in Sundre. It has not been located and Fish & Wildlife believes it to be passing through.

Bear Sighting Sep 07, 2015 On the evening of Sep 6, a black bear got into garbage and bird feeders in the campground on the east edge of Sundre. (info from camper) It's important that people in campgrounds follow BearSmart practices. Bird feeders should not be hung at this time of year because they attract bears and they also attract deer which may draw in cougars. Garbage should be stored in bear-proof containers if left outdoors or stored indoors in sturdy sheds, garages or basements.

Black Bear Sighting Sep 05, 2015 On Sep 5, a black bear sow with 3 cubs (2 cinnamon cubs, 1 black cub) were seen on a farm road, west of Highway 22 in the Bergen area. (info from local land owner) The land owner also advises of the possibility of an injured elk in the area - the public and hunters (in particular bow hunters) are reminded to be alert and carry bear spray.

Bear Sighting Sep 07, 2015 On the evening of Sep 4, a bear (possibly a grizzly bear) was seen in the Nitchi Valley area, SW of Bergen. (info from local land owner) The land owner also advised that a bear had attempted to gain access to a barbecue on a neighbour's deck and that Fish & Wildlife have set a bear trap in that yard.

Black Bear Sighting Sep 03, 2015 2 black bear cubs (this year's cubs) were seen on a farm road, west of Highway 22 in the Bergen area. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 02, 2015 On the weekend of Aug 29-30, a black bear was seen crossing a road, NW of Water Valley. (info from local land owner) A neighbour saw the bear again on the evening of Sep 1.

Grizzly Bear Sighting Aug 31, 2015 A grizzly bear was seen crossing the road, west of Water Valley - the bear was not aggressive and kept moving on. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Black Bear Sighting Aug 19, 2015 On August 19, a black bear sow with 3 Cubs (2 cinnamon and 1 black) were seen crossing Highway 22, south of Highway 582. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Aug 17, 2015 This past weekend, a grizzly bear sow and cub were sighted at the Burnt Timber camping area in the MD of Bighorn. Bears got into items and left paw marks on one trailer - were not afraid of bangers or people. (info from Fish & Wildlife) The public is reminded to keep campsites clean since it's that time of year when bears need to start fattening up for winter - failure to do so puts both bears and people at risk.

Black Bear Sighting Aug 17, 2015 On Aug 14 and 15, a young black bear came into campsites along the Burnt Timber road in the MD of Bighorn. The bear ate food that was left out by people camping. (info from another camper) The public is reminded to properly store food out of reach of bears - failure to do so puts both bears and people at risk.

Black Bear Sighting Aug 12, 2015 Possible black bear on the east edge of Sundre. No bear was seen but garbage cans were knocked over and bear claw marks were seen on the cans. (info from Fish & Wildlife) Residents are reminded to not put out garbage cans/bins until the morning of garbage pickup, to store garbage in secure indoor locations (basement, garage, sturdy shed) until pickup or transport to the dump, and to use bear-proof garbage containers whenever possible.

Bear Sighting Aug 12, 2015 A worker doing riparian surveys along the Fallen Timber Creek in the Bergen area encountered a bear that was aggressive - it was stomping its feet, snapping its jaws and moving around. The worker was able to back away and leave the area without the bear charging. (info from Fish & Wildlife) The public and people working in the field are reminded to be alert, travel in groups and carry bear spray when doing any outdoor recreational or work-related activities.

Black Bear Sighting Aug 07, 2015 At noon on Aug 7, a black bear was seen in the road ditch in the Nitchi Valley area, west of Elkton. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Aug 06, 2015 Early in the evening on Aug 5, a black bear was sighted SE of Crammond, in Clearwater County. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Aug 05, 2015 On the past two mornings, a cougar was sighted walking around some farms, south of Water Valley. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Bear Sighting Aug 04, 2015 On the morning of Aug 4, a grizzly bear (species unconfirmed) was sighted at the north end of River Road, east of Sundre. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Bear Sighting Jul 26, 2015 During the night of July 22, a bear was photographed by a trail camera located SW of Bergen. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jul 21, 2015 On the morning of June 20, livestock were killed by a grizzly bear in the Pioneer Lodge area (info from Fish and Wildlife) Several traps were set. The public in the area is advised to be aware and cautious. **July 24 update:** Fish and Wildlife captured and euthanized a male grizzly bear for killing

livestock.

Bear Sighting Jul 20, 2015 A brown coloured bear was seen along the Coal Camp Road, approximately 25 km west of Sundre (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Jul 20, 2015 On the afternoon of June 19, a young brown coloured black bear was seen at a residence north of Sundre in Clearwater County. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jul 10, 2015 In the evening of July 9, a grizzly bear got into a cooler in Burnstick Lake campground. Fish & Wildlife will be trying to capture it in the next couple days. (info from Fish & Wildlife) Campers are reminded to store their food and garbage properly and out of the reach of bears, or any other wildlife.

Cougar Sighting Jul 06, 2015 Early in the morning on July 5, cougar was seen walking through NE Sundre. A houndsman and his dogs were brought out with Fish and Wildlife and the dogs picked up the cougar scent right away and followed it to the Red Deer River where there were fresh cougar tracks. Fish & Wildlife were unable to track down the cougar but believe the cougar left town heading north along the river. The town has been cleared and the cougar is no longer a danger to the public. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Black Bear Sighting Jun 29, 2015 In the evening on June 29, a black bear was seen on the road west of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Wolf Sighting Jun 30, 2015 On June 27, a wolf was seen on the bank of the James River, near the forestry trunk road west of Sundre. (info from fisherman)

Cougar Sightings Jun 24, 2015 On the night of June 23, a male cougar was seen north of Water Valley. On June 20, a female cougar with 2 kittens was seen in the same area. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 20, 2015 On the morning of June 20, a grizzly bear was seen feeding on a sheep, near the Red Deer River west of Bergen. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Bear Sighting Jun 10, 2015 On the morning of June 9, a bear scat was seen on the driveway of a residence in the Crammond area, in Clearwater County. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 10, 2015 In the evening on June 5, a grizzly bear was seen in the Crammond area, in Clearwater County. A grizzly with 2 cubs was seen feeding on a dead horse in the same area - it has not been determined what killed the horse - the horse carcass has been removed. (info from local land owners)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 11, 2015 On June 4, a grizzly bear was seen passing through a yard in the Crammond area, in Clearwater County. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 07, 2015 In the evening of June 3, a grizzly bear was photographed by a trail camera, NW of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

