Public Notice —— 2018 Grizzly Bear Study

fRI Research is conducting a grizzly bear inventory in the area between Highways 1 and 11 from May 22 through July 25, 2018. The goal is to determine how many bears live in this area, and how that compares to the population a decade ago.

To do this, we are setting up about 200 hair snag sites. These sites have barbed wire around a liquid scent lure to attract bears. When bears investigate the smell, they leave tufts of hair on the barbed wire, which we collect for DNA analysis. Because they don't get any food from the scent lure, the bears are not likely to remain in the area.

Sites will be far from populated areas, and at least 200m from roads and trails. The immediate area around each site will be temporarily closed to the public and indicated by caution tape and an *area closure* sign.



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