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2018 Bear and Cougar Activity in Mountain View County

Cougar Sighting Dec 05, 2018 In the early morning on Dec 4, a cougar was sighted near a subdivision, NW of Water Valley. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Cougar Sighting Nov 28, 2018 In the morning on Nov 27, a cougar was seen crossing the road, just east and north of Sundre. (info from passing motorist)

Cougar Sighting Nov 25, 2018 On Nov 25, a cougar was seen crossing a yard in the McDougal Flats area, west of Sundre. (info from Local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Nov 23, 2018 On Nov 17, cougar tracks were seen on a property north of James River Bridge. (info from local land owner)

Bear Sighting Nov 18, 2018 On Nov 17, bear tracks were seen in a wooded pasture, north of the old Bergen store. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Nov 15, 2018 In the early morning hours on Nov 13, a cougar was sighted in the Sunberry Valley area, NW of Sundre. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Cougar Sighting Nov 08, 2018 On Nov 8, tracks of a cougar with a kitten were seen in the snow near a residence in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Bear Sighting Oct 26, 2018 A bear attempted to get into a bee yard in the Fallentimber area but was unable to get through the electric fence. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Oct 25, 2018 On the morning of Oct 25, a cougar was seen outside a residence NE of Sundre. The dogs chased it out of the yard and into a tree - when the dogs were called off, the cougar left. It's the second sighting of a cougar in two weeks in this area. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Oct 22, 2018 In the morning on Oct 22, a grizzly bear with 2 cubs was seen along a road in the Westward Ho area, SE of Sundre. (info from passing motorist)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Oct 21, 2018 In the evening on Oct 21, a grizzly bear was seen at a residence, N of Bearberry. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Oct 14, 2018 In the morning on Oct 14, the tracks of a grizzly bear were seen in the snow in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Bear Sighting Oct 12, 2018 In the early morning on Oct 11, a bear was seen along the road in the Fallentimber area - possibly a grizzly bear. (info from passing motorist)

Bobcat Sighting Oct 14, 2018 On Oct 5, a bobcat was photographed by a trail camera in the Dog Pound area. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Oct 03, 2018 In the afternoon on Oct 2, a cougar was seen fairly close to a house, N of Sundre - once the cougar saw the residents, it took off. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Cougar Sighting Oct 06, 2018 On Oct 1, a cougar was sighted in the Westward Ho Campground, east of Sundre. (info from campers)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 29, 2018 In the afternoon on Sep 28, a black bear was seen at a residence, SE of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 27, 2018 In the past week, a bear damaged two bee hive yards in the Fallentimber area. Fish & Wildlife set a trap and captured a black bear. (info from local land owner)

Bear Sighting Sep 23, 2018 In the evening on Sep 23, a bear with two cubs were seen on a road, NE of Bergen - possibly black bears. (info from passing motorist)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 22, 2018 In the morning on Sep 22, tracks of a grizzly bear with a yearling cub were seen in the snow just NW of the Bearberry Saloon, west of Sundre. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Sep 21, 2018 In the afternoon on Sep 20, a cougar ran across the highway in front of a vehicle in the Bentz lake area, west of Sundre. (info from local land owner)

Bear Sighting Sep 19, 2018 A bear damaged bee hives in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 29, 2018 Around Sep 16, a grizzly bear with two cubs was sighted in the Bergen area. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Sep 16, 2018 In the afternoon on Sep 15, a cougar was seen near a residence, SW of Bergen. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 16, 2018 In the early hours on Sep 15, a grizzly bear was photographed by a trail camera in a subdivision, N of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 15, 2018 On the past 2 nights, a black bear was sighted in the Elkton Campground. (info from campground owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 14, 2018 In the afternoon on Sep 14, a black bear was sighted in the Winchell Lake area, S of Water Valley. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 13, 2018 In the evening on Sep 13, a black bear walked through a yard in the Fallen Timber area. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Sep 14, 2018 On the evening of Sep 12, a cougar was seen on an acreage in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 14, 2018 Late in the evening on Sep 12, a grizzly bear with a 2 year old cub was photographed by a trail camera in a subdivision, N of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 12, 2018 In the early morning on Sep 12, a grizzly bear was seen near the Bergen Road, on the east side of Highway 22. (info from passing motorist)

Bear Sighting Sep 12, 2018 In the evening on Sep 11, 2 adult bears were sighted on a road SW of Water Valley - possibly were grizzly bears. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 11, 2018 A grizzly bear was spotted in the Westerdale area, west of Olds and south on Highway 766. (info from Olds Rural Crime Watch)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 14, 2018 On Sep 10, a black bear was seen in yard west of Water Valley. Info from local land owner)

Bear Sighting Sep 11, 2018 On Sep 8, a bear was seen on the SW edge of Sundre. (info from Sundre Seniors Lodge)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 08, 2018 On Sep 8, tracks of a grizzly bear were seen in the mud near a residence in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 08, 2018 On Sep 8, a grizzly bear was seen south of Westcott. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 08, 2018 A black bear was seen sniffing a recently used BBQ in a yard, east of Winchell Lake area. (info from local land owner) The public is reminded to clean BBQs after each use to reduce the cooking odours that attract bears.

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 06, 2018 In the evening on Sep 6, a grizzly bear with 3 cubs was seen in a yard NE of Bergen. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Sep 06, 2018 In the morning of Sep 6, a black bear was seen in a yard west of Elkton. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Sep 05, 2018 In the evening on Sep 5, a grizzly sow with 3 cubs was seen SW of Bottrel, in Rockyview County. (info from passing motorist)

Cougar Sighting Sep 05, 2018 In the evening on Sep 4, two cougars were seen in a yard in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner) The landowner fired his shotgun to scare them away.

Cougar Attack Aug 31, 2018 On the morning of Aug 30, a cougar attacked a dog at a residence on the east edge of Sundre. Fish & Wildlife officers destroyed the cougar. (info from CBC News)

The public is reminded:

- avoid feeding or otherwise attracting deer to your yard - deer are the natural prey for cougars and could draw a cougar into your yard. Remove bird seed feeders and salt blocks
 - cougars may perceive small children and pets as prey - in most cases, it is a young cougar that hasn't yet learned to hunt efficiently or an older cougar that is physically unable to hunt larger prey. Supervise children and pets when outdoors - keep pets indoors overnight
 - be aware of your surroundings especially at dawn and dusk and near the edges of bushy and forested areas
 - carry bear spray (and know how to use it) and/or noisemakers - bear spray is an effective deterrent against a cougar
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Black Bear Sighting Aug 30, 2018 In the evening on Aug 30, a black bear was seen crossing the road, west of Bergen. (info from passing motorist)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Aug 30, 2018 In the morning on Aug 30, the grizzly bear with 2 cubs was sighted again at the edge of the Elkton Campground. (info from campground owner)

Campers and local residents are advised:

- be extra vigilant
 - travel groups of 4 or more and make enough noise to let the bear know you are there so it can move away
 - carry bear spray (and know how to use it) and/or noisemakers
 - keep your dog on a leash
 - make sure there are no attractants in your campsite or yard - no garbage, no pet food, no bird seed feeders, pick fruit & berries from trees and bushes and store indoors.
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Grizzly Bear Sighting Aug 28, 2018 In the evening on Aug 28, a grizzly bear with 2 cubs was sighted near the Elkton Campground area. (info from campground owner)

Bear Sighting Aug 28, 2018 A bear attempted to get into a bee hive yard in the Fallentimber area but was deterred by the electric fence. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Aug 30, 2018 In the morning on Aug 26, a black bear was photographed by a trail camera in the James River Bridge area, N of Sundre. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Aug 26, 2018 In the evening on Aug 25, a grizzly sow with 3 cubs was sighted south of the WestwardHo Campground, east of Sundre. The bears were minding their own business and foraging out in the fields. (info from local land owners)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Aug 24, 2018 On Aug 24, a grizzly bear with 2 cubs was seen south of the junction of Highway 22 and Elkton Road. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Aug 23, 2018 In the afternoon on Aug 23, a black bear walked through a yard in the Garrington Bridge area, NE of Sundre (info from local land owner)

Bear Sighting Sep 08, 2018 On approximately Aug 22, bear scat was seen in a yard in the Winchell Lake area. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Aug 21, 2018 In the morning on Aug 21, a black bear was in a yard in the James River Bridge area, N of Sundre, and was trying to get into the chicken coops. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Aug 20, 2018 A light coloured black bear has been seen in the area just south of Carstairs. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Cougar Sighting Aug 19, 2018 In the evening on Aug 18, 2 cougars were seen crossing the road by the Coyote Creek Golf Course, SW of Sundre. (info from passing motorist)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Aug 15, 2018 In the evening on Aug 15, a grizzly bear with two cubs were in a yard in the Fallentimber area - the dog chased her off. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Jul 25, 2018 A female cougar with 3 nearly full grown kittens were photographed by a trail camera walking along the river in an RV resort, south of Sundre.

Possible Cougar Attack on Livestock Jul 22, 2018 On the night of July 20 or early morning of July 21, an unconfirmed cougar attack on yearling horses in the Eagle Hill area. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jul 20, 2018 On the evening of July 14, a grizzly bear was seen crossing the Burnt Timber Road in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting Jul 17, 2018 On July 12, a black bear was seen going up a driveway, west of Elkton. (info from local landowner)

Cougar Sighting Jul 14, 2018 On the morning of July 10, a cougar was seen in a yard in a subdivision, N of Water Valley. (info from local landowner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jul 06, 2018 On July 6, a grizzly bear was seen in the Fallentimber area, NW of Water Valley - the truck scared it away and it ran off into the trees. (info from passing motorist)

Black Bear Sighting Jul 05, 2018 On the morning of July 4, a black bear was seen near a residence SW of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 29, 2018 On June 28, a grizzly bear killed a calf SE of Bearberry. (info from local land owner and Fish & Wildlife)

Bear Sighting Jun 25, 2018 On June 21, a bear got into grain stored near a pig pen in the Fallentimber area. The grain storage was relocated into the barn. Overnight on June 24, the bear came back and broke into the pig pen and then into the pig's grain feeder. An electric fence has been erected around the pig pen to deter the bear. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Jun 22, 2018 On June 21, a cougar was seen in a yard, SW of Sundre in the McDougal Flats area. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Jun 18, 2018 On the night of June 17, a cougar was just outside a residence near the Bergen Store - the dog barked and chased it off. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 17, 2018 On the evening of June 16, confirmed sighting of a grizzly bear (orange ear tag #164) east of Sundre and just north of Highway 27. (info from Fish & Wildlife and local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 15, 2018 On the evening of June 14, a grizzly bear was seen in a hay field near Highway 582, approximately 5 miles east of Highway 22. (Info from Fish & Wildlife and local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 14, 2018 Two grizzly bears were seen in vicinity of Highways 22 and 567 (Big Hill Springs Road). (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 15, 2018 On June 13th, a grizzly bear was seen crossing the Burnt Timber Road, just east of the Little Red Deer River. (info from passing motorist)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 18, 2018 On the morning of June 10, a trail camera photographed a male and female grizzly bear mating, NW of Water Valley in Big Horn County. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 14, 2018 A week ago there was a confirmed sighting of a grizzly bear north of Highway 27 near the Kneehill County boundary. Grizzly and black bears have been seen in the area. There has been no aggressive action on their part. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Fish & Wildlife officers remind the public:

Please secure any attractants such as garbage, birdfeeders and livestock feed in bear resistant containers or in locked garages or outbuildings.

Consider erecting electric fence around beehives, chicken coops etc.

Carry Bear spray when working in fields or when out hiking.

Report any negative interactions to the Report a Poacher line at: 1-800-642-3800

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 10, 2018 A grizzly bear and her cub have been seen in the Water Valley area, SW of the junction of Highway 22 and 579. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 07, 2018 On the morning of June 5, a grizzly bear with 2 sub-adult cubs was seen along the Fallen Timber Creek, west of Elkton. (info from fisherman)

Grizzly Bear Sighting Jun 07, 2018 On the evening of June 2, a grizzly bear was photographed by a trail camera near the county boundary, NW of Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Black Bear Sighting May 25, 2018 A black bear was photographed by a trail camera in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner)

Grizzly Bear Sighting May 24, 2018 A grizzly bear with 2 cubs has been seen in the Bergen area - she has not been causing any problems but has been hanging around for about a week or so. (info from Fish & Wildlife)

Black Bear Sighting May 09, 2018 On the evening of May 7, a black bear damaged bee hives in the Fallentimber area. (info from local land owner) Fish & Wildlife have set a bear trap.

Black Bear Sighting May 02, 2018 On May 1, a black bear was seen NE of the junction of Highways 22 and 582 in the Harmattan area. (info from local gas plant employee)

Bear Sighting Apr 29, 2018 On the evening of Apr 29, bear footprints were seen along the Little Red Deer River, east of Eagle Hill - the bear appeared to be traveling west along the south side of river.

Grizzly Bear Sighting Apr 23, 2018 On this past weekend, a grizzly bear was seen close to the forestry boundary, west of the Bearberry Saloon (info from local land owner).

Cougar Sighting Mar 10, 2018 Early in the evening on Mar 7, cougar was seen crossing a road south of the 4 way stop in Water Valley. (info from local land owner)

Cougar Sighting Jan 09, 2018 On the morning of Jan 4, a trail camera photographed 4 large cougar kittens on a driveway, SE of the Bearberry Saloon. (info from local land owner)

