

PUBLIC NOTICE

2011 GRIZZLY BEAR DNA STUDY

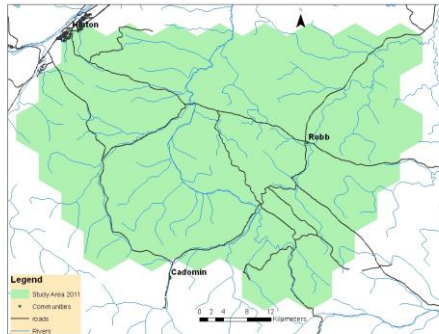


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The University of Alberta in partnership with the Foothills Research Institute is conducting a grizzly bear DNA study. The intent of this study is to evaluate different DNA sampling techniques, including hair snag, scat, and rub tree sampling. This notification is to advise the public of this research activity and to indicate the general area where

research activities will be occurring. The project will run from May 16 to August 31, 2011 within the study area shown below. Sites will be set up well away from areas of human activity, roads and trails. Each hair capture site will have barbed wire surrounding a liquid scent lure to snag the hair of bears that enter the site.

Because bears are not receiving any food reward from the lure, they are not likely to remain in the area. When fieldwork is occurring, each site will be flagged and warning signs posted at obvious access routes. We encourage those who will be using these areas to be cautious and refrain from entering research sites.



If you have any questions or concerns, contact Sarah Rovang at (780) 691-1609, or the Foothills Research Institute Grizzly Bear Program at (780) 865-8389.