

Wyoming Wildlife Advocates continued to stay busy and involved in a range of issues through 2016. As in 2015, grizzlies and the move to delist them from the Endangered Species Act demanded much of our time. We did, however, cover a range of other issues.

Below is a list of some of the activities and accomplishments for 2016.

- The Bullseye web site launched. Although not an accomplishment specific to WWA, Roger, Kent and Todd Wilkinson began discussing the idea first to have a place for Todd's New West column. Todd and Kent moved forward with the mechanics of the site. Todd was the primary recruiter of writers and is the executive editor. The quality of writing is high caliber and topics covered are timely and on subjects not well covered elsewhere. The site has received high praise from many readers.
- Through summer and fall, we rented space on five billboards in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana with the message not to delist or trophy hunt grizzlies. A Go Fund Me campaign raised approximately \$4,000 to help pay for the boards.
- We hired David Mattson, a scientist retired from the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, to help interpret and comment on the delisting rule and to provide other insight and advice to WWA.
- Through 2016 we continued to enjoy press coverage in publications including the JH News & Guide, Bozeman Chronicle, Christian Science Monitor, Casper Star Tribune, the HSUS publication, All Animals, and National Geographic online. We also saw our op-eds published in some of the publications above as well as High Country News' syndicated Writers on the Range.
- We believe we contributed to a six-month delay in delisting grizzlies due to more than 650,000 in comments the US Fish and Wildlife received and needed additional time to process.
- We joined with the Sierra Club in submitting comments on the Moose-Wilson Corridor environmental impact statement. We urged Grand Teton National Park to approve its preferred alternative that capped the

number of vehicles and visitors, and protected wildlife and high quality visitor experience. The Park Service decided to approve that alternative. .

- We attended numerous meetings related to grizzly bear delisting, including one hosted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Bozeman on April 12. We provided comments at that hearing and we were quoted in the Bozeman Chronicle.
- We rallied a large crowd May 24 to attend a Wyoming Game and Fish Department meeting at the Virginian Lodge on grizzly bear hunting regulations. Many attending wore tee shirts WWA gave away.
- We attended a Game and Fish Commission meeting on grizzly hunting regulations and provided comments at this meeting.
- We attended a Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee meeting on the grizzly Conservation Strategy on April 13 in Missoula and provided public comments.
- We attended a WGFD meeting Dec. 8 on black bear hunting regulations and submitted written comments on that.
- We had a presence on July 20 at a Mangelsen/Wilkinson book signing and presentation at the high school. More than 100 people signed postcards addressed to Interior Secretary Sally Jewel asking her not to delist grizzlies.
- We sent out funding appeals in several forms and had a presence at Old Bill's Fun Run on Sept. 10.
- We had a table at the Ecofair May 14 .
- Through Lloyd, WWA helped organize and then attend a full-day forum on CWD on December 7.
- We made updates to our CWD map in March and November 2016, which has enjoyed broad circulation.

- In June, we worked with GTNP, the JH Wildlife Foundation and others to find ways to protect grizzlies and other wildlife from vehicle collisions.
- On March 7, we attended a meeting of NGOs in Missoula to discuss strategies regarding grizzly bear delisting and management.
- We attended a Speak for Wolves event July 16 in West Yellowstone, where we networked with other conservation organizations.
- Kent Nelson created a “Don’t Delist” petition, which collected approximately 140,000s signatures.
- We communicated with individuals and groups on solving the Spring Gulch wolf conflict issue.
- We worked with Earthjustice and others in legally challenging GTNP on WGFD jurisdiction on park inholdings.
- We signed on to a letter questioning coyote killing contests on BLM land.
- We worked the Teton Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and others to arrange an event Aug. 22 to inform people how to co-exist with wildlife.
- We attended several professional development events Nov. 15 and 16 sponsored by the Jackson Hole Community Foundation. The seminars cover best board practices and fundraising.
- We submitted numerous FOIAs and Wyoming administrative records requests on CWD and grizzly mortalities..
- We sponsored, planned and hosted a presentation by Erik Mulvar on the Red Desert June 21.
- We continued to develop a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as a newsletter and periodic news updates by email.

- We began learning Salsa CRM and using it for outreach and to create and maintain a database.
- We attended the annual meeting of the Western Governors' Association in June and stayed engaged through occasional webinars.
- We engaged the volunteer services of Teresa DeGroh, a former county planner, to research and develop a WWA position on wild horses.
- We engaged in the Wyoming Public Lands Initiative, attending one meeting in Lander Jan. 21, as well as subsequent other meetings.
- We attended meetings and submitted comments on plans to thin and burn in the Palisades Wilderness Study Area.
- We continued to stay engaged in winter elk feeding issues.