

# TERRACE MOUNTAIN BEAR ATTACK



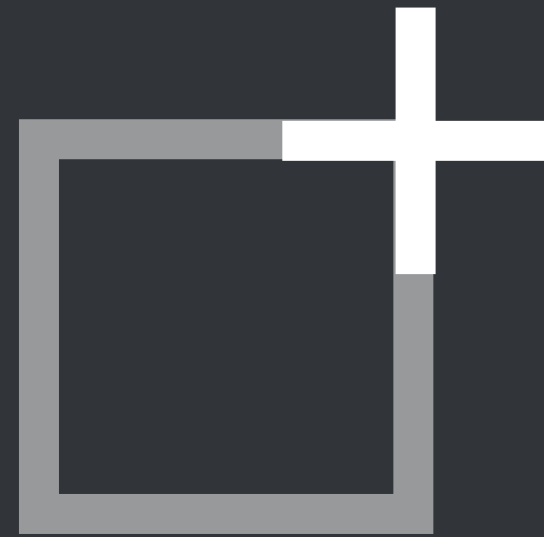


 **Teton County**  
Wyoming  
43.85°N, 110.63°W



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10,920 sq. km:

# TETON COUNTY WYOMING, USA



21,000 Residents

2.6 million Annual Visitors

Closest Level 1 Trauma Unit is 450km



1/4th

The size of Switzerland



# + TETON COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE







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- Formed in 1993
  - 38 volunteer members
  - 24/7/365
  - 75-100 missions annually



# MISSION PROFILE

- Swift Water Rescue
- Avalanche Rescue
- Cave Rescue
- Downed Aircraft ELT Tracking
- Lost Person Search
- Helicopter Operations
- High Angle Rescue
- Wilderness Medicine
- Patient Evacuation
- Backcountry Skiing Rescue
- Snowmobile Rescue







## LESSONS LEARNED

- No previous experience with this mission profile.
- No plan in place for rescue/recovery with aggressive bear activity.
- No previous experience working or training with several of the involved agencies.

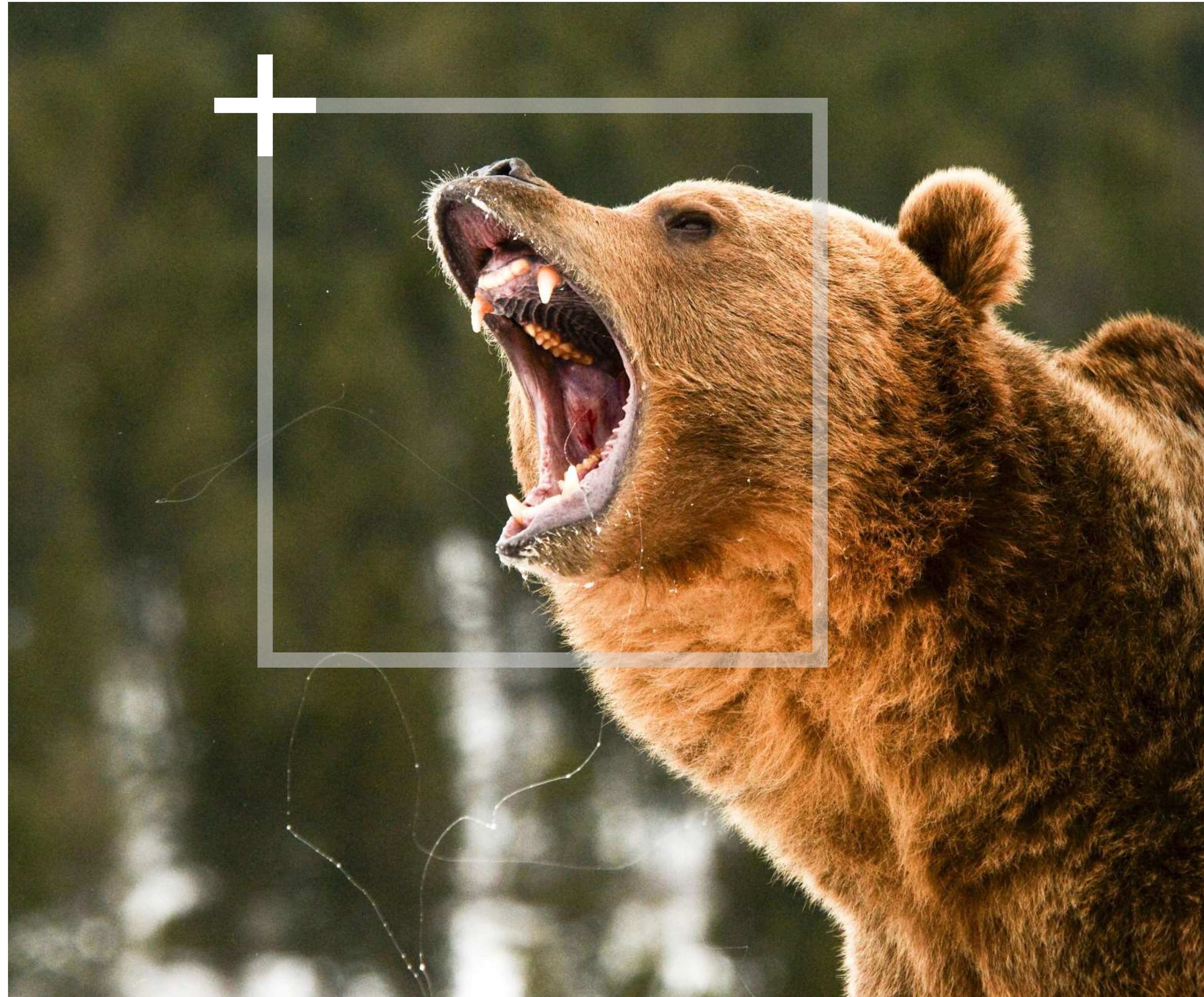


# GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

- America's Serengeti
- Home to all of the Lower 48's  
Apex Predators







## GRIZZLY BEAR

Males weigh 180-360 kilograms

Females weigh 130-182 kilograms

Length 200cm

Shoulder Height 100cm

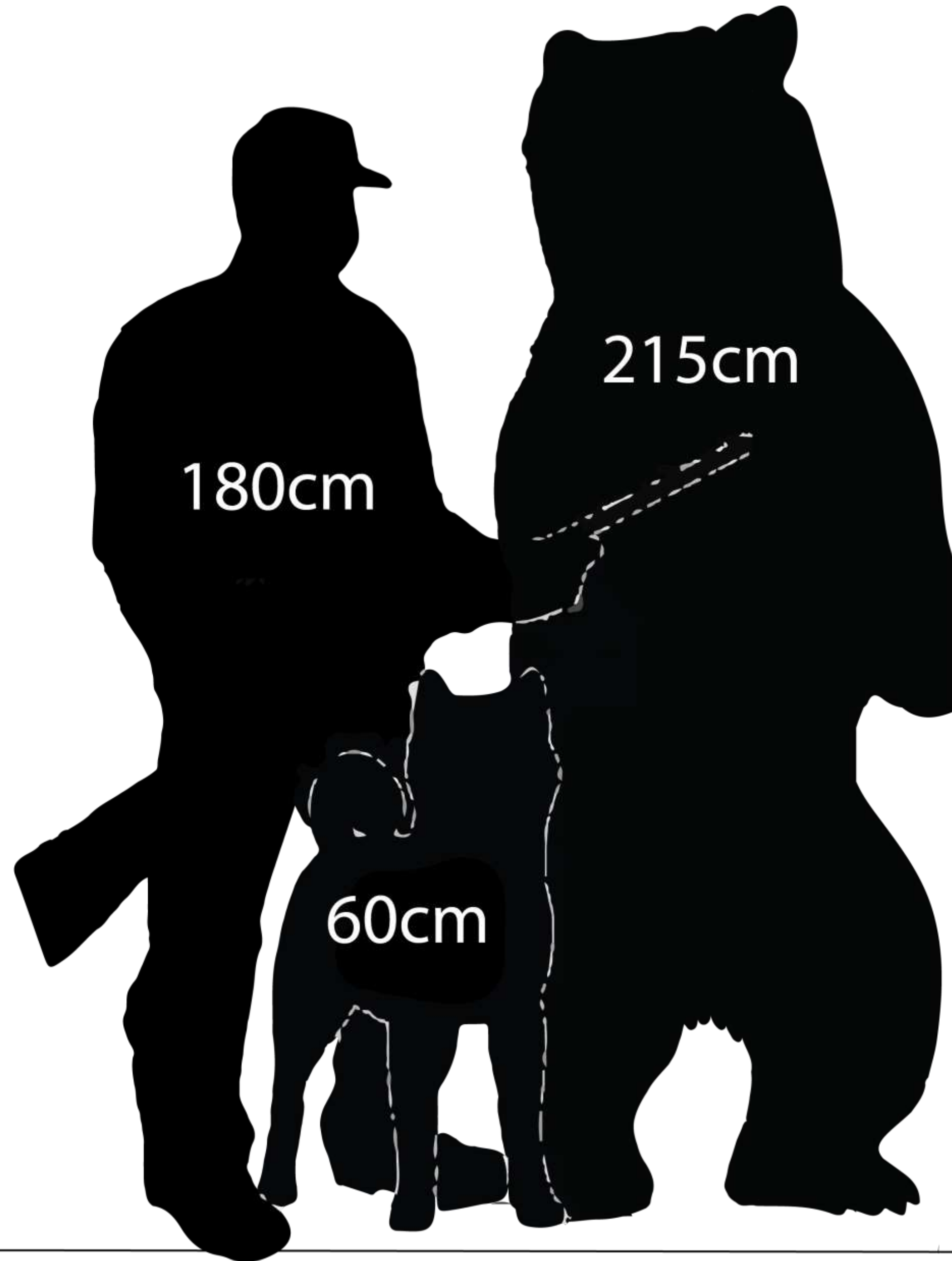
Hind Foot 28cm

Claw Length 5-10cm

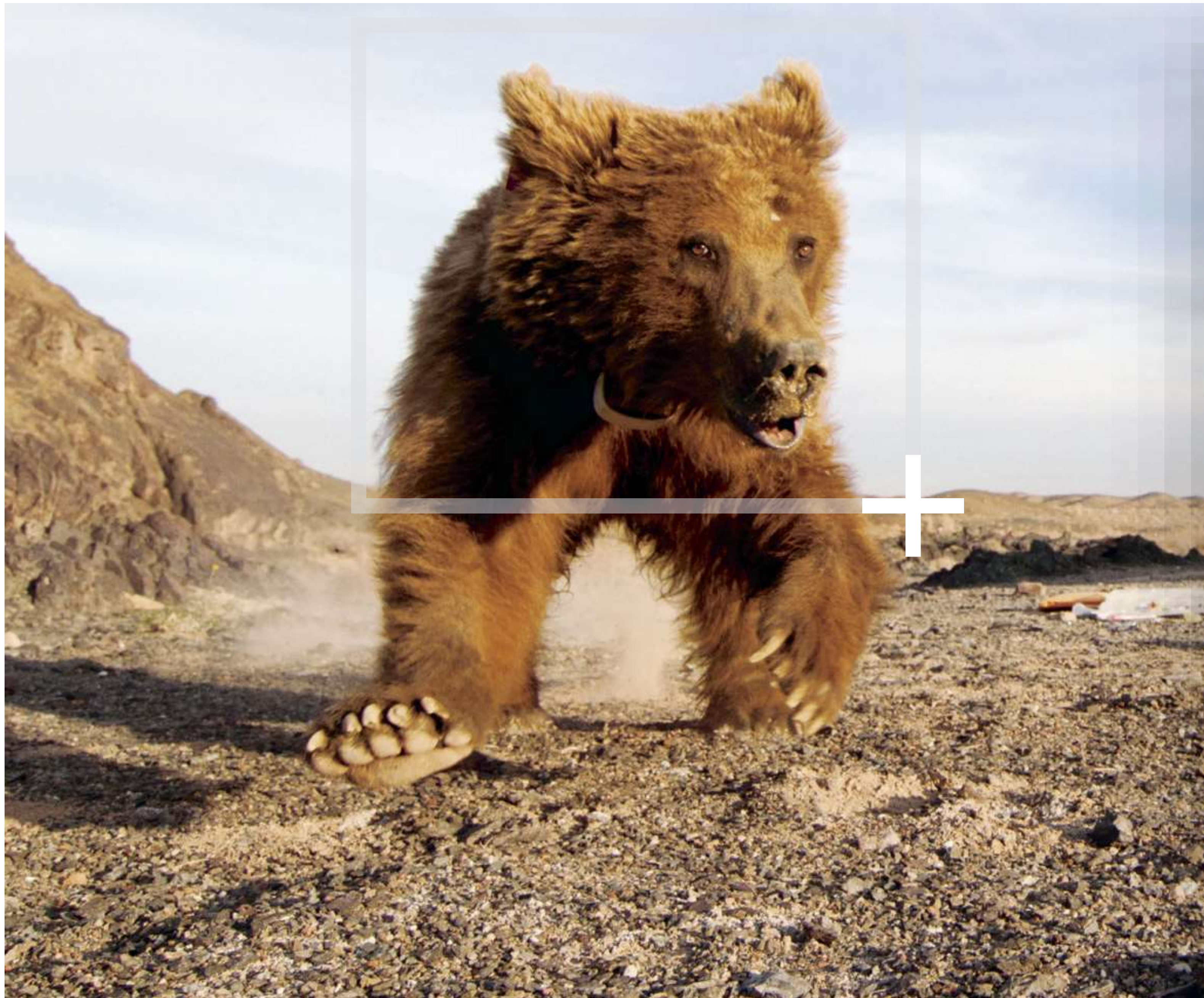
They can run 56km/hr.

As of 2016, estimated 690 Grizzly Bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.









## HOW TO BEHAVE IN GRIZZLY BEAR HABITAT

- Carry Bear Spray on your person.
- Stay alert.
- Make lots of noise.
- Travel in a group.
- Avoid animal carcasses.
- Keep your distance.
- Secure all potential bear attractants.





# HOW HUNTERS BEHAVE IN GRIZZLY BEAR HABITAT

- Often focused on target animal.
- Move quietly.
- “Hides” and attempts to make presence unknown.
- Travels alone or with 1 other person.
- Field dresses carcasses.
- Travels in bear habit during early fall when bears are most actively seeking food sources.
- May leave carcass overnight until it can be retrieved.
- Masks human scent.









THOROFARE  
WILDERNESS  
GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM







THURSDAY  
13 SEPTEMBER 2018  
HUNTING IN THE THOROFARE

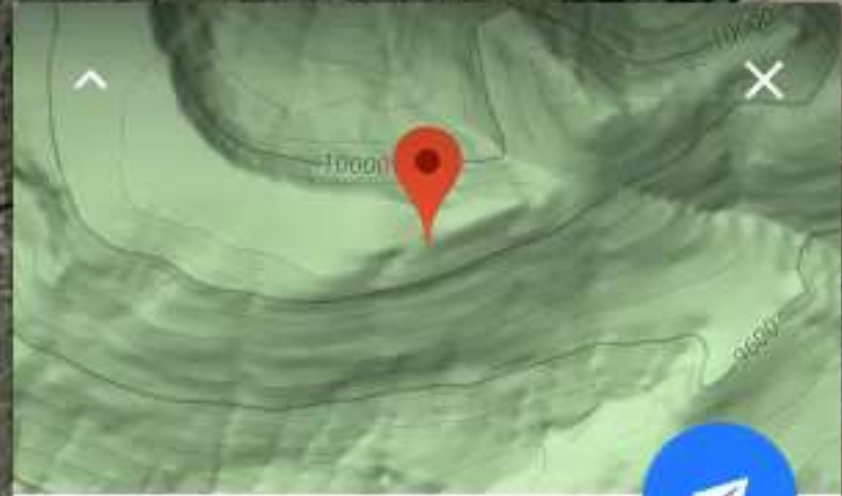
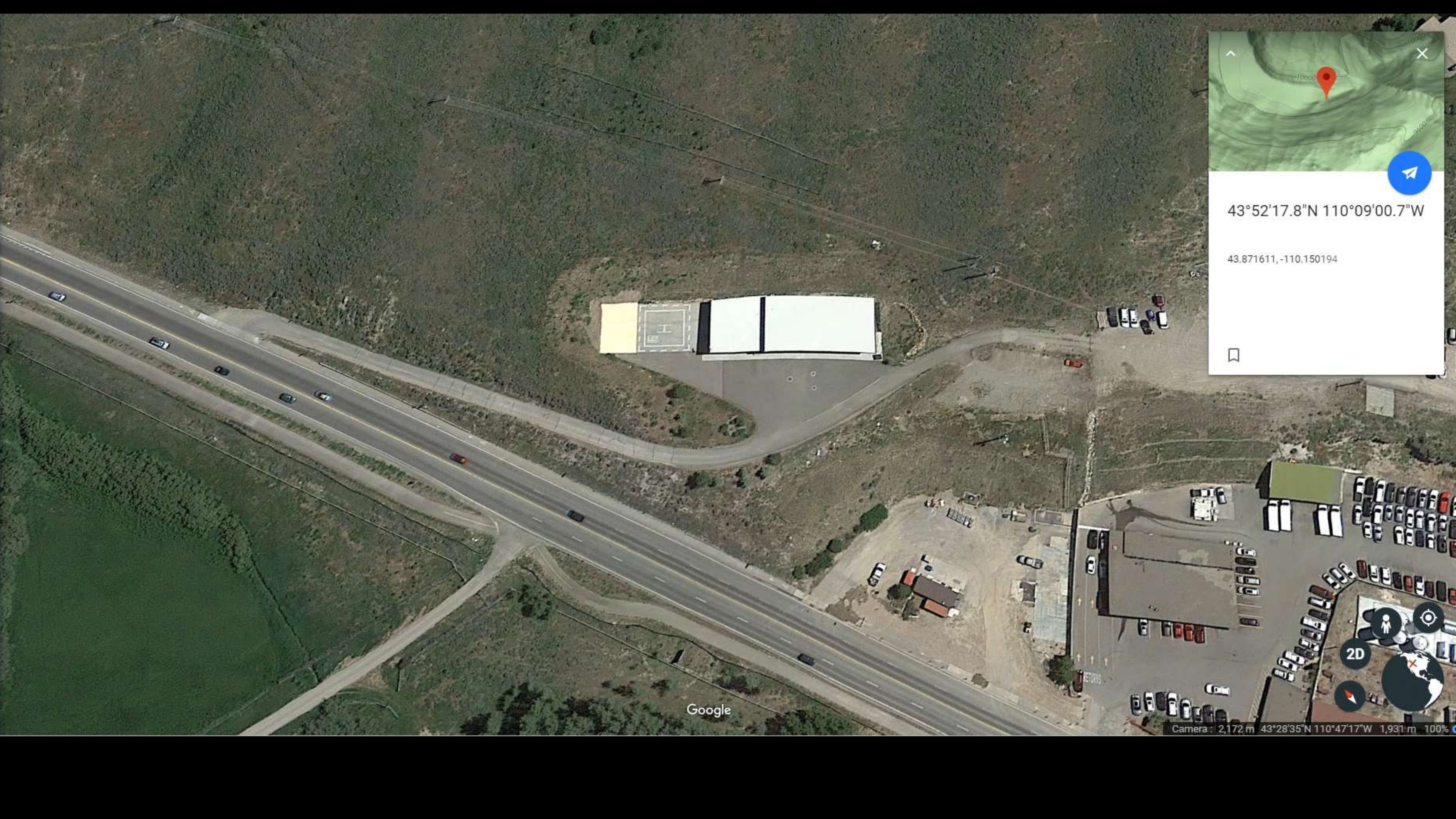


FRIDAY  
14 SEPTEMBER 2018  
16:34

911 Call - Bear Mauling







43°52'17.8"N 110°09'00.7"W

43.871611, -110.150194



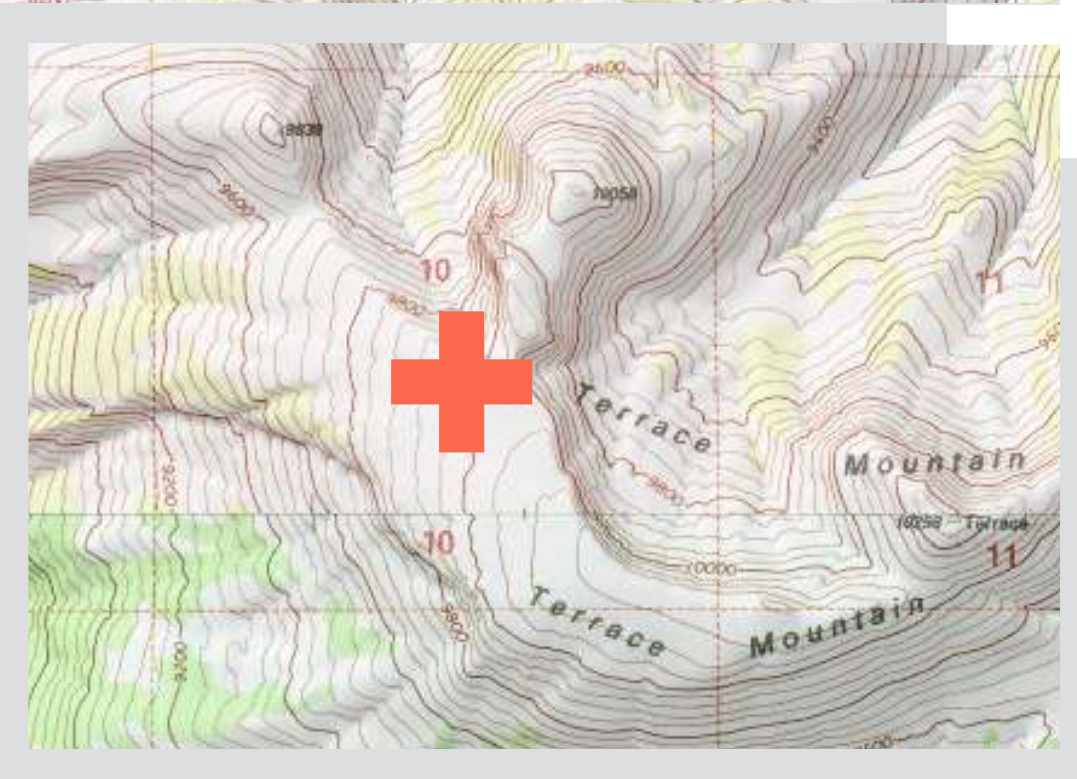
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Camera : 2,172 m 43°28'35"N 110°47'17"W 1,931 m 100%



TERRACE  
MOUNTAIN  
14.9.2018 18:08  
SITE OF BEAR MAULING

**INCIDENT SITE**



**FORWARD OPERATIONS**



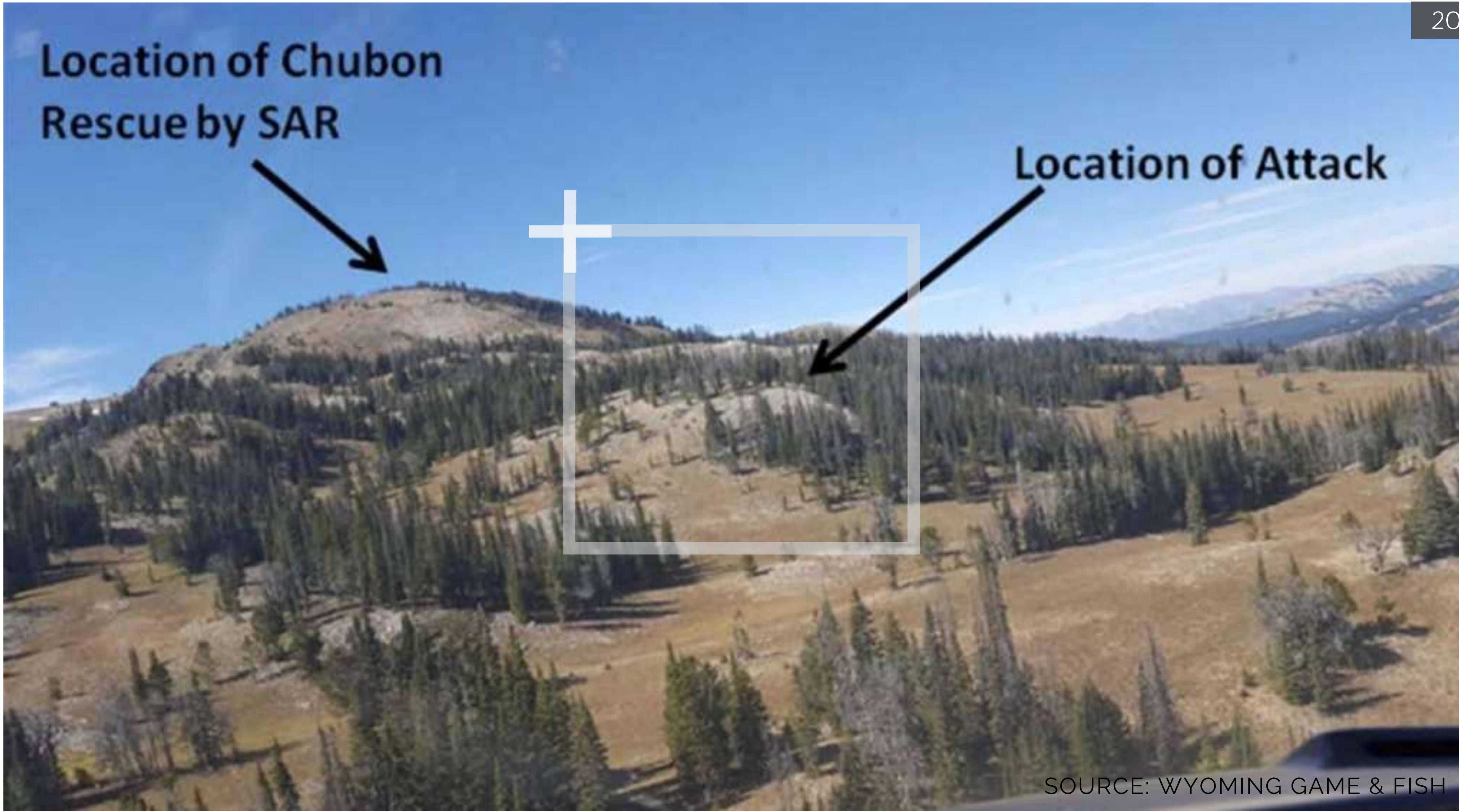




**Location of Chubon  
Rescue by SAR**



**Location of Attack**





# OPERATIONAL PERIOD 1 14.9.2018 2030

Difficult decision to postpone search for guide until morning.







# OPERATIONAL PERIOD 2

15.9.2018  
0630 - 1730

6 Agencies  
46 People  
2 Dog Teams  
598 Person Hours





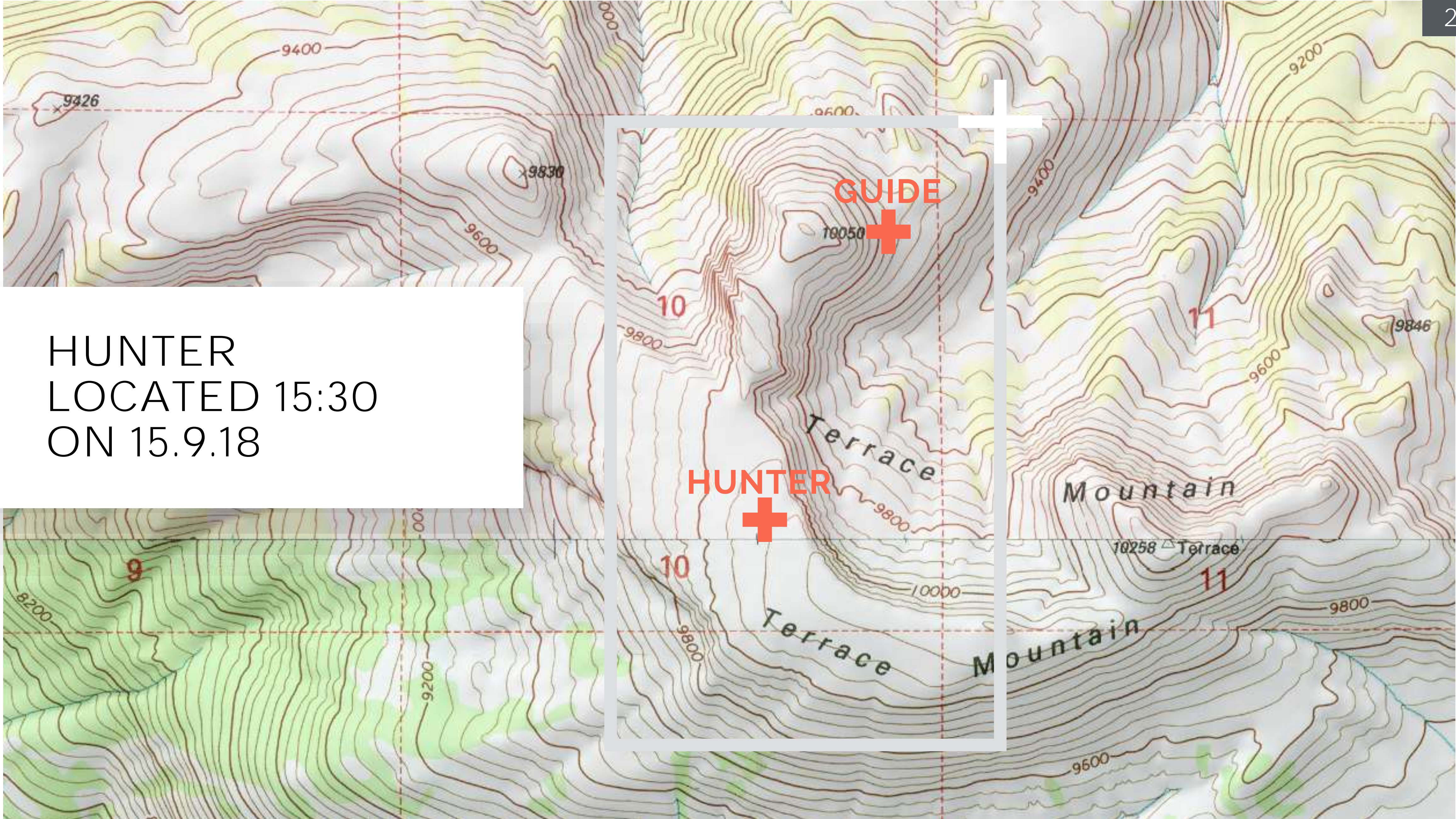




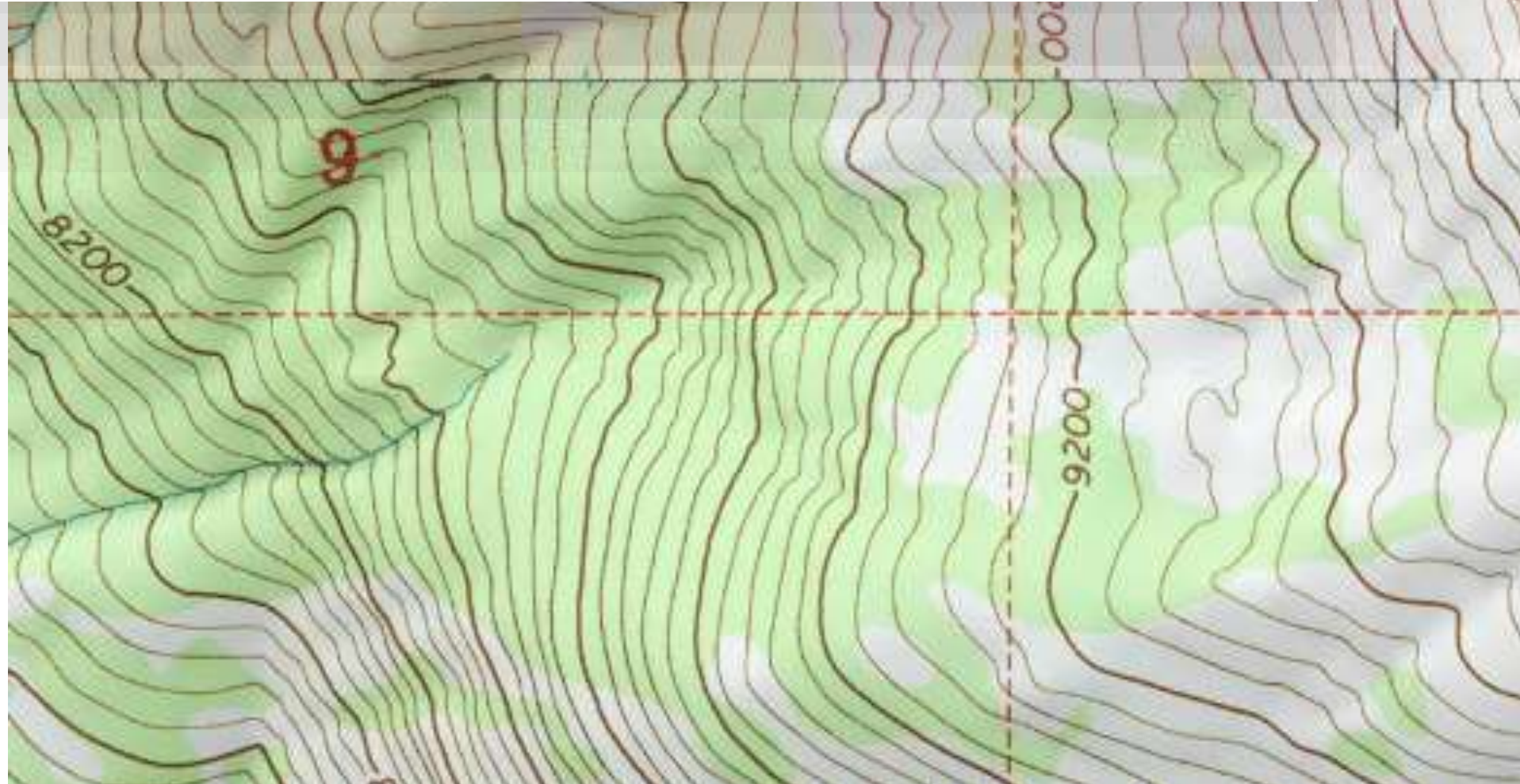
INTERAGENCY  
TASK FORCE TEAM







HUNTER  
LOCATED 15:30  
ON 15.9.18





# MAULING SITE AND LOCATION OF VICTIM

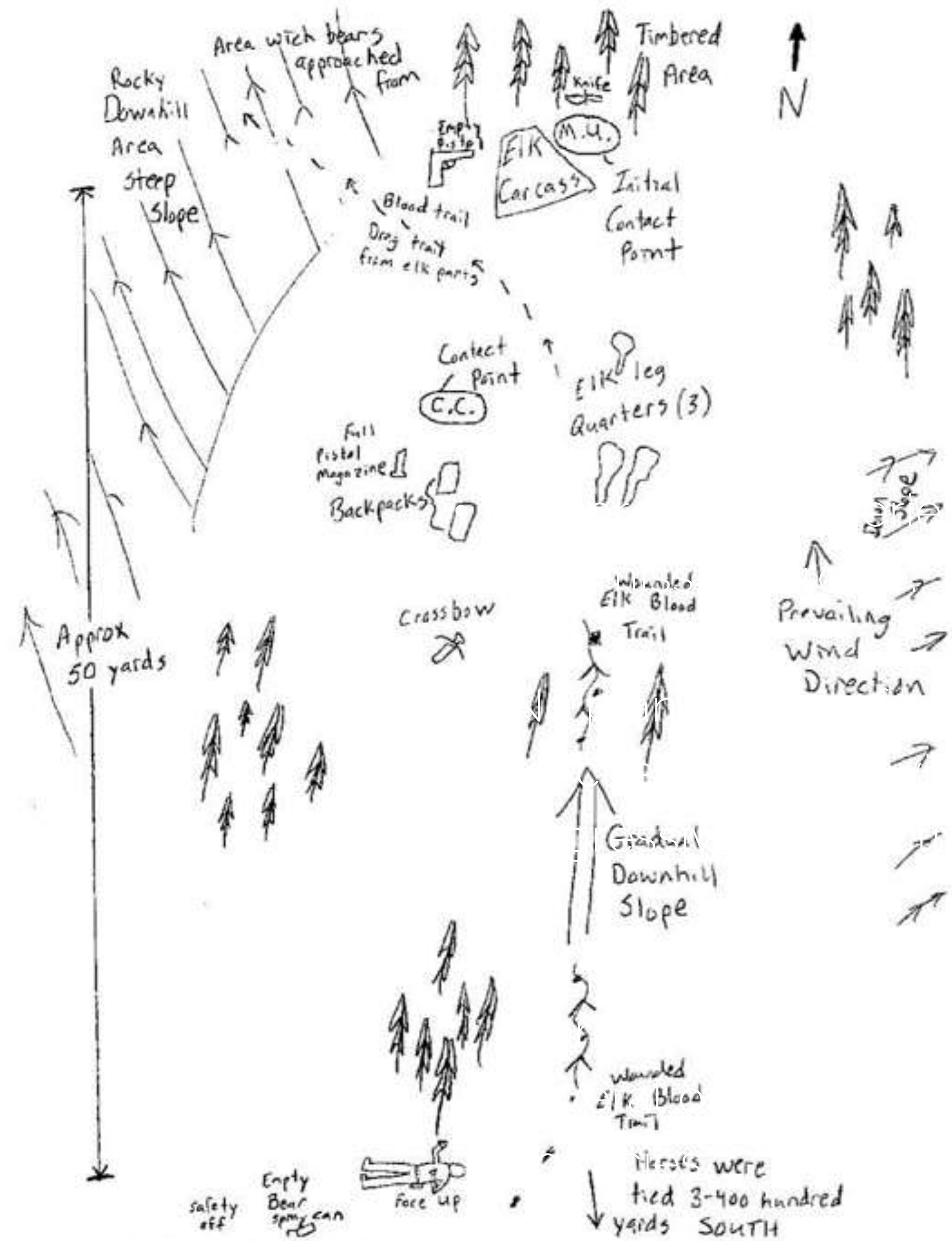


Figure 4. Sketch of the Uptain fatality incident scene.





## MISSION TAKEAWAYS

- No previous experience with this mission profile.  
*Better anticipate and train for non-routine rescues.*
- No plan in place for rescue/recovery with aggressive bear activity.  
*Created a Big Game Rescue Plan that addresses firearm resources, structure of Task Force Teams and predator management.*
- No previous experience working or training with several of the involved agencies.  
*Improved Interagency training, communication and cooperation.*



# UNIFIED INTERAGENCY RESPONSE

