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Fatality – Bear Attack

COMPLAINANT'S NAME (Victim)	COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS
MATAYOSHI, Brian Dean (DOB 11/15/1953)	[redacted]

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86-00-00	Fatality, Accidental – Bear Attack	Cell Phone

12 REPORTED BY	13 ADDRESS	14 HOME PHONE	BUS. PHONE
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Yellowstone Dispatch	07/06/2011	10:58	07/06/2011 11:00

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	23 INVOLVED PERSONS	24 ADDRESS	25 PHONE	26 SEX	27 RACE	28 AGE	29 DATE OF BIRTH
1	MATAYOSHI, Brian Dean	[redacted]		M	A	58	11/15/1953
2	MATAYOSHI, Marylyn E	Same as above	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

30 DETAILS OF INCIDENT

SUMMARY:

On July, 06, 2011, at about 1050 hours, Brian Dean MATAYOSHI was attacked and killed by a sow grizzly bear on the Wapiti Lake Trail. The sow grizzly was observed with two cubs of the year. B. MATAYOSHI was hiking with his wife, Marylyn E. MATAYOSHI, who survived the attack and was uninjured. The MATAYOSHIs observed the bear while hiking west on the Wapiti Lake Trail approximately 1.4 miles from the Wapiti Lake Trailhead/Picnic Area.

The MATAYOSHIs observed the bear at approximately 100 yards (300 feet) and attempted to return east along the trail, and back into the cover of trees. The bear noticed them and began to run towards them. The MATAYOSHIs began to run east back into the forested trail corridor. They were also shouting and yelling at this point. The chase continued for approximately 173 yards (520 feet) from where they observed the bear in the meadow to where the bear attacked B. MATAYOSHI. It appeared that he had stopped and turned towards the bear. The bear mauled B. MATAYOSHI causing fatal injuries.

M. MATAYOSHI had taken cover behind a fallen tree just beyond the attack location. The bear went to M. MATAYOSHI's location and lifted her by her day pack and then released her. After a short time period, M. MATAYOSHI raised her head and the bears were gone. She went to her husband, attempted to provide care, and then realized he had died. M. MATAYOSHI initially stayed at the mauling site and began to yell for help. She eventually began to hike to the west where she met responding rangers and visitors.

Although no other witnesses viewed the chase or mauling, five hikers to the west of the incident heard what they described as a bear "roar" and a male and a female voice yelling and screaming. Hikers from this group called 911 and reported what they had heard. Other visitors at Grizzly Overlook, a viewing area in Hayden Valley, reported seeing hikers in the Wildlife Protection Closure Area - Howard Eaton and Sour Creek Trails prior to the attack time (this report was determined to be unfounded). Visitors also reported seeing a grizzly sow with two cubs in the Wapiti Trail area from this viewpoint.

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INITIAL REPORT AND ACTION TAKEN: (1of 2)

On July 06, 2011, at about 1045 hours, I (David Page, Park Ranger LE) began a patrol of the Wapiti Lake Trail. I was accompanied by Ranger Brian Speeg. The purpose of the patrol was to investigate reports of hikers in the Wildlife Protection Closure Area - Howard Eaton and Sour Creek Trails. We had received a report from individuals at Grizzly Overlook (Grand Loop Road) that hikers had been seen in the closure through spotting scopes. Shortly after the patrol began we received a radio report from Yellowstone Dispatch that they had received a 911 call (1051 hours) from individuals on the Wapiti Lake Trail. It was reported that they could hear people yelling and screaming from the trail area east of their location, reported to be about 2 miles east of the trailhead, and that bears had been seen in the area. Ranger Speeg and I continued our patrol, interviewing hikers as they returned to the Wapiti Lake Trailhead. Initial contacts with hikers were negative for bear sightings or encounters. Rangers P. Muphree and N. Derene were in the trailhead area and I requested that they stay in the area.

We continued the patrol and at the Clear Lake Trail junction we met two teenage boys, about at 1100 hours, with overnight backpacks that were returning to the trailhead. They were identified as [redacted] The boys reported to us that they had made the 911 call at their father's direction and that they had heard the yelling and screaming. They told us that they had heard a male and female voice yelling and screaming and that the yells had ended. They then could only hear a female voice yelling after a time of silence. After making the 911 call, their father had the boys hike back to the trailhead. I was able to get their father's cell phone number and attempted to call him as we continued east on the trail. I radioed to Rangers Murphree and Derene to return to the trailhead and begin hiking in with an EMS kit and shotgun.

At 1115 hours dispatch reported a second 911 call with the caller reporting that they could only hear one person, a female, who was now yelling for help. The caller, later identified as [redacted] father of [redacted] was also requesting direction from rangers if they should hike further into the area. Through dispatch I instructed that they should stay in their present location and that we should reach them soon. Ranger Speeg and I continued east at an accelerated pace and I was able to connect a cell phone call to [redacted] as I crested a knoll at about 1105 hours. I could see [redacted] and a party of other hikers below me and continued to them. I briefly interviewed the group (six hikers) and they reported hearing two people, a male and a female, yelling and screaming and what sounded like a bear roaring. The yelling had continued a short time and then there was silence. After a while they could hear a lone female yelling for help.

A quick plan was made with the group. Four of the hikers had come upon the scene after the initial yells and none carried bear spray. [redacted] and a male solo hiker, later identified as [redacted] carried bear spray and had heard the initial yells. [redacted] also identified himself as a trauma surgeon. [redacted] reported seeing a sow with two cubs earlier in the area and just to the east of our location. He also reported that a couple had hiked in that direction earlier. The plan was for the group of four (British – see written statements [redacted]) to stay together lower in the clearing and for [redacted] and [redacted] to follow Ranger Speeg and I as we continued east on the trail.

While formulating the plan I could hear faint yells from the east. As we approached the next meadow I could see a lone figure on the far side of the meadow. I called out to the lone person as we approached. I first asked if they were hurt and the person, later identified as M. MATAYOSHI, answered that she was not. As she answered, her head was down. I asked if there was a bear in the area and answered no, not anymore. I asked if someone else was hurt and she said yes, that her husband was dead. I reached her shortly after this. I identified myself to her and she told me her name. She told me that her husband had been attacked by a bear and that he had been killed. She said that he was down the trail. She said that they had seen the bear in the meadow and that they tried to hike back east, but the bear had noticed them. She said the bear began to run at them from the meadow and that they started to run down the trail and yell. She said the bear caught them and hit her husband, B. MATAYOSHI. She said it was a bear with two cubs. She said that she had dropped behind a downed tree and that the bear had lifted her up by her day pack, dropped the pack, and then left the area. M. MATAYOSHI had dried blood on her clothing and body. M. MATAYOSHI had no apparent injuries and she denied being injured.

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INITIAL REPORT AND ACTION TAKEN (2 of 2)

After the brief interview with M. MATAYOSHI, I asked [redacted] if they would stay with M. MATAYOSHI in the open meadow. They answered that they would stay with her. Ranger Speeg and I continued east on the trail from the meadow, crossing an open dry thermal area and entering a lodgepole tree area. Ranger Speeg carried bear spray out and in a ready position and I handgun out in a scanning position. After traveling a distance through the treed area, we came upon a body lying on the south side of the trail. The body, later identified as B. MATAYOSHI, appeared lifeless and had been partially covered with a shirt and light jacket. Ranger Speeg checked B. MATAYOSHI for signs of life. Breathing and carotid pulse were absent and his pupils were fix and dilated. I continued to scan the area and no bears were seen. I then confirmed Ranger Speeg's observations and also observed early signs of lividity at 1130 hours.

Ranger Speeg and I then returned to the meadow and re-contacted M. MATAYOSHI. I confirmed with her that her husband had died. I told her that we did not see the bears in the area. I explained that our plan was to support her and to guard B. MATAYOSHI and remove him from the area. I also explained that we would have to investigate the scene and that this would take time. I asked her if she would like to hike out. She said no and that she would like to stay with B. MATAYOSHI. I told her we would accommodate her wishes as best we could.

Rangers Murphree and Derene had begun hiking into the scene at about 1120 hours. I assigned Muphree to M. MATAYOSHI as a family liaison/victim advocate and Rangers Derene and Speeg would be scene security. Prior to Murphree and Derene's arrival, Speeg and I returned to the mauling sight to guard B. MATAYOSHI [redacted] agreed to stay with M. MATAYOSHI until Rangers Murphree and Derene arrived. As Rangers Murphree and Derene arrived, they directed the four British hikers to return to the trailhead and contact the ranger positioned there. When Rangers Murphree arrived at the meadow she relieved [redacted] and directed them to return to the trailhead.

At about 1138 hours, I contacted Canyon District Ranger, Pat Navaille, by radio and informed him that it was a confirmed fatality from a grizzly bear attack. I requested that Navaille take the role of Incident Commander and he assumed that role. We discussed options for removal of B. MATAYOSHI's body from the scene and the possible need for helicopter support. The radio discussion included investigation, coroner needs, and support. Ranger Speeg took digital photographs of the position of B. MATAYOSHI's body as it was found at about 1145 hours.

I returned to M. MATAYOSHI's location when Rangers Murphree and Derene arrived. Rangers Derene and Speeg took over scene security at this time. A helicopter had been requested from Grand Teton National Park. It arrived and searched the surrounding area for bear activity. The helicopter was guided into the area and was able to locate the scene and potential landing sites. M. MATAYOSHI requested to return to B. MATAYOSHI and this was accomplished with ranger Murphree accompanying her. B. MATAYOSHI's body was covered with a space blanket prior to M. MATAYOSHIs arrival to dissuade flies from landing on him. While walking back to the attack scene I asked M. MATAYOSHI if she could remember the location where B. MATAYOSHI first saw the bear in the meadow. M. MATAYOSHI was able to give me a general location where she believed that the sighting was made. I marked this location and it was used during the investigative measurements (reference point B).

At about 1350 hours, Ranger Coroner Dennis Lojko arrived on scene with Ranger Phil Strehle and Safety Officer Ken Meyer. Lojko was introduced to M. MATAYOSHI and he explained the coroner duties. M. MATAYOSHI returned to the meadow with Murphree. At about 1500 hours, M. MATAYOSHI was flown by helicopter from the meadow to the Canyon area with Murphree accompanying her. Special Agent J. Ivary arrived with this flight to assist with the scene investigation. Lojko completed his examination and B. MATAYOSHI's body was placed in a body bag, secured to a stretcher, and carried to the meadow. From the meadow he was flown internally in the helicopter to the Canyon area. After further examination he was transferred to a Valley Mortuary representative and transported at about 1750 hours to Jackson, WY.

Special Agent Ivary and I, assisted by Rangers Speeg and Derene, continued the scene investigation that included collecting measurements, photographs, and wildlife hair samples. We then hiked out arriving at the Canyon Ranger Station at about 2000 hours.

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INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: (1of 3)

B. and M. MATAYOSHI arrived in Yellowstone on July 05, 2011, entering through the South Entrance Gate. At the South Entrance they received a Yellowstone Today - Summer 2011 edition of the park newspaper. After setting up camp at their reserved campsite at Grant Village, they travelled to Old Faithful. At Old Faithful they walked through the geyser basin and visited the Old Faithful Visitor Center. They picked up a Canyon Area Trail Guide at the visitor center. They returned to their campsite at Grant Village for the night.

On July 06, 2011, they got an early start and travelled to the Canyon area. They parked at the Wapiti Lake Trailhead/Picnic area. They first walked down to the Chittenden Bridge to view the Yellowstone River. They returned to the trailhead and began their hike at about 0830 hours. They would have walked past the trailhead sign which has the standard "Danger: You Are Entering Bear Country" posting. They first hiked to Clear Lake and then returned to the junction of the Clear Lake -Ribbon Lake-Wapiti Lake trails. From here they hiked east and met a single male hiker, later identified as [redacted] They spoke with [redacted] and he pointed out a sow grizzly bear with 2 cubs of the year which he had been viewing and photographing. The bears were to the south of their location feeding in a grassy basin/drainage [redacted] shared his binoculars with them so they could see the bears better. M. MATAYOSHI took photographs of the bears from this location. Time stamps from M. MATAYOSHI's camera show them in this area at 1012 – 1015 hours (adjusted for Daylight Pacific Time).

After speaking with [redacted] they continued their hike of the Ribbon Lake Loop. They hiked about one half mile further before deciding to turn around due to mosquitos. A photograph of a distinctive thermal feature where they turned around has the time stamp of 1045 hours. They now began hiking west, and within about four minutes, B. MATAYOSHI saw a bear with its head down in a meadow. This observation was made across a dry open thermal area, through a thin line of trees and into a green meadow. The distance was later measured (range finder) to be about 100 yards. B. MATAYOSHI indicated sighting to M. MATAYOSHI and she then also saw the bear. She did not remember seeing the cubs at that time. They turned around and began hiking back towards the cover of trees, approximately 20 yards behind them.
M. MATAYOSHI reported that they kept looking back over their shoulders to see the bear. At some point they looked and the bear's head was up and looking at them. When this happened the bear began to come towards them, charging.

B. MATAYOSHI and M. MATAYOSHI then began running east on the trail and yelling. M. MATAYOSHI did not remember looking over her shoulder as they were running, but does remember seeing the cubs behind the sow at some point. After running for about 520 feet (173 yards measured by GPS) the bear caught up to them. M. MATAYOSHI remembered the bear impacting B. MATAYOSHI and that she took cover behind some downed trees. At first she could hear B. MATAYOSHI yelling and the bear growling. She said she attempted to swing her camera around to her side so she could duck down further behind the tree. As she was doing this she realized that it was silent and she looked up. The bear was at B. MATAYOSHI and was looking directly at her. M. MATAYOSHI crouched down and remembered covering her head or neck with her arms and hands. She then felt the bear lift her by her day pack and then it released her. She held that position for what she thought was a short period and then looked up. The bears were gone.

She then went to B. MATAYOSHI and attempted to treat his injuries. He was unresponsive and she heard one exhalation then nothing further. Although I did not ask M. MATAYOSHI directly, it was apparent to me later that in order to treat his injuries, she had rolled him from a face down position to a position more on his side. She had also removed his pack and placed it near his head. M. MATAYOSHI attempted to call 911 from her cell phone but she was unsuccessful. She had attempted 21 calls at 1109 hours based on her cell phone log. She covered B. MATAYOSHI with two light jackets as best she could. She remembers being scared that the bears would return, but did not want to leave B. MATAYOSHI alone. She said she attempted to walk back towards the trailhead multiple times but stopped often, uncertain to leave B. MATAYOSHI alone and not wanting to encounter the bears again. She continued to yell for help. She did make it to the edge of the meadow where the bears were seen and charged from. It was at this location where she was found by responding rangers.

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INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: (2 of 3)

MATAYOSHI's knowledge of hiking in bear country:

- The MATAYOSHIs had traveled to Yellowstone National Park four times previously. M. MATAYOSHI does not remember seeing a bear during these visits.
- She and her family have hiked in black bear territory, observing bears on hikes and from roads in the Mammoth Lakes area in California.

MATAYOSHI's access to information on hiking in bear country for July 2011:

- The MATAYOSHIs received the Yellowstone Today - Summer 2011 edition.
- The newspaper includes information on visiting the park and on page 7, titled Exploring Yellowstone; it has a section titled Bear Country Tips. This section includes information on bear spray and what to do if you encounter a bear.
- The Wapiti Lake Trailhead sign includes a posting titled "DANGER: You Are Entering Bear Country" that provides information on hiking in bear country, what to do if you have an encounter, and using bear spray. In addition, there was a posted "Warning - Bear Frequenting Area" sign and a posting of "Warning – Upper Pelican Creek Trail Closed Due to Bear Danger". These postings were closure information for an area 15 miles distance on the Wapiti Lake Trail.
- The MATAYOSHIs did not carry bear spray.

MATAYOSHI's reaction to the bear encounter:

- The MATAYOSHIs first sighting of the bear on their return hike was at a distance of approximately 100 yards and was through a thin line of trees in front of the meadow.
- Their first reaction was to hike back to cover and it did not appear that the bear was aware of their presence.
- M. MATAYOSHI stated that she wished they had not looked over their shoulders multiple times because that may have slowed them and the bear may have noticed that movement.
- The MATAYOSHIs ran when the bear began to charge.
- The MATAYOSHIs did shout and yell when the bear charged.
- B. MATAYOSHI remained standing just prior to the bear making contact.
- M. MATAYOSHI dropped to the ground, covered her neck, and remained silent.

The bear's reaction and known history:

- The bear began its charge from approximately 100 yards. Tracks from the bear and cubs were observed thermal soil and crossed the trail at an angle to the north.
- At about 80 yards from the meadow the tracks suggested that the bear turned and may have stopped. There are bear cub tracks that lead to this area. This spot also is also at a higher elevation than the trail and offers a slightly improved view down the trail corridor.
- The bear did not appear to continue to maul B. MATAYOSHI after he became quiet. This is based on M. MATAYOSHI's statement there was a period of quiet when she looked up and the bear was looking at her.
- The bear inspected M. MATAYOSHI and did not maul her.
- The bear and cubs departed the area rapidly.
- There is no evidence that the cubs participated in the mauling.
- There is no documented history of this bear having previous encounter with humans.
- A male grizzly bear (boar) had been sighted in the Wapiti Lake Trailhead area during the previous days. It is unknown if the sow had any encounter with the boar.

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INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: (3 of 3)

Investigation results concerning the report of hikers in the Wildlife Management Closure – Howard Eaton and Sour Creek Trails and that hikers hay have been approaching bears:

- The initial report and written statements from visitors at Grizzly Overlook of hikers in the closure area were determined to be unfounded. Grizzly Overlook is located in Hayden Valley and offers views north into the closure area. The initial reports of hikers in the closure most likely fit the description of the MATAYOSHIs, [redacted] and [redacted] parties as they were in the knoll area near the junction of the Wapiti Lake Trail and the Sour Creek Trail. Additional reports of activity in the closure were most likely [redacted] the [redacted] party and the British group of four hikers. This activity would have been between 1050 and 1115 hours, with hikers moving around on the slope as they reacted to the yells and seeking better vantage points. This area is visible from Grizzly Overlook.
- Responding rangers did not observe any hikers in the closure or leaving the closure. No reports were received from hikers on the trail system leading to the incident of any observed closure violation.
- On July 26, 2011, using M. MATAYOSHI's and [redacted] photographs, I located the approximate points from where the photographs were taken. From the series of photographs, I determined the distance to the bears from the hikers/photographers ranged from 333 to 500 yards (0.2 – 0.3 miles).
- I determined that the pictures were taken from the trail corridor and not in the closure. Time stamps from theses photographs leave no, or very little, time to deviate from the trail corridor.
- On visits to Grizzly Overlook, prior to and after the incident, I have determined that you can see a section of the Wapiti Lake Trail corridor as it drops below junction with the Sour Creek Trail. In this area there are terrain features, consisting of small ridges and swales that are hidden when viewing from the Grizzly Overlook. The viewing of this terrain is additionally complicated when viewed through binoculars and/or spotting scopes due to foreshortening.
- The meadow from where the bear began its charge and the attack site are not visible from the Grizzly Overlook.
- I spoke with two of the Grizzly Overlook viewers that submitted written statements [redacted] Both confirmed that they did not see the actual charge or the actual distance of the between the bear and hikers. One observed that the bears appeared unhurried.
- The bears moved about 0.5 miles to the east and north from the time that the MATAYOSHIs and [redacted] viewed them to the time of the attack. This was from the grassy basin to the meadow where the charge began. This 0.5 miles was traveled by the bears in about 35 minutes or at the pace of 1 mile per hour.
- [redacted] remained in the area for a short time once the MATAYOSHIs hiked to the east. In his statement the bears went out of sight around a hillside, which coincides with statements from observers at Grizzly Overlook.
- [redacted] then moved to the east and north. This would be further from the closure. Then he observes the sow in the meadow, and then one cub running in the meadow. This sighting would most likely be at a minimum distance of 266 yards and most likely greater.
- Based on my analysis of the photographs, photograph time stamps, statements and observations, there are no grounds to suspect an illegal approach of the bears by any of the hikers. The closest distance appears to be the MATAYOSHI's unintentional approach of approximately 100 yards prior to the bear's charge.

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Bear Mauling Fatality

COMPLAINANTS NAME	COMPLAINANTS ADDRESS

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

On July 6, 2011 at approximately 1055 I was parked at the Wapiti Trailhead when dispatch notified Canyon patrol of a 911 call reporting someone yelling for help. At 1121 hrs Ranger Derene and I were on the trail headed into the area of the incident with a long gun and medical equipment.

While going into the scene we were charged by a large bull bison. The bison came within approximately 10ft of us and pepper spray was deployed. The bison turned 90 degrees and continued to run up the hill and out of sight.

While hiking into the scene we met 2 hikers and advised them that there had been a mauling and said they could wait on another group we were sending out or hike out immediately. We continued until we meet with a group of hikers on the hill before you drop down into the meadow. They stated that the two males just down the trail were the reporting party.

I observed a female standing just to the right of the two males. I asked if she was the wife of the victim and they said yes. I instructed them to hike out with the others and that there would be rangers at the trailhead waiting to take a report of what they had seen and heard. Ranger Page had informed me that the victim's wife was Marylyn and briefed me on the operational plans as soon as I arrived.

I introduced myself to Marylyn and began my role as family liaison. I offered to hike out with her but she insisted on staying with her husband. We briefed Marylyn on what was going to happen and that it would be hours for the process to occur. She requested that she be able to go back and see Brian. Ranger Page and I explained what she would see but she still wanted to see her husband before anyone else arrived. Marylyn was taken to her husband and stayed there until the coroner team arrived and was then moved out of site of the body. Marylyn and I were airlifted out to the helispot at the Canyon Corrals. We then went to the Canyon backcountry office and from there to Jackson Hole. The communication center arranged for a room at the Antler Hotel for the evening of July 6.

I was with Marylyn from my arrival on scene until her family arrived in Jackson Hole at 2200 hours. The Matayoshi's vehicle was driven to the hotel in Jackson by Ranger Plona.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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SUPPLEMENTARY CASE/INCIDENT RECORD

ORGANIZATION (PARK) NAME	CASE/INCIDENT NUMBER
Yellowstone National Park	11-2587
LOCATION OF INCIDENT	DATE OF INCIDENT
Wapiti Lake Trailhead	07-06-2011
NATURE OF INCIDENT	
Bear Attack - Fatality	
COMPLAINANTS NAME	COMPLAINANTS ADDRESS

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Late Wednesday afternoon, July 6, 2011, Incident Commander Dennis Lojko and I accessed the Honda Ridgeline belonging to Brian and Marylyn Matayoshi, prior to the courtesy drive of the vehicle, by Yellowstone staff, to Jackson Hole on behalf of Mrs. Matayoshi.

I noted several items of information relating to Yellowstone National Park inside the vehicle:

- A Yellowstone National Park newspaper (picture not taken).
- Yellowstone National Park trail guides for Norris Geyser Basin and West Thumb Geyser Basin (pictures taken).
- Lonely Planet travel/tour guide to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks (picture taken).
- Frommer's travel/tour guide to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks (picture taken).
- AAA tour guide for Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming (picture taken).
- AAA Northwestern edition CampBook for Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming (picture taken).
- A Xanterra campground pass/receipt for site E151 listing a checkout date of July 10, 2011 (picture taken).

I did not see a Yellowstone National Park map inside the vehicle.

Items relating to Grand Teton National Park:

- Current entrance pass receipt for Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, purchased at Grand Teton National Park (picture taken).
- Grand Teton National Park map (picture taken).

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Investigative Activity Report

Case Title: Matayoshi Fatality	ISB Case Number: Park Case Number:		
Location: Yellowstone National Park	**Case Status:** Closed	**Report Date:** July 9, 2011	**Report Number:** 2
Report Subject: Interview with Marylyn Matayoshi			

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SUMMARY

On July 6, 2011, at approximately 1040 hours, Brian Dean Matayoshi was attacked and killed by a bear on the Wapiti Lake Trail while hiking with his wife, Marilyn Matayoshi. [redacted] was hiking in the same area and encountered Brian and Marilyn Matayoshi on the trail approximately 30-45 minutes prior to the attack. [redacted] provided a written statement to US Park Ranger Mark Plona detailing the events he observed.

Case Name: Matayoshi Fatality
Person Interviewed: Marylyn Matayoshi
Date/Time: July 7, 2011
Location: Antler Motel Jackson, WY Rm 208
Present for Interview: U.S. Park Ranger Dave Page, ASAC Les Seago
Method of Documentation: Handwritten Notes

Marylyn Matayoshi described she and her husband had travelled from their home in California to Yellowstone. They drove through the Moran entrance station of Grand Teton National Park on July 5, at approximately 11:30 AM. They obtained a campsite at Grant and finished the day at Old Faithful walking the boardwalks. She said this was their fourth visit to Yellowstone and they had never seen a bear in Yellowstone before.

On July 6, 2011, the couple drove to the Canyon District and started the hiking between 7:00 and 8:00 AM. Marylyn described she had wanted to hike the north rim but Brian insisted they hike along a non-paved trail. They saw the Howard Eaton trail was closed and started hiking the Clear Lake trail. The two walked passed the Clear Lake / Wapiti Lake junction.

They met [redacted] after hiking along the trail. He pointed out the sow and her cubs but to Marylyn the bears seemed like boulders. [redacted] gave them his binoculars to use and he talked about his attempt to

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Approving Official/Title Robert W. Mullikin, Special Agent in Charge	**Signature** Robert W. Mullikin Digitally signed by Robert W. Mullikin DN: cn=Robert W. Mullikin, o=National Park Service, ou=Investigative Services, email=Robert_Mullikin@nps.gov, c=US Date: 2011.07.26 17:25:32 -07'00'	**Date**

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hike to Ribbon Lake but he had to turn around due to the mosquitoes. Marylyn said [redacted] seemed to know about the bears and she thought he described them as this year's cubs. Marylyn described the bears being in an open grassy area and beyond the bears was sand and bison. They watched the bears for approximately 10 to 20 minutes.

The Matayoshis continued hiking the trail to Ribbon Lake and Marylyn said she didn't think they walked very far. She described they crossed Hot Spring creek and hiked to an unknown body of water but had to turn around because of the mosquitoes. They did not encounter any other hikers.

On their hike back, Marylyn thought Brian saw the sow first and was not sure if he saw the cubs. They turned around and started hiking back towards the unknown body of water. She said she and Brian kept looking back to watch the mother bear. She saw the sow's "head pop up and I told Brian. She [the sow] started coming at us and Brian said "run." We were running down the trail." Marylyn heard Brian yell and she turned to see the sow "hit him." Marylyn said the cubs were running behind their mother and they were growling. She did not think the cubs were far behind their mother when Brian was attacked. Marylyn said she was running when she went behind some downed trees and she didn't know how she ended up on the ground.

Marylyn described she started to get to her knees in an attempt to take her camera off of her when she saw the sow look at her and started walking towards her location. Marylyn dropped to the ground. She felt a tug on her backpack then the bear was gone. Marylyn did not hear the sow make any noise when the bear came towards her.

Marylyn walked over to her husband and attempted to use a jacket as a tourniquet on Brian's leg and heard a long breath escape from Brian. Marylyn said she tried to call 911 with her cell but could not get a signal. Concerned the bear could be still in the area, Marylyn started to yelling for help.

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Investigative Activity Report

Case Title: Brian Dean Matayoshi—Fatality Investigation	ISB Case Number: ISB-IM-11-0243 Park Case Number: YELL-11-2587		
Location: Yellowstone National Park; Wapiti Lake Trail	Case Status: Closed	Report Date: 07/12/2011	Report Number: 1
Report Subject: Interview of [redacted]			

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SUMMARY:

On July 6, 2011, at approximately 1040 hours, Brian Dean Matayoshi was attacked and killed by a bear on the Wapiti Lake Trail while hiking with his wife, Marilyn Matayoshi. [redacted] was hiking in the same area and encountered Brian and Marilyn Matayoshi on the trail approximately 30-45 minutes prior to the attack. [redacted] provided a written statement to US Park Ranger Mark Plona detailing the events he observed.

On July 7, 2011, at approximately 1300 hours, I interviewed [redacted] at the Yellowstone Justice Center regarding the attack. [redacted] encountered Brian and Marilyn Matayoshi near the Wapiti-Sour Creek Trail Junction. [redacted] pointed out to Brian and Marilyn a grizzly bear sow (female bear) with two cubs foraging in the distance. Brian and Marilyn Matayoshi continued on the trial. [redacted] continued to watch the bear and her cubs until they disappeared behind a hillside. [redacted] changed his viewing location and saw the sow in the vicinity of the trail. Shortly after, [redacted] heard a roar and then a man yelling and a woman screaming. With another group of hikers, [redacted] called 911. When US park rangers arrived, [redacted] assisted with entering the area and providing support to Marilyn Matayoshi. Marilyn Matayoshi described some of the attack to [redacted]

DETAILS:

Date/Time: July 7, 2011; 1300-1500 hours
Location: Yellowstone Justice Center, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, WY
Person Interviewed: [redacted]
DOB [redacted]
SSN: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Telephone Numbers: [redacted]
Present for Interview: [redacted] SA Justin Ivary
Method of Documentation: Handwritten notes

On July 7, 2011, at approximately 1300 hours I interviewed [redacted] at the Yellowstone Justice Center, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, regarding a bear attack which resulted in the

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S/A Justin Ivary		07/14/2011
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death of Brian Matayoshi on July 6, 2011. [redacted] was advised as to my identity and to the nature and purpose of the interview. He agreed to participate in the interview and answer questions. I documented the interview using handwritten notes.

[redacted] said he arrived at the Wapiti Trailhead at 0700 hours and had planned to hike to Ribbon Lake via the Wapiti Trail. [redacted] said he enjoys hiking and photography and has travelled to Yellowstone for these activities in the past. [redacted] knew from talking with people he recently met in the park that there was a bear with two cubs were in the area. [redacted] hiked to an area just prior to Ribbon Lake. He then turned around to hike back via the same trail to the Wapiti Trailhead. During his hike towards Ribbon Lake, [redacted] did not see a bear but he did see tracks in the mud near a small lake (photo IMG_7468; time stamped 7:20 am PST or 8:20 am MST). [redacted] turned around at an unknown thermal feature around 0800 hours. Photo IMG_7650 time stamped 7:24 am PST or 8:24 am MST may be associated with this unknown thermal feature or [redacted] camera.

Near the Wapiti-Sour Creek Trail junction trail junction, approximately 1 mile from the Wapiti Trailhead, [redacted] saw a sow (female bear) grizzly bear with two cubs in a meadow south of the trail. The bears were digging a distance away from the trail, and appeared as specks to the naked eye. The bears did not appear to see or react to [redacted] presence. [redacted] watched the bears with binoculars and photographed them with his camera (The first image of the bears on [redacted] camera is IMG_7655, time stamped 9:00 am PST or 10:00 am MST). During this time, Brian and Marilyn Matayoshi arrived at his location from the direction of the Wapiti Trailhead. [redacted] had been viewing the bears for approximately 5 minutes before Brian and Marilyn Matayoshi arrived. [redacted] pointed out the bears to Brian and Marilyn Matayoshi and allowed them to use his binoculars to better view the bears. [redacted] said Marilyn did look "hesitant" about continuing to hike on the trail likely because of the bears in the area but did not communicate this verbally. [redacted] said they were unsure of where they were hiking to but they did discuss Ribbon Lake. [redacted] and Brian also discussed the bears were far off and not near the trail. Brian and Marilyn continued on their hike towards Ribbon Lake. [redacted] did not hear Brian and Marilyn discuss the bears further nor did he see them take photos of the bears. [redacted] did not see Brian and Marilyn carrying bear spray or hear them discuss bear behavior or precautions.

[redacted] continued to watch the three bears from a location near the trail junction after Brian and Marilyn continued to hike towards Ribbon Lake (near the downfall and green trees above the junction). [redacted] watched the bears until the bears disappeared behind a "hillside" (The last image of the bears on [redacted] camera is IMG_7618, time stamped 9:25 am PST or 10:25 am MST). [redacted] said he had watched the bears for about one half hour from this location. [redacted] said he waited at this location to see if the bears would reappear in the open but they did not.

While waiting for the bears to reappear, [redacted] and his sons arrived at [redacted] location. [redacted] moved to the east, approximately 300-400 feet in the direction of Ribbon Lake, or a third of the way down the hill towards the meadow (Reference point "A" in photo log"). [redacted] wanted some space from [redacted] and his sons and also wanted to see if the bears may reappear. After waiting a short period of time [redacted] saw the sow travel across a meadow (Reference Point "A") toward where he thought the trail was. He could only see the sow for a short period of time and was only visible between "a split in the trees," a series of trees which sat in front of the meadow. [redacted] later saw a cub run towards the trail. The bears were at a distance which made them difficult to see and were obscured by the trees that lined the edge of the meadow. [redacted] did not take photographs.

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[redacted] informed [redacted] who had just moved down to his location, there were bears near the trail and suggested they turn around. [redacted] and his sons discussed their plans as they were permitted for an overnight trip at a location down the trail. After a short and unknown period of time, likely a few minutes, [redacted] heard a "roar" followed by a male's voice "yelling" and a "woman's voice screaming." He assumed the roar was from the bear, the male voice was Brian's voice, and the female voice was Marilyn's voice. The roar, yell, and scream lasted approximately 5-10 seconds.

[redacted] discussed whether to respond to the yelling or to wait. [redacted] son called 911, Yellowstone National Park Dispatch, via cell phone. Four other hikers arrived from the direction of the Wapiti Trailhead. [redacted] thought they may have been British because of their accent and that one of them may be a surgeon. Shortly after, two park rangers arrived.

The two park rangers, [redacted] walked toward the direction of the assumed attack. [redacted] said they saw Marilyn in a sandy area and asked "Are you alright? Do you need help?" Marilyn replied "yes." [redacted] waited with Marilyn in a sandy area while the Rangers checked the area and Brian's body. Marilyn was unhurt and had Brian's blood on her clothing. Marilyn told [redacted] they had seen the bear and had backed up. The bear immediately charged them and Brian pushed her to the ground. Marilyn asked [redacted] why the bear would have attacked. Out of sympathy for what Marilyn had just experienced, [redacted] did not ask her questions.

A female ranger arrived a half hour later to be with Marilyn and [redacted] hiked out to Wapiti Trailhead.

On July 7, 2011, at approximately 1430, [redacted] signed consent to search and seize of his Cannon DS126151 Camera and ATP 4.0 GB memory card. Details of those photos are located in attachment "A."

I looked at the time on [redacted] camera and saw the time was programmed for Pacific Standard Time, and was therefore one hour behind Mountain Standard Time. [redacted] said he did not take additional photographs of the bear which were not on the camera. [redacted] said he did not delete or alter any photographs after the incident. [redacted] last photo is IMG_7719, a photo of the cabins in the Lake Area, time stamped 10:53am PST or 11:53 am MST. The previous photo is the last image of the bears on [redacted] camera is IMG_7618, time stamped 9:25 am PST or 10:00 am MST. [redacted] said no photos were taken between these two images.

ATTACHMENTS:

1) [redacted] photos downloaded from Cannon DS126151 Camera and ATP 4.0 GB memory card.

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Statement Form:

In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

I arrived at the trailhead between 7:00 & 7:30 am. No other cars were here. I intended to hike to Ribbon Lake & back. I had heard there was a grizzly sow & 2 cubs of year in this area but that they had been south of the trail. I hiked to about ½ mile from Ribbon Lake then turned around because of the mosquitos. I saw some bear tracks in the mud near a lake on the way out but no signs of actually seeing any. I came out of the last wooded part of the trail and as I went up the hill near the Sour (creek?) trail junction I saw the bear & her cubs. They were in the valley maybe a mile away. I stood near the trail watching them & taking pictures. I don't know what time it was but Marilyn & Brian came down the trail (from the trailhead). I showed them the bears and let them use my binoculars. The bears were still in the

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I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: [redacted] Date: 7-6-11 Time: 107 PM

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name:	Permanent Address:
Date of Birth / Age:	OLN Number/State
SSN	Number of Pages Page 1 of 2 Pages
Local address:	If residence in park, employer:

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valley. Marilyn & Brian said they were headed for Ribbon Lake and although Marilyn seemed a bit hesitant after seeing the bears we figured they'd be fine. We didn't think they would come up near the trail. They left and I stayed and watched the bears until they went behind a hill. I stayed up there to see if they would come any closer. [redacted] & his boys arrived some time later. I was going to tell them about the bears and began going back down the trail to see if they could be in the meadow by the Ribbon Lake trail. I didn't think they'd be there, but I saw the sow through an opening in the trees. I walked back up the trail & told [redacted] & his boys that they should probably turn around because the bear & her cubs were on the trail. While they debated what to do I checked again and saw one of the cubs run towards the trail. I told [redacted] & his boys that I saw them again and they were on the trail. I advised them not to go further.

I don't know how much time went by... probably a few minutes... when we heard this roar. At first I wasn't sure what it was. Then I heard a woman scream & a man shouting briefly. I figured Brian & Marilyn had decided to return because they

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 7-6-11 Time: 1:07 PM

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hadn't been gone long enough to get to Ribbon Lake & back. The growl, yelling & screaming didn't last long and then there was silence. I asked [redacted] if they had a phone & suggested maybe they go back & get help and I would stay to see if Brian & Marilyn came up the trail. Some other people arrived and we all debated what to do. I didn't think we should go in until the rangers arrived. [redacted] son had made contact with 911 by then. We did start going down the trail, calling out if anyone needed help. Marilyn responded "Yes." I still didn't think we should go in so I suggested [redacted] call 911 again and get some official directions. We were told to wait. The first 2 rangers arrived about

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Signed [redacted] Date: 7-6-21 Time: 1:07 pm

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State
SSN [redacted]	Number of Pages Page 2 of 2 Pages
Local address: LAKE PIONEER CABIN BID TILL SATURDAY	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger): MARK PLUNA	Date/Time: 7/8/21 1315	Case Number: 11-2587

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then. That's also about the time we heard Marilyn calling for help.

I didn't have my watch on during all this so I don't know exactly what time these events occurred.

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Signed [redacted] Date: 7-6-11 Time: 1:07 pm

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In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

MY SONS AND I WERE HIKING EAST BOUND ON WAPITI LAKE TRAIL. AT ABOUT 11 AM APPROXIMATELY 2-3 MILES EAST OF THE TRAIL HEAD JUST EAST OF THE TAKE OFF TO WRANGLER WE ENCOUNTERED A MAN, [redacted] WHO SAID HE SAW A GRIZZLY AND HER CUBS (2), JUST 200 YARDS EAST OF US NEAR THE TRAIL. HE SAID THAT A COUPLE OR MAYBE 3 PEOPLE HAD PASSED HIM AND THAT HE HAD WARNED THEM OF THE GRIZZLY. THIS WAS ABOUT 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL. WE DISCUSSED TURNING BACK OR TAKING AN ALTERNATE ROUTE. WE NEVER ACTUALLY SAW THE GRIZZLIES.

WE THEN HEARD A WOMEN SCREAM, A GROWL AND A MAN SCREAM AND THEN SILENCE. MY SON THEN CALLED 911 TO REPORT WHAT WE HAD HEARD.

WE CALLED OUT TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANYONE WHO NEEDED OUR HELP AND WE HEARD A WOMEN'S VOICE AFTER A FEW MINUTES RESPOND SAYING "HELP". WE CALLED 911 AGAIN TO REPORT THIS AND TO ASK IF WE SHOULD GO IN. WE WERE TOLD TO STAY IN A SAFE AREA UNTIL THE RANGERS ARRIVED. WHEN 2 RANGERS ARRIVED I IDENTIFIED MYSELF AS A TRAUMA SURGEON. THE RANGERS MYSELF AND [redacted] WALKED TOWARDS THE AREA WHERE WE HEARD THE SCREAMS WHERE WE CAME UPON THE VICTIM'S WIFE. THE RANGERS WENT AHEAD ABOUT 50 YARDS WHERE THEY IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM'S BODY. WE WAITED WITH THE WIFE UNTIL OTHER RANGERS SHOWED UP AND WE THEN HIKED OUT.

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I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: [redacted] Date: 7/7/11 Time: 13:00

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY RANGER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State
SSN: [redacted]	Number of Pages: Page ___ of ___ Pages
Local address: LAZY ACRES CABINS, WEST YELLOWSTONE	If residence in park, employer:

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In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

My father, my brother, and I were hiking east on Wapiti Lake trail from the trailhead by Chittenden Bridge. We had just passed the fork to Wrangler Lake when we met up with a photographer who advised us not to go any farther because he had seen a mother grizzly bear and two cubs near the trail in the woods ahead of us. Then we heard a man screaming as if to scare a bear away and a woman screaming in either fear or pain as well. We did not see the bears or the screaming people. My dad and the photographer stayed behind where we stopped while I called 911 and reported what we had heard, then my brother and I went back to the trailhead and stayed in the parking lot. 6 tourists passed us on their way into the area we had left and I warned them to stay away.

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 7/6/11 Time: 12:42 pm

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth/Age: [redacted] [redacted] years old	DL# Number/State:
SSN:	Number of Pages: Page ____ of ____ Pages
Local address:	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger):	Date/Time:	Case Number:
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Statement Form:

In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

My dad ([redacted] the trauma surgeon), my brother ([redacted]), and I were about one and a half to two miles into our hike on Wapiti Lake trail, not too far from the fork to Wrangler Lake, we paused on the edge of a forested valley, where a photographer was hiking up towards us. He warned us of a mother bear with two cubs in the trees, and we began to consider our options of going around the bears or coming back to the trailhead. Just then, we heard a man yelling, as if to frighten the bear away, down in the trees. Seconds later, a woman screamed as well, although it seemed that she was scared rather than trying to get the bears to leave. The photographer and our dad stayed on the ridge over the valley to make sure that if the

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 7/6/11 Time: 12:42 PM

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth/Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State
SSN	Number of Pages Page ____ of ____ Pages
Local address: YELLOWSTONE VACATION CABINS	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger): MARK PLONA	Date/Time: 7/6/11 1235	Case Number: 11-2587

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victims of the attack showed up, they could help them. (They had bear spray as well, so they were not completely defenseless if a bear approached) My brother and I turned around and hiked back, calling 911 as we left, and trying to get a hold of family members and friends who could pick us up, and warning other hikers about the bears.

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed:_____ Date:_____ Time:_____

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As we approached the crest of a ridge on the Wapiti Lake trail 2 kids informed us that there had been an incident over the hill. Their father was over there. We approached the 2 guys who told us that they had seen a grizzly with cubs walking from the east, and had seen a couple walking ahead on the trail. They heard the bear growl and the woman scream. They advised us not to proceed further. We waited to gather and shouted to the women who shouted back asking for help. One of the 2 guys who were originally on the scene ~~had~~ then phoned in to ask for advice as to whether we should go and help. The answer was NO. We waited for 2 rangers to arrive ~~at~~ and we were asked to stay back, which we did. Later 2 further rangers arrived and told us we could walk out and give statements.

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I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: [redacted] Date: 6th July 2011 Time: 12.30

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State
SSN	Number of Pages: Page 1 of 1 Pages
Local address: CANYON CABIN G-7-4	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger): MARC PLUMB	Date/Time: 7/6/11 1250	Case Number: 11-2587

(C) [redacted]

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In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

Set out on a hike from Wapiti Lake trailhead after approx 1 mile approached by two youngsters, who informed us of the possible encounter of 2 tourist ~~[illegible]~~ with what was possibly a Grizzly + cubs. They suggested we did not go further forward than the top of the ridge, where we met two ~~[illegible]~~ men, who once again informed us that there had been an incident. They had informed us that they had actually seen the Grizzly a few minutes before, ~~and~~ and then shortly later, the Grizzly growling and a woman screaming. We tried to see with Binoculars if anything was happening, and then called out, with

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 6-JULY-2011 Time: 12:30 pm

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State
SSN	Number of Pages Page ____ of ____ Pages
Local address: CANYON CABIN G7-6	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger): MARK PLUMP	Date/Time: 9/6/11 1250	Case Number: 11-2587

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a reply of 'help' from down beyond the meadow.

One of the men phoned 911, to ask for advice, and shortly after 2 Rangers appeared. and it was decided that the two men with bear spray & the two Rangers would approch the area, and our group of 4 would stay back, in case needed.

After approx 30 mins, two more rangers arrived, and we made our way back to the Trail head.

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed:_____ Date:_____ Time:_____

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On Wapiti Lake trail; came up to a hill & met 2 young people coming towards us who said there was a grizzly bear & cubs in the forest & they had called 911 & their dad was waiting there. We went over the ridge to the dad & another m. & he called out towards the forest to ask if anyone needed help. A lady called back "Help". He phoned 911? again & we were told to wait there together as there were 6 of us & 2 had bear spray. Could have been around 11.15ish 6th July. The man said he had seen the grizzly & cubs - heard growling & a scream - He sent his two children? back to the trailhead & they were the ones we met

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 6 July 2011 Time: 1230

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State [redacted]
SSN	Number of Pages Page ____ of ____ Pages
Local address: Canyon Village Cabins G7-4	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger): MARK PLUNA	Date/Time: 7/6/11 1250	Case Number: 11-2587

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(H) [redacted]

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In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

PARKED CAR + WAS HEADED TOWARDS WAPITA LAKE, AFTER ABOUT 1 MILE TWO KIDS WARNED US THAT THEIR DAD HAD SENT THEM BACK TO WARN RANGERS OF A POSSIBLE BEAR ATTACK — THEY'D HEARD A LADYS SCREAM, A BEAR ROAR + A MANS SHOUT, WE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT NEED HELP SO PROCEEDED OVER THE HILL + CAME ACROSS THE KIDS DAD + ANOTHER MAN, WHO SAID THEY'D SEEN THE BEAR + CUBS AT ONE END OF THE WOODS + A WOMAN A MAN WALK DOWN THE TRAIL TOWARDS THE WOODS, AT ABOUT THE TIME THE BEARS ENTERED THE WOODS, THEY THEN HEARD THE SCREAM ROAR + SHOUT, WE ALL STAYED TOGETHER WHILE THE CHILDRENS DAD PHONED THE RANGERS, TO ASK IF WE SHOULD GO TO HELP, WE WERE ALL ADVISED TO WAIT WHERE WE WERE UNTIL THE RANGERS CAME WE HEARD THE LADY SHOUT FOR HELP + SHOUTED BACK TO HER. 2 RANGERS CAME + ASKED IF ANYONE

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 6 JUL 2011 Time: 12.30

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted] YEARS	OLN Number/State
SSN	Number of Pages Page 1 of 2 Pages
Local address: CABIN CANYON LODGE 576	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger):	Date/Time:	Case Number:
MARK PLUNA	7/6/11 1230	11-2857

(A) [redacted]

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HAD BEAR SPRAY, THE 2 OTHER MEN DID, WE DIDNT, SO WERE TOLD TO WAIT WHERE WE WERE IN CASE WE WERE NEEDED A AFTER A WHILE 2 MORE RANGERS APPEARED WHO ADVISED US TO GO BACK TO THE TRAIL HEAD - MAKING NOISE - & REPORT TO THE RANGERS

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: [redacted] Date: 6 JULY 2011 Time: 12.30

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Please state the facts of what happened in your own words (describe the who, what, when, where, & how).

On July 8th, 2011 I was with my wife [redacted] and others at "Grizzly Overlook" in Hayden Valley watching for the Canyon Pack wolves. I don't have specific times for anything, but the events following ocurred during the 10 o'clock hour, and lasted roughly 30-40 minutes. We noticed three persons in a small grove of conifers to the North in an area we thought to be in the closure for the Canyon Wolves Rendevous. The grove of conifers is an island, surrounded by meadow with a drainage swale to its south that runs roughly E-W. The 3 people were standing in the trees at the SW end of the grove, looking around apparently with binoculars. There was a large man with dark (black?) hair, dressed entirely in white, with knee length shorts & a short-sleeved shirt. He carried something rod-shaped that occaissionally glinted silver. The second person appeared to be a woman, much smaller, dressed in light green pants & a dark blue or green shirt & I think a wide-brimmed hat, & carrying a small backpack. The third person was wearing a sleeveless shirt & had a bright green top layer of clothing hanging at her belt. After several minutes (~15), they split up and the first two people walked down into the drainage swale moving ~SE. The third person remained in the trees. Before they split, we had alerted one of the two Park Service Interpretive Rangers because we believed the people were in the closure. He in turn had radioed for law enforcement. Subsequently, a female Ranger arrived and was shown where the people were and given descriptions. She left to go attempt to contact the subjects. (Continued on back)

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I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make corrections thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward. [redacted]

Signe[redacted] Date: July 8th, 2011 Time: 3:00 pm

Name [redacted]	Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]
Permanent Address: [redacted]	Local address: Slough Creek Campground #6 - until Fri. July
Driver's License Number / State [redacted]	If residence in park, list employer
Telephone Number: [redacted] verizon cell	Number of Pages Page ____ of ____ Pages

Investigating Ranger:	Date/Time:	Case Number: 11-2587

White 2003 Toyota Tundra w/ cab-high camper shell. [redacted]
Pulling a 23' Wildwood Travel Trailer

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At some point, we also noticed two groups of people on the meadow horizon behind (N-NE) of the location of the three subjects. These two groups totaled ~ 20 people. They appeared to be watching something to their South. After the three subjects split up, the third person (in sleeveless shirt) appeared uneasy – she paced back & forth, looking around. At one point she exited the trees & walked ~ 100yds. NW into the meadow, then stopped and returned to the trees, then continued pacing and looking about. I'm unsure of the exact sequence of events, but after the third woman returned to the trees, a second group of three more people came down from the North & joined the third woman with sleeveless top. After the man in white and the smaller woman disappeared into the drainage swale, & disappeared behind a point of trees in the foreground, we observed a Sow grizzly with two COYs near the point of trees moving E-NE, going out of view into the trees. The bears appeared calm & unhurried, & appeared to be headed for the same area as the two people. I alerted the Interpretive Ranger to this fact, because we thought an encounter might occur. After the second group of three met the woman in sleeveless top, they paused for a few moments (maybe less than 1 minute) and all walked into drainage swale, following ~ the same path as the first two. Now there were 6 people in close proximity to the Sow & cubs, which I told the Interpretive Ranger immediately. Except for the sleeveless topped woman pacing & looking uneasy, neither people or bears appeared agitated or alarmed when we observed them. At about 11:00 am, [redacted] and I departed Grizzly Overlook & drove to the Grebe Lake Trailhead. We hiked to Wolf Lake & back, then returned to Grizzly Overlook for evening wolf watching. On the way we saw the road closed a Chittenden Bridge, a parked helicopter across the road & many Ranger patrol vehicles with lights flashing. When we arrived at Grizzly Overlook and learned what had happened. We discussed with others that had been there, the possibility of what we witnessed in the 10:00 o'clock hour being the incident. We all thought it probably was.

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed [redacted] Date: 7/8/11 Time: 3:00 pm

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In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

WAS on the look out point where wolfs hAVe been Seen. Noticed hikers Coming down a hill. One WAS wearing white the other was wearing what I thought was blue. The other people that were waiting to See wolfs SAW them Also. We Told the Rangers that were present about the hikers and they CAlled it in. ANother group of Rangers CAME, Looked through the Scope to See the Hikers. They were trying to decide if the Hikers were allowed to be there or not. It was a gray area To them.

Before the hikers were Spotted a bear with cubs went into the group of trees. The others present with Scopes had Spotted them.

The Hikers went towards the group of trees where the bears had gone earlier. The people present along with myself was concerned about the hikers running into the bears.

Later on I SAW a group of hikers which appeared to be on a hiking trip on a Trail near where the other hikers were near. This is to the best of my recollection.

Did not Keep track of Time. WAS at the look out point from @ 9AM - 11AM

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 6 July 2011 Time: 8 15pm

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]	DLN Number/State: [redacted]
SSN:	Number of Pages: Page 1 of 1 Pages
Local address: [redacted]	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger): JOHNSON	Date/Time: 7-6-11 2010	Case Number: 11-2587

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I was at the high overlook in Hayden Valley, viewing the ~~rendezvous~~ rendezvous sight of the Canyon wolf pack. I arrived around 0730 hrs. and left between 1100 and 1130 hours. At approximately 1000 hours, one of the wolf watchers, [redacted], spotted hikers moving down a slope in the valley from ~~east~~ west to east. I found them in my binoculars. It appeared to be a group of 3 - I saw blue and white colored clothing among the three. [redacted] said that one was wearing khaki-colored pants and a darker shirt, and carrying something "orange." The group was well off trail, and all of the wolf watchers were upset because ~~that~~ they seemed to be in a restricted area. They moved down the slope, and [redacted] said that she saw the group looking down slope through binoculars, as if observing something. Two interpretive rangers were at the overlook, and we told them about the hikers. One of the rangers called law enforcement. We continued to watch the hikers, who went out of view behind some trees. Periodically we could see them -

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 07-06-2011 Time: 1300

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth/Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State
SSN	Number of Pages Page ____ of ____ Pages
Local address: [redacted] GRANT VILLAGE 629 F	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Ranger):	Date/Time: 7/6/2011	Case Number: 11-2587

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* Note: Just after we initially saw the first group of 3 hikers, a very large hiking group walked out onto exposed trail above them, then went out of view.

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whoever was wearing white and/or blue clothing stood out very strongly. Two law enforcement rangers arrived shortly - a young man and an older woman. The female ranger looked through [redacted] scope, and I believe she saw the hikers. The two LE rangers then left, to investigate. Other hikers then appeared coming down the slope. Through my binoculars I saw more white clothing - this appeared to be a group of four. Soon after, another wolf watcher named [redacted] husband), said that he spotted a sow with cubs, close to where the hikers were. I believe a couple other wolf watchers saw the bear as well through their scopes. [redacted] watched the bears for a short time, then said that they moved out of view into a group of trees, which were located down the slope. Then [redacted] remarked that "the hikers" were heading right into the group of trees where the bears went. I'm not sure which group of hikers he was referring to. At one point a hiker in bright or light green appeared alone upslope from the trees. Then [redacted], myself, and others saw what appeared to be the first group of hikers (3), run down the slope toward a group trees. We remarked that they were moving pretty quickly. All of us were expressing concern that the hikers were close to the bears in a restricted area. I don't recall seeing the hikers emerge from the trees. I then left the overlook at approximately 1100-1115 hours, and went to the Wapiti picnic area to use the restroom. That is when I discovered that there had been a bear related fatality.

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: [redacted] Date: 7/6/2011 Time: 1300 hrs.

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In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

We were in the grizzly overlook this morning (July 6) watching the wolf rendezvous area for wolves from about 8:30 or 9:00 to around 11:00 or 11:30. As we were watching I saw hikers coming down the mountain from the street area. I saw 3 people, one in all white, one white w/ khaki, one in bright green. I could not tell if they were men or women. They continued down to the first group of trees. The people we were sitting with called for the park rangers because the hikers kept going further down the mountain in the direction of the wolf area. The man by me had a large scope saw a grizzly and 2 cubs in the trees further down from the hikers. He pointed them out to me but through my binoculars I could only see the adult grizzly, not the cubs. I watched the grizzly until she went into the trees. After I think about 10 or 15 minutes, the hikers continued down the mountain and went into the grove of trees where the grizzly was. They stayed in the trees for awhile (I'm not sure how long). I was still looking

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Signed [redacted] Date: July 6, 2011 Time: 8:10 p.m.

SHADED AREA [redacted] cell [redacted] hm

[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
Island Park Yale Creek Cabin	Number of Pages: Page 1 of 2 Pages
[redacted]	If residence in park, employer
Statement given to Ranger	Date/Time: [illegible] Case Number: [illegible]

for the wolves but every now and then I would scan up to see if the hikers were there but I didn't see them. After awhile I saw people run out of the trees and go down the mountain a little further into different trees. I don't know how many hikers were there - I know I saw the person in bright green and at least one person in white. They were running quickly and I only saw them for a very short time.

[redacted] July 6, 2011

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We arrived at the "Grizzly Overlook" at around 9:00 AM on 6 July 2011. ~~People~~ After a short time some of the people noticed hikers in an area they believed to be closed. There was a ranger at the scene who was notified and after confirming the hikers' presence-notified law enforcement. I did not see the bear, but I did notice three or four hikers (I could not be sure because of my binocular's limitations) the people who saw the bear said that a clump of trees that the hikers were entering was where the bear went 10-15 minutes earlier. I saw the hikers enter the clump of trees and after a few minutes (5-10) ~~they~~ I saw what appeared to be 3 hikers moving quickly from the clump of trees down the hill through a clearing to another group of trees. We never saw them come out although we were at the overlook until approximately 11:00 AM. I can't describe the colors because I have color deficiency, but I know at least one of the people was wearing a white shirt.

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Signed: [redacted] Date: 6 July 2011 Time: 8:10P

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: [redacted]	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth/Address: [redacted]	Clerk Number/State: DL [redacted]
SSN:	Number of Pages: Page 1 of 1 Pages
Local address: C [redacted] H [redacted]	If residence in park, employer: [illegible]
Statement given to (Ranger): [illegible]	Date/Time: [illegible] Case Number: [illegible]

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7/6/11 While on duty at Grizzly overlook, 7:00-9:00AM wildlife talk. Visitors reported to me that a group of three was off trail and could be seen through spotting scopes time Appox 10:00-10:30AM. The visitors also reported seeing sow w/2 cubs in the same area. I personally could see 3 people off trail in the spotting scope. These people were off the trail walking towards the wolf site. Details were reported to me by a Lake Ranger on traffic duty at Grizzly Overlook. The Lake Ranger took clothing color details for the group of three. One of the group of three had white clothing on, one had Kayak & Blue. One had an Orange backpack. I left Grizzly overlook at Appox 11:00 AM while driving back to Canyon I heard Bardia

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Signed: [signature] Date: 7/6/11 Time: 6:30 PM

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: Kenneth B. Conway	Permanent Address: [redacted]
Date of Birth / Age: [redacted]	OLN Number/State: [redacted]
SSN:	Number of Pages: Page 1 of 2 Pages
Local address: [redacted]	If residence in park, employer: NPS Canyon Interp

Statement given to (Ranger):	Date/Time:	Case Number:
Gregory Fontaine	7/6/11 1845	11-2587

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[illegible] coming from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
I stopped and helped remove water from
Picnic areas and there went to [illegible]
at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], while there I helped
and cleaned the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I talked
to several people of [illegible] exiting the
trail.

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Signed: [signature] Date: 7/4/11 Time: 6:[illegible] A

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National Park Service
Investigative Services Branch

Investigative Activity Report

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Case Title: Brian Dean Matayoshi—Fatality Investigation	**ISB Case Number: ISB-IM-11-~~XXX_Significant Assist~~** **Park Case Number: YELL-11-2587**		
Location: Yellowstone National Park; Wapiti/Clear Lake Trail	**Case Status: Closed**	**Report Date:** 07/07/2011	**Report Number: Photo Log**

Report Subject:
Photographs of Scene of Bear Attack and Fatality

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Camera:	Nikon D 50 #3353216; AF-S Nikon 55-200 Lens
DATE of Photos:	07/06/2011
TIME of Photos:	1500-1700
LOCATION of Photos:	Wapiti/Clear Lake Trail

#	Image # or ID:	Description of Photo Subject:
1.	DSC_0001	Suspected bear scat located at or near Reference Point "A" (Evidence Item #1) Coordinates: N 44 42.461; W 110 28.644
2.	DSC_0002	Overview of meadow at Reference Point "A"
3.	DSC_0003	View from Reference Point "A" to Reference Point "B"
4.	DSC_0004	Bear tracks and suspected bear scat adjacent to trail between "A" and "B" (Evidence Item #2); Coordinates: N 44 42.468; W 110 28.598
5.	DSC_0005	Bear track adjacent to trail between Reference Points "A" and "B".(Evidence Item #2)
6.	DSC_0006	Bear tracks and suspected bear scat adjacent to trail between "A" and "B" (Evidence Item #2); Possible area of stop and hesitation. Coordinates: N 44 42.468; W 110 28.598
7.	DSC_0007	Trail and soil disturbance (bear track sign). Reference Point "B" is visible—down log center of photo.
8.	DSC_0008	Trail. Reference Point "B" is down log. Photo is looking east toward Reference Point "C" (not visible).
9.	DSC_0009	View from Reference Point "B"(area where witness #1 reports seeing bear and retreating east from) to Reference Point "A" (meadow where bear was seen). Coordinates: N 44 42.467 W 110 28.577
10.	DSC_0010	Stride Analysis of bear tracks adjacent to trail between Reference Points "B" and "C". Coordinates: N 44 42.69 W 110 28.564
11.	DSC_0011	Stride Analysis of bear tracks adjacent to trail between Reference Points "B" and "C". Coordinates: N 44 42.69 W 110 28.564
12.	DSC_0012	Unknown skid-like ground disturbances on trail between Reference Points "B" and "C". Coordinates: N 44 42.475 W 110 28.507

Reporting Official/Title SA Justin Ivary	**Signature**	**Date** 07/14/2011
Approving Official/Title ASAC Les Seago	**Signature** L.Seago Digitally signed by L.Seago DN: cn=L.Seago, o=ISB, ou=Yellowstone Field Office, email=Les_Seago@nps.gov, c=US Date: 2011.07.14 16:42:41 -06'00'	**Date**

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13.	DSC_0013	Out of focus photo
14.	DSC_0014	Unknown hair on tree branch adjacent to trail between Reference Points "B" and "C" (Evidence Item #3). Coordinates: N 44 42.482 W 110 28.481
15.	DSC_0015	Reference Point "C" (fatality site) is in foreground (blood visible on trail): Reference Point "D" is in background (where Witness #1 reports hiding and is attacked by bear).
16.	DSC_0016	Reference Point "C" (fatality site) is in foreground (blood visible on trail): Coordinates: N 44 42.481 W 110 28.476
17.	DSC_0017	Reference Point "D" (where Witness #1 reports hiding and is attacked by bear). Coordinates: N 44 42.467 W 110 28.577
18.	DSC_0018	Reference Point "D" is in foreground (where Witness #1 reports hiding and is attacked by bear). Background is reference point "C" the fatality site. Distance is approximately 15 feet.
19.	DSC_0019	Unknown hair samples collected at Reference Point "D" (Evidence Item #4). Coordinates: N 44 42.467 W 110 28.577
20.	DSC_0020	Suspected bear scat collected near Reference Points "C" and "D".
21.	DSC_0021	Overview of suspected bear scat collected near Reference Points "C" and "D". Ruler marks scat. Log visible in background is adjacent to fatality site (Evidence Item #5)
22.	DSC_0022	Overview of Wapiti Trailhead Sign Board.
23.	DSC_0023	Wapiti Trailhead Sign: "Danger: You Are Entering Bear Country";" If you encounter a Bear…If a Bear Charges…If the Bear Makes Physical Contact.." (Evidence Item #6)
24.	DSC_0024	Wapiti Trailhead Sign: "Warning July 3, 2011 Bear Frequenting Area. There is no guarantee of your safety while hiking or camping in bear country." (Evidence Item #7)
25.	DSC_0025	Overview of Wapiti Trailhead Sign Board and Trail.

ATTACHMENT(s):

1. Photo Log displaying photos listed above
2. Evidence Inventory
3. Evidence Report Forms

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Investigative Activity Report

Case Title: Brian Dean Matayoshi—Fatality Investigation	**ISB Case Number: ISB-IM-11-0243** **Park Case Number: YELL-11-2587**		
Location: Yellowstone National Park; Wapiti Lake Trail	**Case Status:** Closed	**Report Date:** 07/07/2011	**Report Number:** Photo Log
Report Subject: **Photographs of Scene of Bear Attack and Fatality**			

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Camera	Nikon D 50 #3353216; AF-S Nikon 55-200 Lens
Photographer:	SA Justin Ivary
DATE of Photos:	07/06/2011
TIME of Photos:	1500-1700
LOCATION of Photos:	Wapiti/Clear Lake Trail

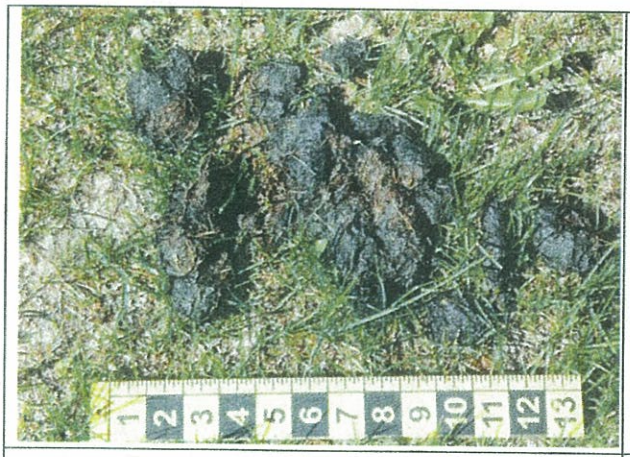

PHOTO #1

DESCRIPTION: Suspected bear scat located at or near Reference Point "A" (Evidence Item #1) Coordinates: N 44 42.461; W 110 28.644

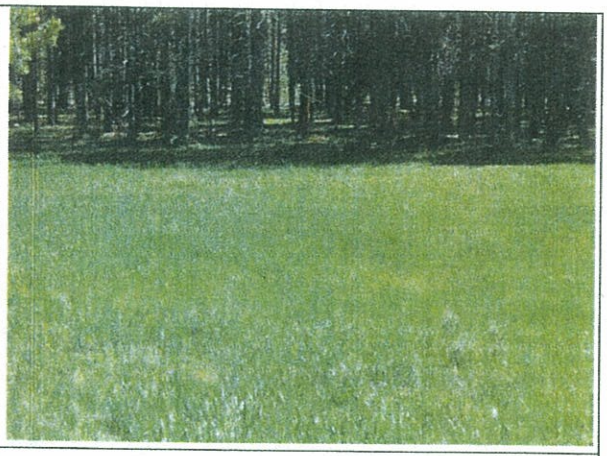

PHOTO #2

DESCRIPTION: Overview of meadow at Reference Point "A"

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Approving Official/Title ASAC Les Seago	**Signature** L.Seago Digitally signed by L.Seago DN: cn=L.Seago, o=ISB, ou=Yellowstone Field Office, email=Les_Seago@nps.gov, c=US Date: 2011.07.14 11:18:10 -06'00'	**Date**

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PHOTO #3

DESCRIPTION: View from Reference Point "A" to Reference Point "B"; approximately 103 yards (Ranger visible at Reference Point "B").

PHOTO #4

DESCRIPTION: Bear tracks and suspected bear scat adjacent to trail between Reference Points "A" and "B". Coordinates: N 44 42.468; W 110 28.598

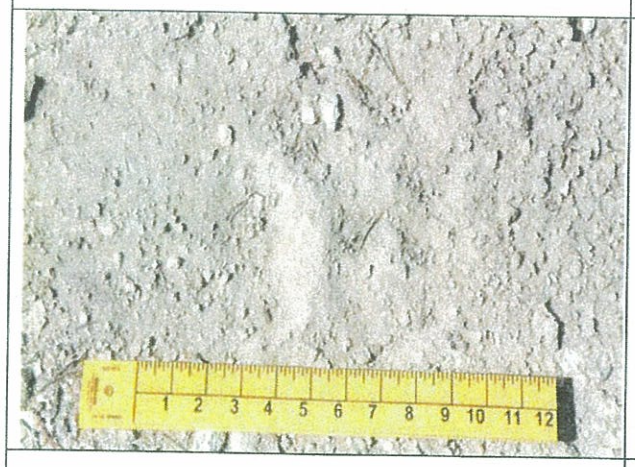

PHOTO #5

DESCRIPTION: Bear track adjacent to trail between Reference Points "A" and "B".

PHOTO #6

DESCRIPTION: Bear tracks and suspected bear scat adjacent to trail between "A" and "B" (Evidence Item #2). Possible area of stop and hesitation. Coordinates: N 44 42.468; W 110 28.598

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PHOTO #7

DESCRIPTION: Trail and soil disturbance (bear track sign). Reference Point "B" is visible—down log center of photo.

PHOTO #8

DESCRIPTION: Trail. Reference Point "B" is down log. Photo is looking east toward Reference Point "C" (not visible).

PHOTO #9

DESCRIPTION: View from Reference Point "B"(area where witness #1 reports seeing bear and retreating east from) to Reference Point "A" (meadow where bear was seen). Coordinates: N 44 42.467 W 110 28.577

PHOTO #10

DESCRIPTION: Stride Analysis of bear tracks adjacent to trail between Reference Points "B" and "C". Coordinates: N 44 42.69 W 110 28.564

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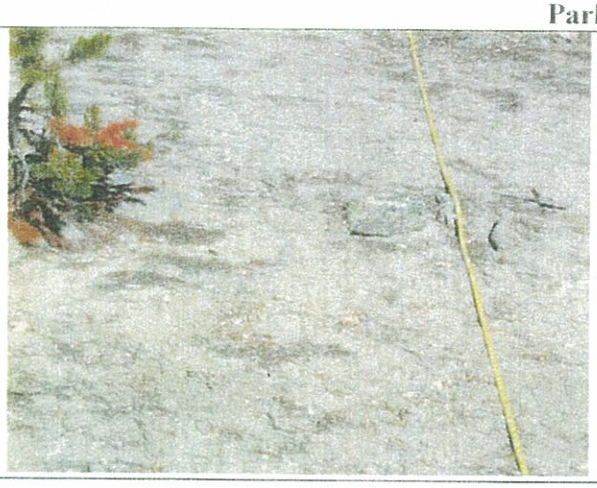

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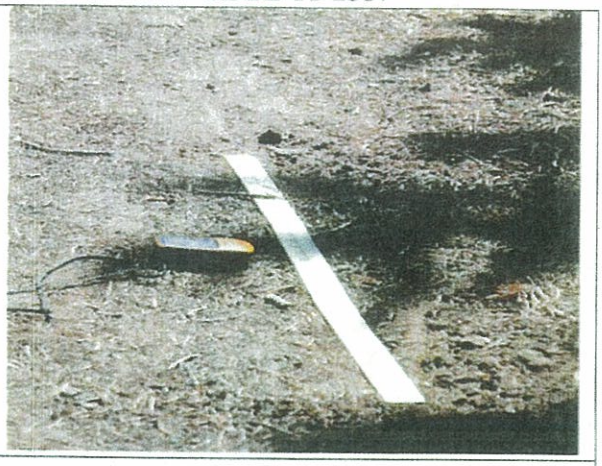

PHOTO #12

DESCRIPTION: Unknown skid-like ground disturbances on trail between Reference Points "B" and "C". Coordinates: N 44 42.475 W 110 28.507

PHOTO #13

DESCRIPTION: Out of focus photo.

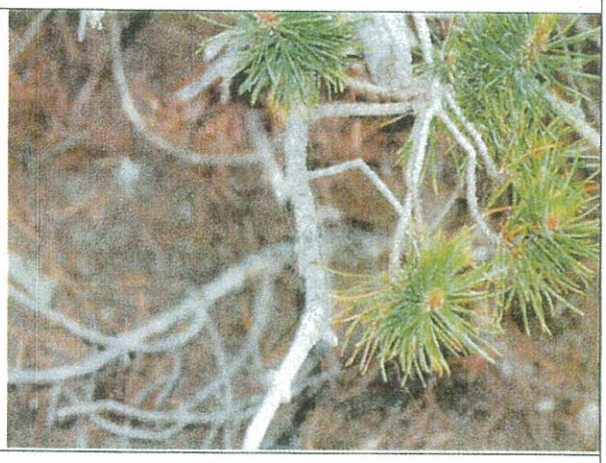

PHOTO #14

DESCRIPTION: Unknown hair on tree branch adjacent to trail between Reference Points "B" and "C" (Evidence Item #3). Coordinates: N 44 42.482 W 110 28.481

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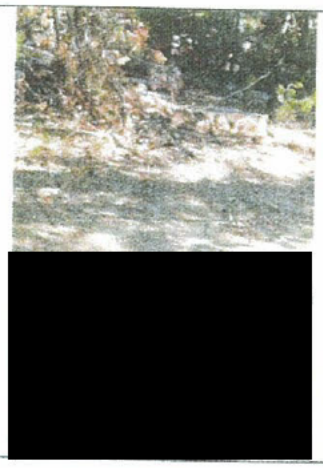
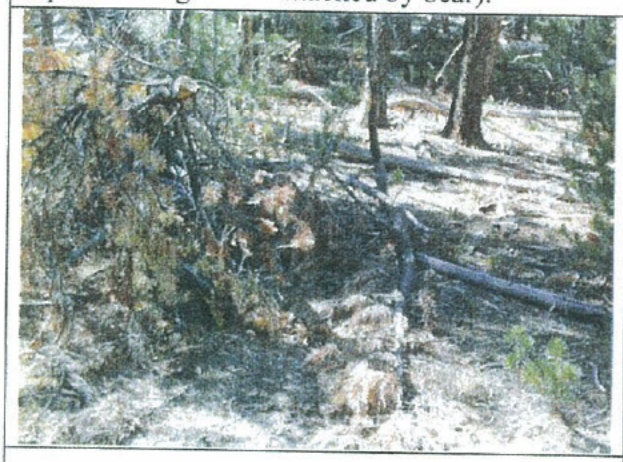


PHOTO #15

DESCRIPTION: Reference Point "C" (fatality site) is in foreground (blood visible on trail); Reference Point "D" is in background (where Witness #1 reports hiding and is attacked by bear).

PHOTO #16

DESCRIPTION: Reference Point "C" (fatality site) is in foreground (blood visible on trail); Coordinates: N 44 42.481 W 110 28.476



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DESCRIPTION: Reference Point "D" (where Witness #1 reports hiding and is attacked by bear). Coordinates: N 44 42.482 W 110 28.474

PHOTO #18

DESCRIPTION: Reference Point "D" is in foreground (where Witness #1 reports hiding and is attacked by bear). Background is reference point "C" the fatality site. Distance is approximately 15 feet.

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PHOTO #19

DESCRIPTION: Unknown hair samples collected at Reference Point "D" (Evidence Item #4). Coordinates: N 44 42.482 W 110 28.474

PHOTO #20

DESCRIPTION: Suspected bear scat collected near Reference Points "C" and "D".

PHOTO #21

DESCRIPTION: Overview of suspected bear scat collected near Reference Points "C" and "D". Ruler marks scat. Log visible in background is adjacent to fatality site.

PHOTO #22

DESCRIPTION: Overview of Wapiti Trailhead Sign Board.

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PHOTO #23

DESCRIPTION: Wapiti Trailhead Sign: "Danger: You Are Entering Bear Country";" If you encounter a Bear…If a Bear Charges…If the Bear Makes Physical Contact…" (Evidence Item #6)

PHOTO #24

DESCRIPTION: Wapiti Trailhead Sign: "Warning July 3, 2011 Bear Frequenting Area. There is no guarantee of your safety while hiking or camping in bear country." (Evidence Item #7)

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PHOTO #25

DESCRIPTION: Overview of Wapiti Trailhead Sign Board and Trail.

PHOTO #26

DESCRIPTION: N/A

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PHOTO #27 DESCRIPTION: N/A	***PHOTO #28*** DESCRIPTION: N/A

ATTACHMENT:

1. Photos listed above
2. Case Evidence Inventory

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PHOTOS TAKEN BY: Fontaine, G.		DATE OF PHOTO: 07-06-2011

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PHOTO #1

DESCRIPTION: View of Matayoshi vehicle and Wapiti Lake Trailhead. View is East to Southeast. Approximately as it looked July 6, 2011 prior to event. Camera: Sara McCormick. Image #3934

PHOTO #2

DESCRIPTION: View of Wapiti Lake Trail at edge of parking lot. Approximately as it looked July 6, 2011 prior to event. View is East. Camera: Sara McCormick. Image #3943

PHOTO #3

DESCRIPTION: View of Wapiti Lake Trail with Wolf Closure sign in foreground and Trailhead Bullettin Board in BacGround. Approximately as it looked July 6, 2011 prior to event. Camera Canon PowerShot SD870. Image# 0674

PHOTO #4

DESCRIPTION: View of Wapiti Lake Trailhead bulletin board. Approximately as it looked July 6, 2011 prior to event. View: East. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image # 0667

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PHOTO #5

DESCRIPTION: Close-up of Bulletin Board as it looked 07-06-2011 prior to Event. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image:

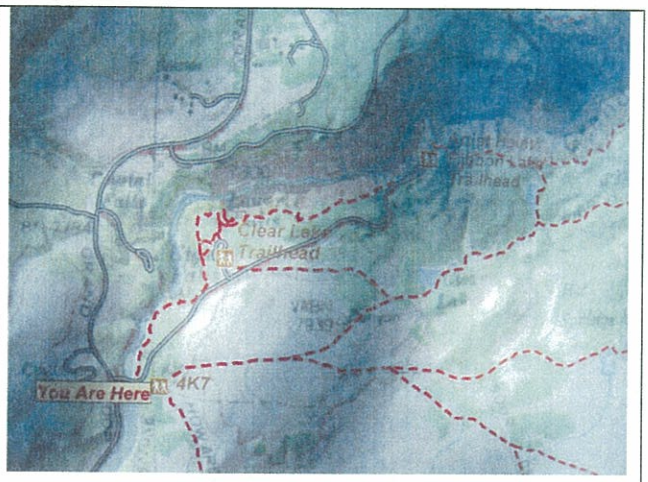

PHOTO #6

DESCRIPTION: Close-up of posted map showing current trails. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image # 0666

PHOTO #7

DESCRIPTION: Close-up of bulletin board showing "Bear Frequenting" sign; "Closed due to Bear Danger" sign for Pelican Valley; and "You are Entering Bear Country" sign. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image # 0662

PHOTO #8

DESCRIPTION: Close-up of "You are Entering Bear Country" sign. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image # 0656

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PHOTO #9

DESCRIPTION: : Close-up of bulletin board showing "Bear Frequenting" sign; "Closed due to Bear Danger" sign for Pelican Valley; and "Yellowstone Backcountry Users" sign. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image # 0663

PHOTO #10

DESCRIPTION: "Attention Backcountry User" sign. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image: #0658

PHOTO #11

DESCRIPTION: Inset on lower right side of topographical map found on trailhead bulletin board. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image: #0665

PHOTO #12

DESCRIPTION: Start of Clear Lake/Wapitit Lake trail at edge of Wapiti Picnic area and trailhead. Approximately as it looked on July 6, 2011 prior to event. Camera: Sara McCormick. Image #3945

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PHOTO #13

DESCRIPTION: Sign at first fork in trail. Approximate look on July 6, 2011 prior to event. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870.Image: #0671

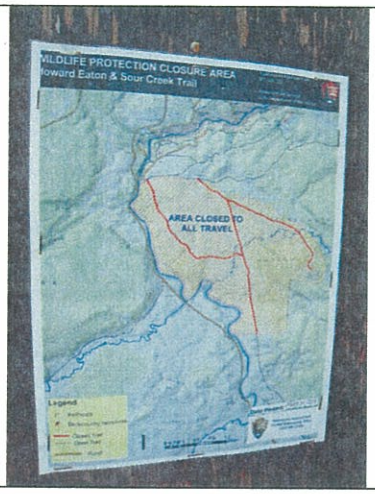

PHOTO #14

DESCRIPTION: Close-up of Wolf Closure map. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image: 0673

PHOTO #15

DESCRIPTION: Destination mileage signs. Canon PowerShot SD870. Image: #0677

PHOTO #16

DESCRIPTION: Destination mileages. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image: #0678

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PHOTO #17

DESCRIPTION: View from rear of Wapiti Lake Trailhead Bulletin Board. Camera: Canon PowerShot SD870. Image: #0670

PHOTO #18

DESCRIPTION: Norris Geyser Basin Trail guide found in Matayoshi vehicle. Camera: Sara McCormick. Image #3917

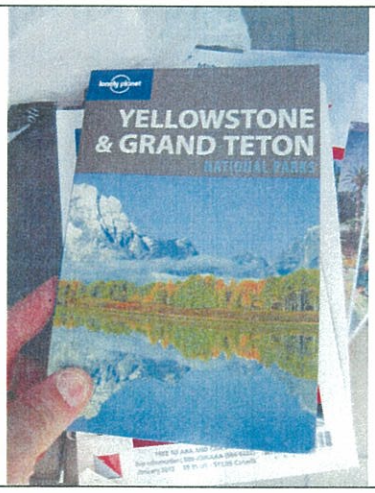

PHOTO #19

DESCRIPTION: Lonely Planet Travel Guide for GTNP and YNP found in Matayoshi vehicle. Camera: Sara McCormick. Image #3919

PHOTO #20

DESCRIPTION: Frommer Travel Guide for Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks and AAA Campbook for Wyoming found in Matayoshi vehicle. Camera: Sara McCormick. Image #3924

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PHOTOS TAKEN BY: Ranger Brian Speeg		DATE OF PHOTO:	07-06-2011

PHOTO #1

DESCRIPTION: View of body of Brian MATAYOSHI as found at mauling location. Shirt was moved from covering head to check for signs of life.
View is East. Camera: Canon. Image #0299

PHOTO #2

DESCRIPTION: View of body of Brian MATAYOSHI as found at mauling location. Shirt was moved from covering head to check for signs of life.
View is East. Camera: Canon. Image #0300

PHOTO #3

DESCRIPTION: View of body of Brian MATAYOSHI as found at mauling location. Shirt was moved from covering head to check for signs of life.
View is North. Camera: Canon. Image #0301

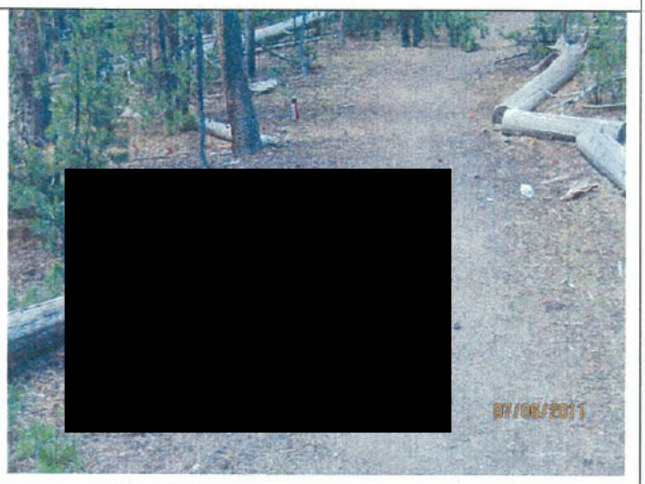

PHOTO #4

DESCRIPTION: View of body of Brian MATAYOSHI as found at mauling location. Shirt was moved from covering head to check for signs of life. Bear spray in image is from responding rangers.
View is West. Camera: Canon. Image #0305

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CASE TYPE: Bear Mauling - Fatality	Wapiti Lake Trail Fatality Scene	CASE NUMBER:	11-2587
PHOTOS TAKEN BY: Ranger Brian Speeg		DATE OF PHOTO:	07-06-2011

PHOTO #5

DESCRIPTION: View of body of Brian MATAYOSHI as found at mauling location. Shirt was moved from covering head to check for signs of life.
View is South. Camera: Canon. Image #0307

PHOTO #6

DESCRIPTION: Close-up of MATAYOSHI's head as found at mauling location. Shirt was moved from covering head to check for signs of life.
View is Southeast. Camera: Canon. Image #0314

PHOTO #7

DESCRIPTION: View of leg wound to MATAYOSHI's right leg. Wound is believed to be from bear bite. Camera: Canon. Image #0316

PHOTO #8

DESCRIPTION: View of body of Brian MATAYOSHI as found at mauling site.
View is West. Camera: Canon. Image #0320

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PHOTOS TAKEN BY: Ranger Brian Speeg		DATE OF PHOTO: 07-06-2011

PHOTO #9

DESCRIPTION: Recent skid type marks on north side of trail, west of the mauling site. Camera: Canon. Image #0323

PHOTO #10

DESCRIPTION: Recent skid type marks on north side of trail, west of the mauling site. Camera: Canon. Image #0324

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CASE TYPE: Fatality - Bear Attack -	Wapiti Lake Trail Fatality Scene	CASE NUMBER: 11-2587
PHOTOS TAKEN BY: Deputy Chief Ranger Nick Herring		DATE OF PHOTO: 07/10 & 13/2011

PHOTO #1

DESCRIPTION: View from over-flight of bear attack site on 07/13/11 looking east.

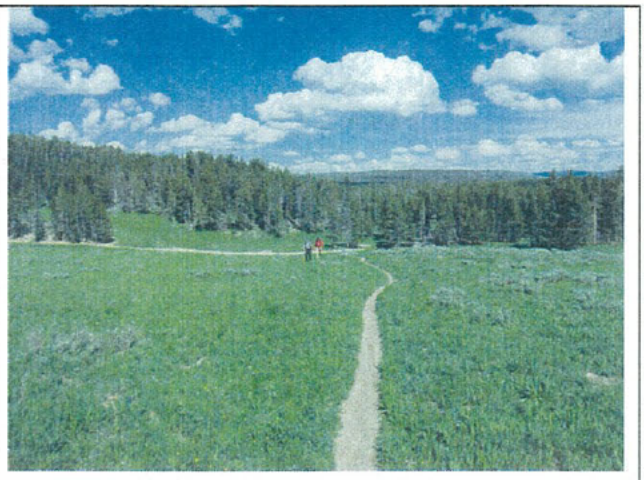

PHOTO #2

DESCRIPTION: View looking east from near top of knoll at Wapiti/Sour Creek junction. Near approximate location from [redacted] party hear yelling. Meadow beyond trail entering thin line of trees is the meadow where bear is sighted by MATAYOSHI. 07/10/2011 site visit by Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

PHOTO #3

DESCRIPTION: View looking west where trail crosses thermal plain. This is the approximate view point that MATAYOSHIs see the bear in the meadow. 07/10/2011 site visit by Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

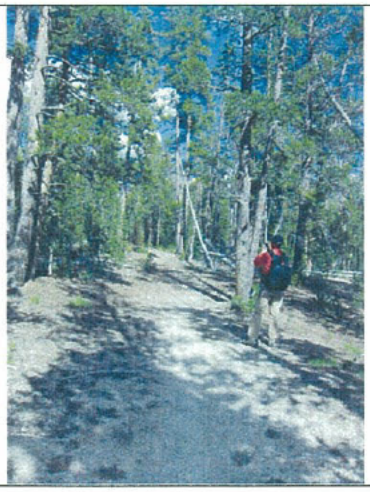

PHOTO #4

DESCRIPTION: View east looking down the beginning of the treed corridor that the MATAYOSHIs ran down.

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PHOTO #5

DESCRIPTION: View east looking down trail corridor that the MAYOSHI's ran down. 07/10/2011 site visit by Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

PHOTO #6

DESCRIPTION: View of downed trees that MARYLYN hid behind attack site. 07/10/2011 site visit by Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

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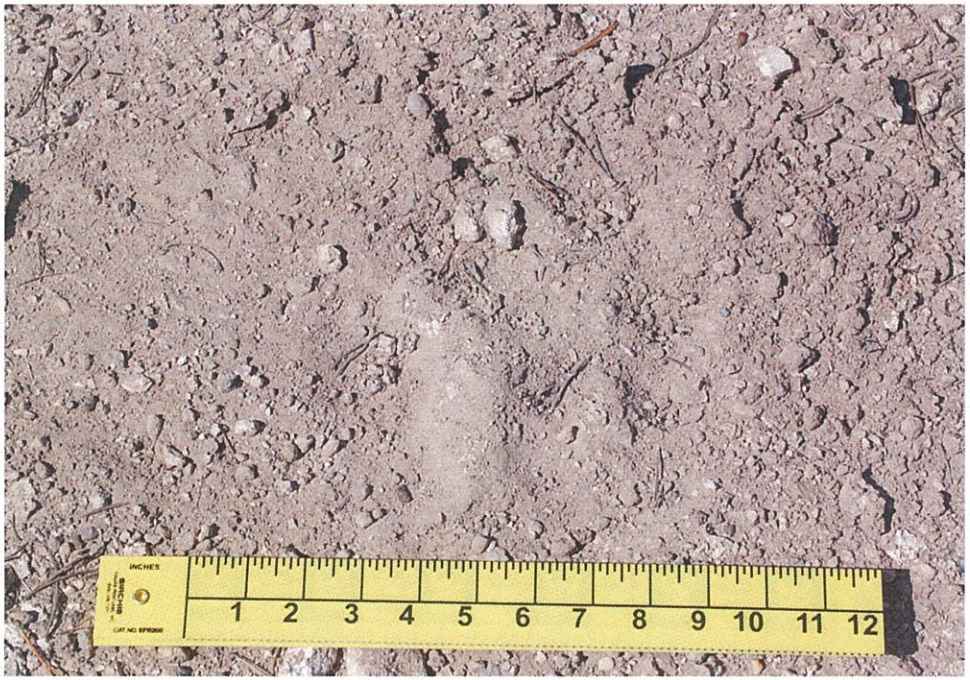
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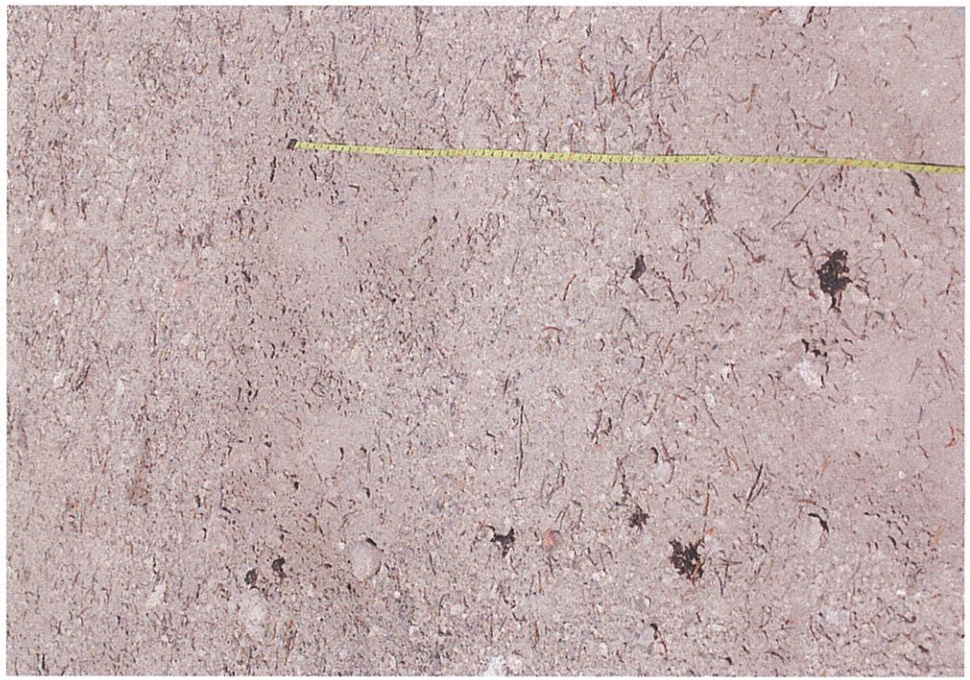

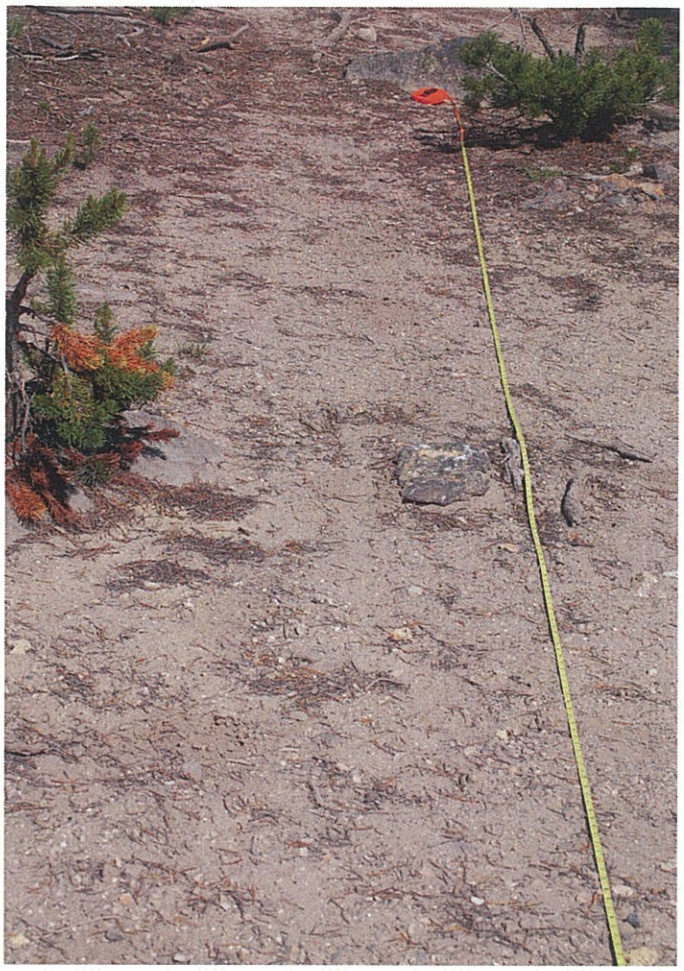

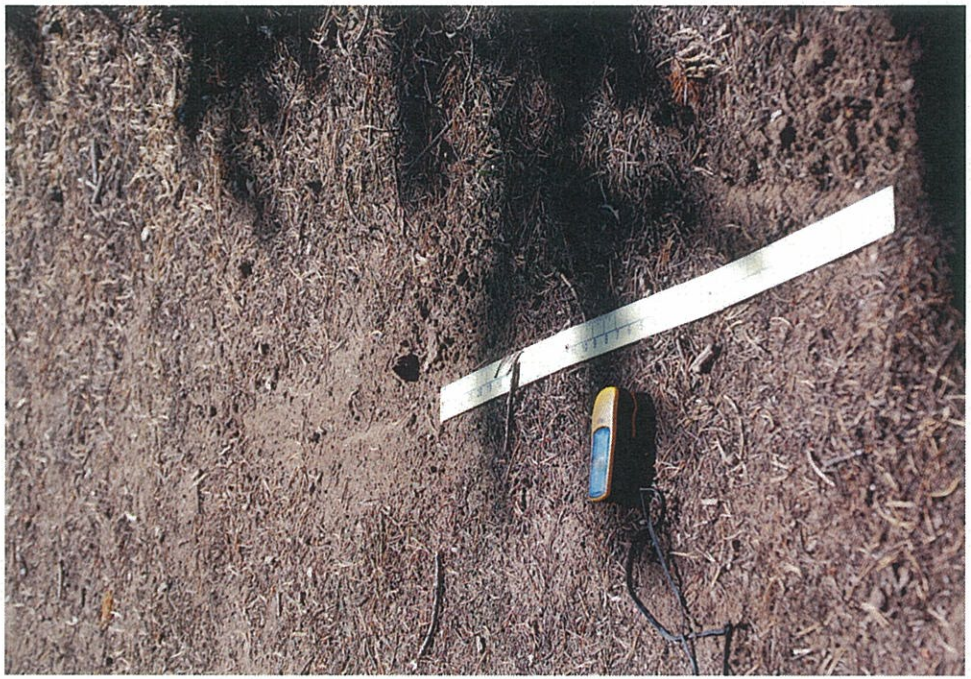

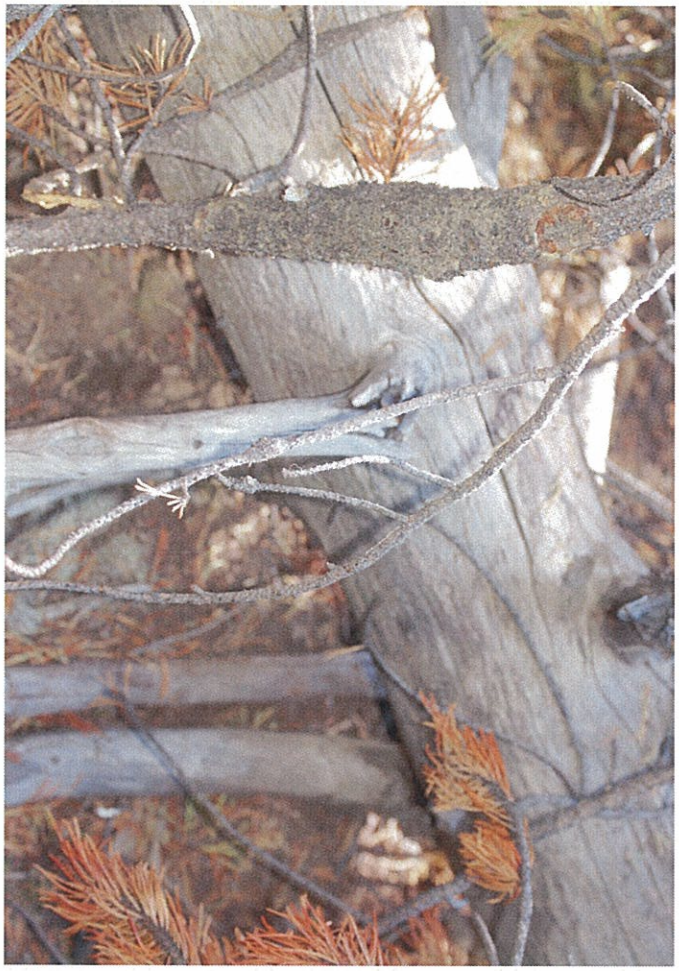

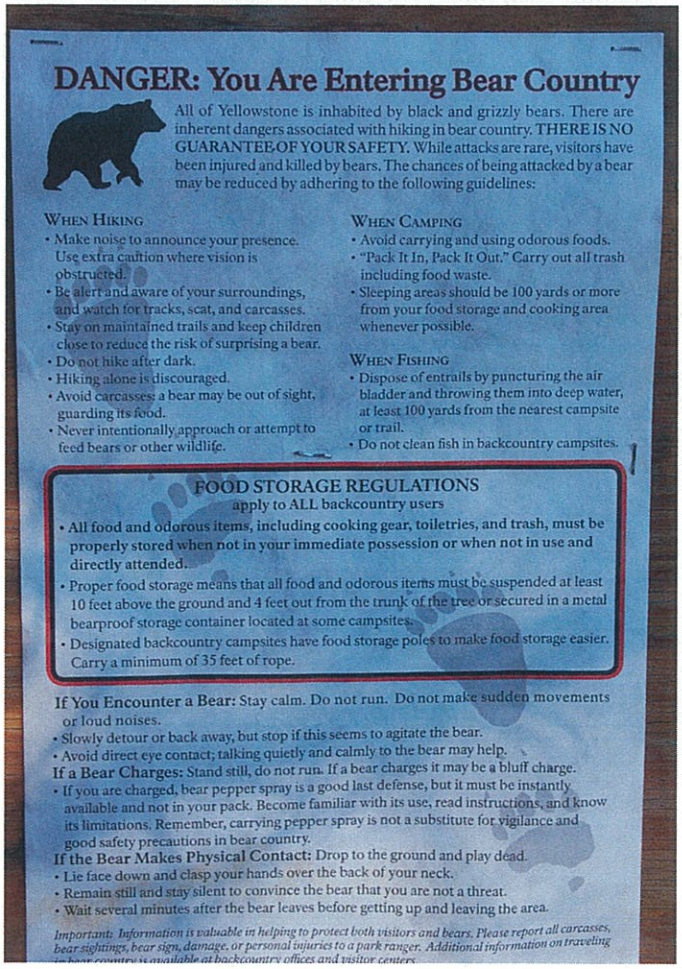

DANGER: You Are Entering Bear Country

All of Yellowstone is inhabited by black and grizzly bears. There are inherent dangers associated with hiking in bear country. **THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF YOUR SAFETY.** While attacks are rare, visitors have been injured and killed by bears. The chances of being attacked by a bear may be reduced by adhering to the following guidelines:

When Hiking

- Make noise to announce your presence. Use extra caution where vision is obstructed.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings, and watch for tracks, scat, and carcasses.
- Stay on maintained trails and keep children close to reduce the risk of surprising a bear.
- Do not hike after dark.
- Hiking alone is discouraged.
- Avoid carcasses; a bear may be out of sight, guarding its food.
- Never intentionally approach or attempt to feed bears or other wildlife.

When Camping

- Avoid carrying and using odorous foods.
- "Pack It In, Pack It Out." Carry out all trash including food waste.
- Sleeping areas should be 100 yards or more from your food storage and cooking area whenever possible.

When Fishing

- Dispose of entrails by puncturing the air bladder and throwing them into deep water, at least 100 yards from the nearest campsite or trail.
- Do not clean fish in backcountry campsites.

FOOD STORAGE REGULATIONS

apply to ALL backcountry users

- **All food and odorous items, including cooking gear, toiletries, and trash, must be properly stored when not in your immediate possession or when not in use and directly attended.**
- Proper food storage means that all food and odorous items must be suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet out from the trunk of the tree or secured in a metal bearproof storage container located at some campsites.
- Designated backcountry campsites have food storage poles to make food storage easier. Carry a minimum of 35 feet of rope.

If You Encounter a Bear: Stay calm. Do not run. Do not make sudden movements or loud noises.

- Slowly detour or back away, but stop if this seems to agitate the bear.
- Avoid direct eye contact; talking quietly and calmly to the bear may help.

If a Bear Charges: Stand still, do not run. If a bear charges it may be a bluff charge.

- If you are charged, bear pepper spray is a good last defense, but it must be instantly available and not in your pack. Become familiar with its use, read instructions, and know its limitations. Remember, carrying pepper spray is not a substitute for vigilance and good safety precautions in bear country.

If the Bear Makes Physical Contact: Drop to the ground and play dead.

- Lie face down and clasp your hands over the back of your neck.
- Remain still and stay silent to convince the bear that you are not a threat.
- Wait several minutes after the bear leaves before getting up and leaving the area.

Important: Information is valuable in helping to protect both visitors and bears. Please report all carcasses, bear sightings, bear sign, damage, or personal injuries to a park ranger. Additional information on traveling in bear country is available at backcountry offices and visitor centers.

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UPPER PELICAN CREEK TRAIL
FROM CAMPSITE 4W3 TO THE MUD KETTLES
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DUE TO BEAR DANGER
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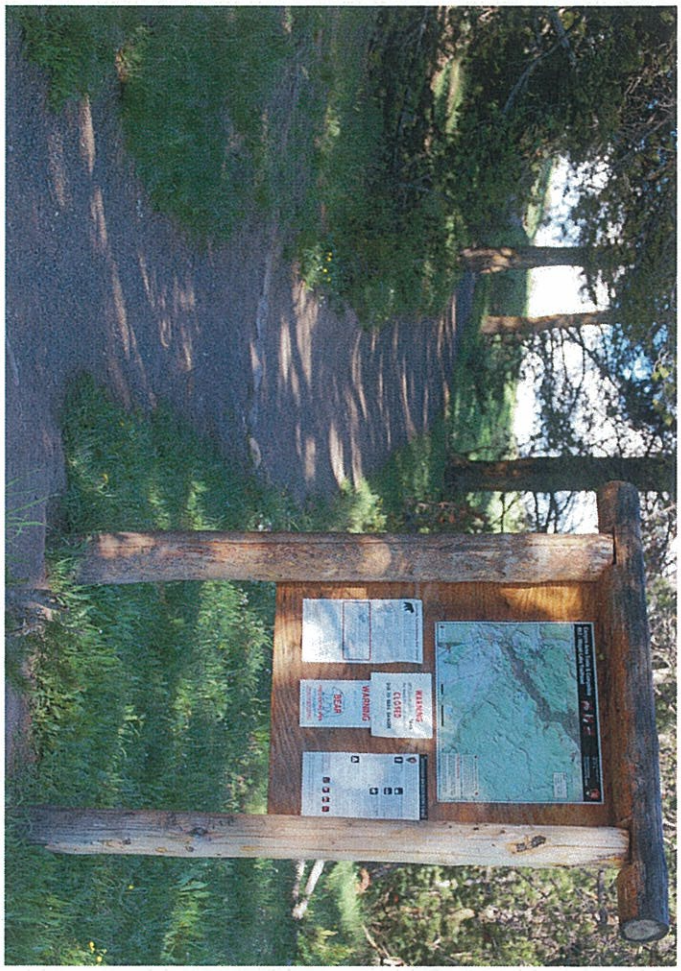

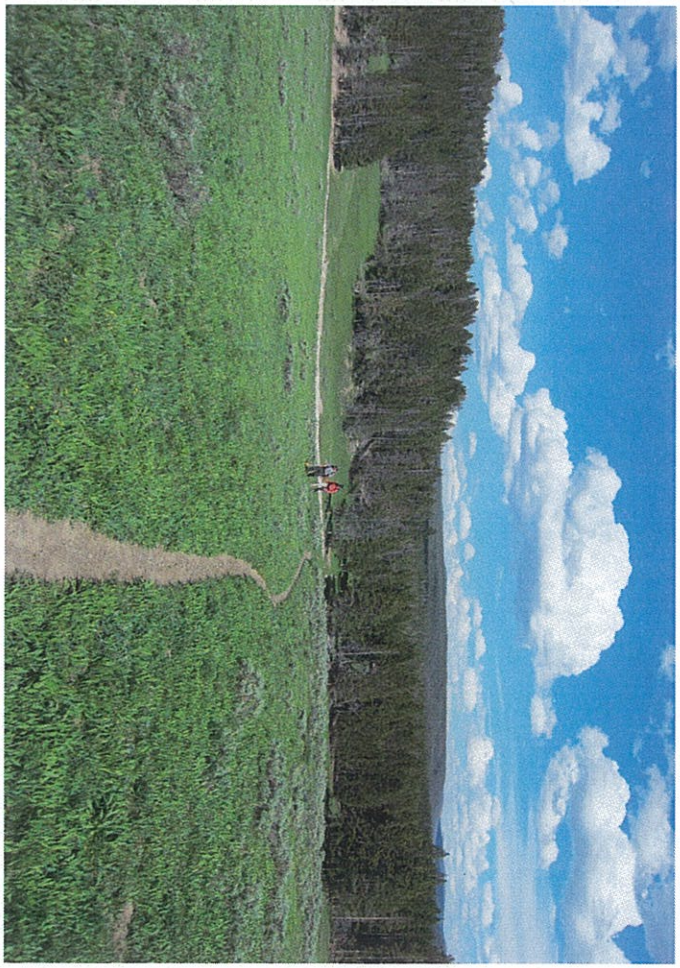

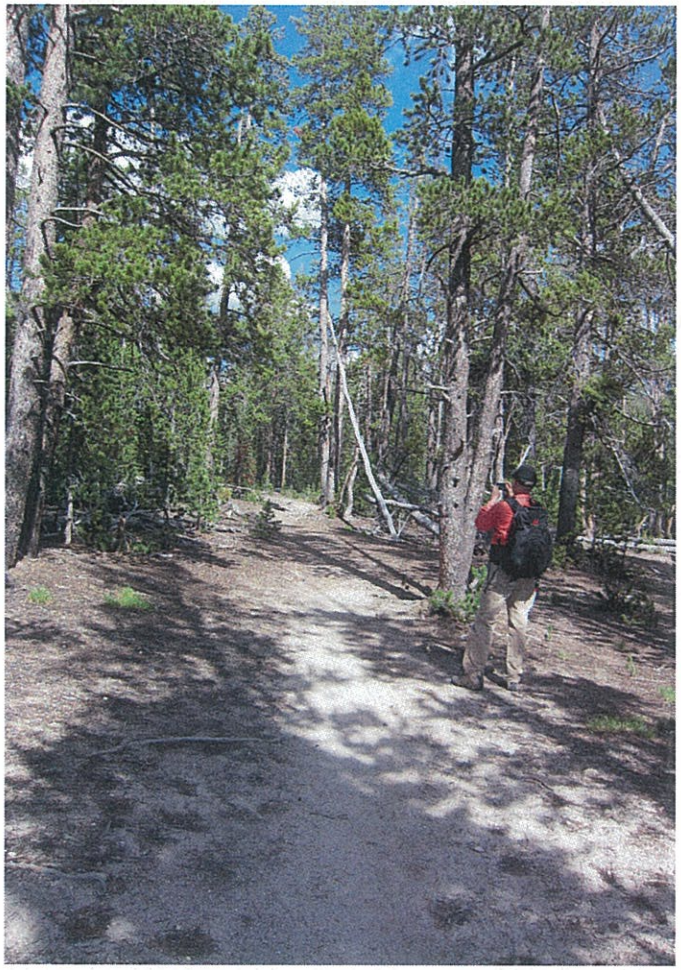

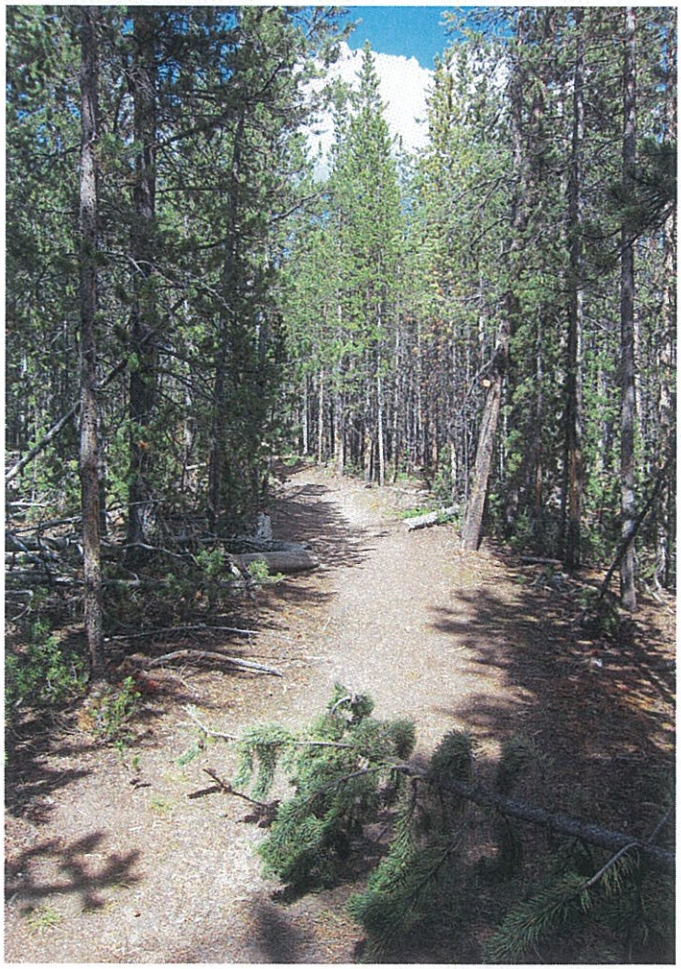

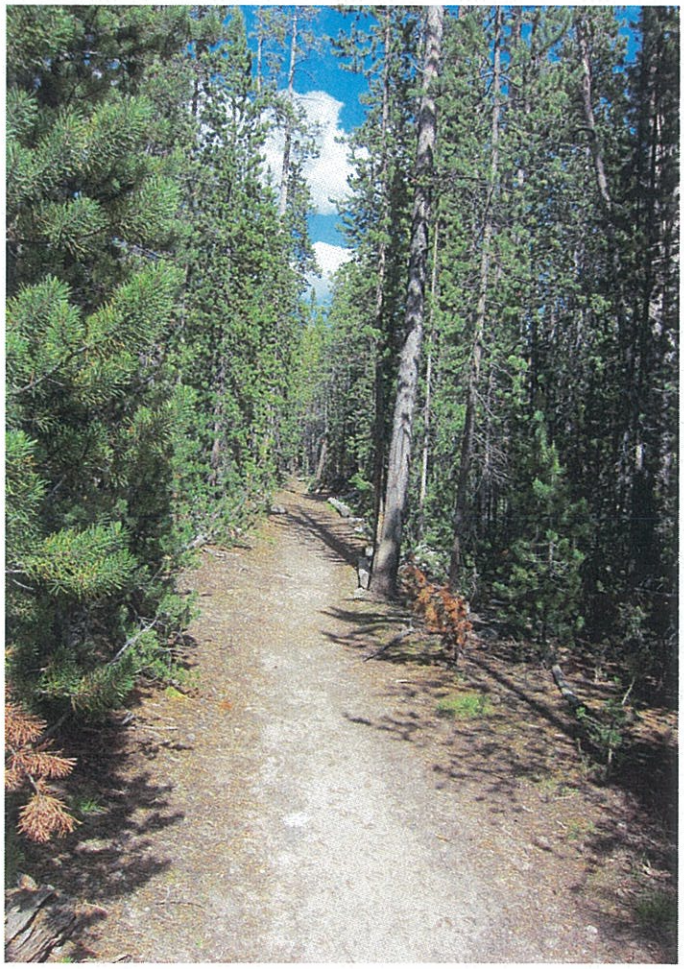

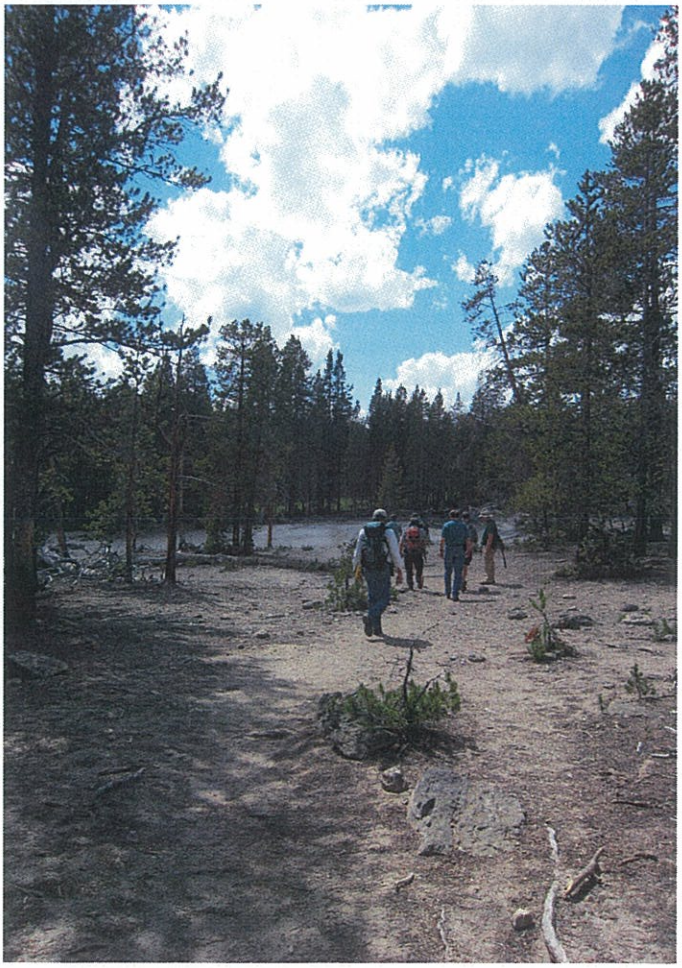

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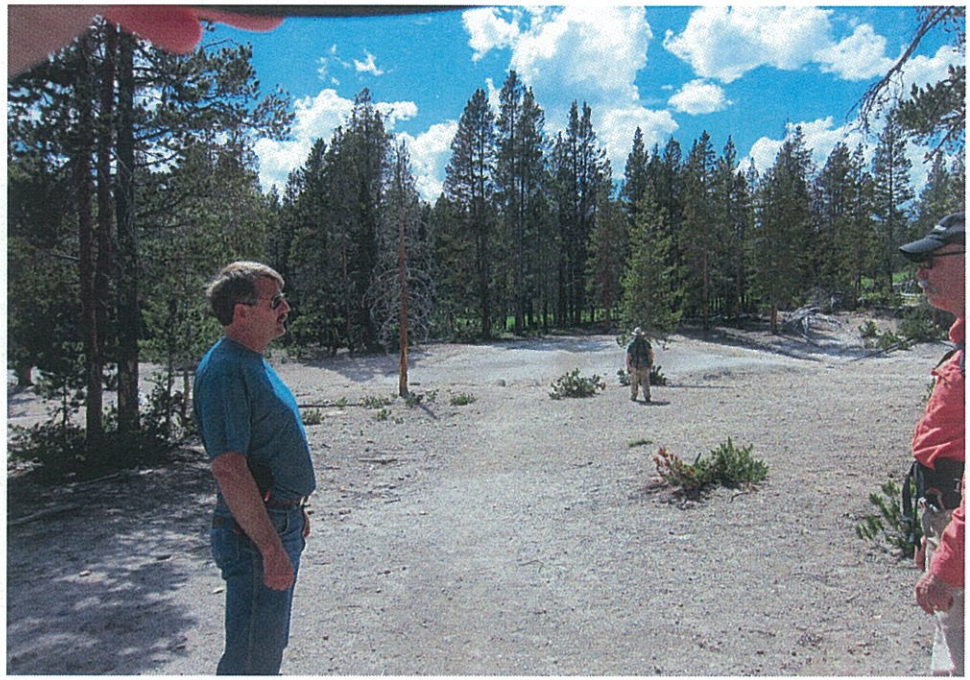

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Evidence Report:

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Case #: YELL-11-2587	Location: Wapiti/Clear Lake Trail
Citation #(s):	
Offense Date: 07/06/2011	Offense Time:
Reporting Officer: SA Justin Ivary	Supervisor Reviewing:

ITEM #	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESTRIPTION (ITEM, MAKE, MODEL, COLOR, SIZE, CONDITION, WEIGHT, ETC)	STORAGE BIN
1	1	**Suspected Bear Scat** (Collected near Reference Point "A") Elevation: 7725 Coordinates: N 44 42.461 W 110 28.644	

Legal Owner

Name:	Phone #
Address:	

Chain of Custody

DATE	TIME	ITEM #	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
7.1 07/07/11	1530-1700	ALL	SA Justin Ivary	Seizure
7/7/11	1730		[signature]	TRASFER / Kerry Gunn TBS

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2	1	**Suspect Bear Scat** (collected alongside trail between Reference Points "A" and "B". Elevation: 7682 Coordinates: N 44 42.468 W 110 28.598	

Legal Owner

Name:	Phone #
Address:	

Chain of Custody

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ITEM #	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESTRIPTION (ITEM, MAKE, MODEL, COLOR, SIZE, CONDITION, WEIGHT, ETC)	STORAGE BIN
3	Multiple	**Unknown Hair Sample** (unknown hair sample collected between Reference point "B" and Reference point "C"). Elevation: 7656 Coordinates: N 44 42.482W 110 28.481	

Legal Owner

Name:	Phone #
Address:	

Chain of Custody

DATE	TIME	ITEM #	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
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7/7/11	1730		[illegible]	Test/Transfer/Keep Evidence

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ITEM #	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESTRIPTION (ITEM, MAKE, MODEL, COLOR, SIZE, CONDITION, WEIGHT, ETC)	STORAGE BIN
4	Multiple	**Unknown Hair Sample** (Collected at Reference point "D";Witness 1 hiding site; Elevation: 7739 482 ft 474 ft. Coordinates: N 44 42.~~467~~ W 110 28.~~577~~)	

Legal Owner

Name:	Phone #
Address:	

Chain of Custody

DATE	TIME	ITEM #	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
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5	1	**Suspected Bear Scat** (Collected at Reference point "C" (Fatality Site); Elevation: 7742 Coordinates: N 44 42.481: W 110 28.476)	

Legal Owner

Name:	Phone #
Address:	

Chain of Custody

DATE	TIME	ITEM #	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
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7/7/11	1730		[signature]	Test Transfer/Kerry Gunther

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ITEM #	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESTRIPTION (ITEM, MAKE, MODEL, COLOR, SIZE, CONDITION, WEIGHT, ETC)	STORAGE BIN
6	1	**Wapiti Trailhead Sign:** "Danger: You Are Entering Bear Country";" If you encounter a Bear…If a Bear Charges…If the Bear Makes Physical Contact.."	

Legal Owner

Name:	Phone #
Address:	

Chain of Custody

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07/07/11	1732			ISB EVIDENCE

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7	1	**Wapiti Trailhead Sign:** "Warning July 3, 2011 Bear Frequenting Area. There is no guarantee of your safety while hiking or camping in bear country."	

Legal Owner

Name:	Phone #
Address:	

Chain of Custody

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07/07/11	1830			LSB EVIDENCE

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Case Title: Brian Dean Matayoshi—Fatality Investigation	**ISB Case Number: ISB-IM-11-0243** **Park Case Number: YELL-11-2587**		
Location: Yellowstone National Park; Wapiti Lake Trail	**Case Status:** Closed	**Date Opened:** 07/07/11	**Date Closed:** 07/08/11

CASE EVIDENCE INVENTORY

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Item #	Storage Location	Detailed Description (Item, Make, Model, Color, Size, Condition, etc.)	Type of storage Container	Final Disposition
1	ISB	**Suspected Bear Scat** Mark: 014 Reference: Reference Point "A" (Meadow where Bear is observed) (Evidence Item #1) Elevation: 7725 Coordinates: N 44 42.461 W 110 28.644	**Paper Bag**	**Submitted for Testing**
2	ISB	**Suspect Bear Scat** Mark: 015 Reference: Scat (Evidence Item #2) Elevation: 7682 Coordinates: N 44 42.468 W 110 28.598	**Paper Bag**	**Submitted for Testing**
3	ISB	**Unknown Hair Sample** Mark: 018 Reference: Evidence Item # 3 (unknown hair sample collected between Reference point "B" and Reference point "C"). Elevation: 7656 Coordinates: N 44 42.482 W 110 28.481	**Plastic Bag**	**Submitted for Testing**
4	ISB	**Unknown Hair Sample** Mark: 012 Reference: Reference point "D" (Witness 1 hiding site) Elevation: 7739 Coordinates: N 44 42.482 W 110 28.474	**Plastic Bag**	**Submitted for Testing**
5	ISB	**Suspected Bear Scat** Mark: 011 Reference: Reference point "C" (Fatality Site) Elevation: 7742 Coordinates: N 44 42.481 W 110 28.476	**Paper Bag**	**Submitted for Testing**
6	ISB	**Wapiti Trailhead Sign:** "Danger: You Are Entering Bear Country"; If you encounter a	**Paper Bag**	**Case Folder**

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CASE EVIDENCE INVENTORY

		Bear…If a Bear Charges…If the Bear Makes Physical Contact..		
7	**ISB**	**Wapiti Trailhead Sign:** "Warning July 3, 2011 Bear Frequenting Area. There is no guarantee of your safety while hiking or camping in bear country."		**Case Folder**

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CASE INCIDENT RECORD

1 ORGANIZATION CODE	2 ORGANIZATIONAL (PARK) NAME	3 LOCATION CODE	4 CASE / INCIDENT NUMBER
1570	Yellowstone National Park	0402	11-2587

5 LOCATION OF INCIDENT	6 DATE OCCURRED	7 TIME OCCURRED	8 DAY OF WEEK
Wapiti Lake Trail- Canyon District-	07/06/2011	10:50	4

9 OFFENSE INCIDENT CODE	10 NATURE OF INCIDENT	11 HOW REPORTED
86-00-00	Accidental Death- Penetrating and Blunt Force Trauma due to Grizzly Bear Mauling	Telephone

12 REPORTED BY	13 ADDRESS	14 HOME PHONE	BUS. PHONE
911 Cell Phone			

15 RECEIVED BY	16 DATE RECEIVED	17 TIME BROADCAST	18 WHEN INVESTIGATED - DATE / TIME
YELL Comm. Center	07/06/2011	10:58	07/06/2011 13:50

19 INVESTIGATED BY	20 COMMISSION NUMBER	21 WHEN CLEARED	22 DISPOSITION
J. Dennis Lojko	#142	07/06/2011 20:00	Closed

	23 INVOLVED PERSONS	24 ADDRESS	25 PHONE	26 SEX	27 RACE	28 AGE	29 DATE OF BIRTH
1	**MATAYOSHI, Brian**	[redacted]	[redacted]	M	ORI	58	11/15/1953
2							
3	**Matayoshi, Marylyn**		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
4							

30 DETAILS OF INCIDENT

CORONER REPORT

See attached supplementary reports

31 QUANTITY	32 PROPERTY STOLEN OR DAMAGED	33 ESTIMATED VALUE	34 IF RECOVERED LIST DATE AND VALUE

35 PROPERTY CODE OF HIGHEST VALUE =	36 TOTAL	37 TOTAL

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Accidental Death- Grizzly Bear Mauling	
COMPLAINANTS NAME	COMPLAINANTS ADDRESS
MATAYOSHI, BRIAN DEAN	[redacted]

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

CORONER REPORT-

Summary

On July 6, 2011, at approximately 1050 hours visitor Brian MATAYOSHI was killed by a grizzly bear on the Wapiti Lake Trail near Canyon. The incident was witnessed by Marylyn Matayoshi, MATAYOSHI'S wife. The summary of the incident was reported to me by the first ranger on scene, Park Ranger Dave Page, who interviewed Matayoshi and gathered scene evidence.

Rangers Page and Brian Speeg were in the area on a backcountry patrol and responded to the area. They found MATAYOSHI lying on the trail with blood around him and two dark colored jackets on his body. They confirmed MATAYOSHI was deceased. They then covered MATAYOSHI with a silver space blanket.

Ranger Page interviewed Marylyn Matayoshi at the scene. She stated that she and her husband had been hiking back toward the Wapiti Lake Trailhead. They walked toward a meadow and spotted a sow grizzly bear with two cubs grazing. They turned around and started to walk away from the bears. They noticed the sow was rapidly following them and they started to run. The bear caught up to them the bear knocked MATAYOSHI to the ground. Marylyn stated she heard the attack on MATAYOSHI, but did not see the actual attack. Then the bear came over to her and lifted her off the ground by her daypack and dropped her. The bear then left the area. Marylyn checked on MATAYOSHI. She stated MATAYOSHI took one last breath. She then attempted to dress the wounds on his right thigh with one of her jackets. She stated that she knew he was dead and covered him with her two dark colored jackets. She then moved away from the body and started yelling for help and dialing 911.

See supplementary case/incident record for investigative findings.

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Examination of Body on Scene

On July 6, 2011 at 13:50 hours, I examined MATAYOSHI'S body on scene on the Wapiti Lake Trail. Ranger Phil Strehle assisted in the examination. MATAYOSHI was covered with a silver space blanket and two dark colored jackets. I confirmed that MATAYOSHI was deceased. His eyes were fixed and dilated. Rigor mortis had set in to his neck and arms. There was noticeable lividity on the back of his neck and shoulders.
I pronounced MATAYOSHI dead at 13:50 hours. There was a red, black, and gray daypack with a GPS unit next to his head. These items were not covered by the space blanket.

I removed the space blanket. MATAYOSHI had two woman's jackets covering his mid-section and shoulders and face; one was blue in color, the other black in color. I removed the jackets. MATAYOSHI was wearing a white t-shirt and white shorts that were torn and bloody. He had on white cotton briefs that were torn and bloody. He was wearing white socks with light brown ankle high hiking shoes. I photographed the body after I confirmed death. There were visible injuries to the head, right arm, and right leg.

Head to Toe Examination

There was a visible avulsion midline on top of the forehead extending into the hair line. It was approximately 6-7 centimeters (cm) long. There were no other injuries or deformities to his head. Examination of the neck was unremarkable. MATAYOSHI's chest and abdomen had scratch marks and superficial puncture marks.
I palpated his shoulders and chest, and no fractures or dislocations were found. He had an approximately 8 cm long by 1.5 cm wide avulsion on the tricep of his right arm. His left arm was unremarkable. His pelvic structure felt intact. He had superficial puncture wounds on his right buttock. MATAYOSHI'S right leg had three large visible avulsions or puncture wounds on his inner thigh. The avulsion closest to his groin was approximately 5 cm long and 5 mm wide. The next wound toward the knee was approximately 2.5 cm long and 1 cm wide. The wound closest to the knee was approximately 6.5 cm long and 2.5 cm wide. It was located over the femoral artery. He also had multiple superficial scratches and puncture wounds on the inner thigh. There was a puncture wound in his right calf muscle. There were also scratches on the right calf. His left leg was unremarkable. After examination of the puncture/penetrating wounds no obvious bite marks were visible. MATAYOSHI was then rolled on to his stomach. He had superficial scratches and puncture wounds on his upper back. I collected a blood sample from his left femoral artery and a vitreous sample from the right eye.

Transportation of the Body

MATAYOSHI was packaged in a body bag, carried on a stretcher approximately ¼ of a mile to a helicopter, and flown to the Canyon Government Corrals. He was then transported by ambulance to the Canyon Fire Cache.

On July 6, 2011, at approximately 1730 hours MATAYOSHI was transported to Jackson, WY, by [redacted] of Valley Mortuary.

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interview of Marylyn Matayoshi

At approximately 1630 hours I interviewed Marylyn Matayoshi at the Canyon Backcountry Office. I questioned her regarding MATAYOSHI'S medical history and health. She stated that he was in good health. MATAYOSHI saw a physician at least once a year. He had no known medical problems except high cholesterol. He was taking Lipitor daily for the high cholesterol. He had no other risk factors for cardiac problems.

Reexamination

MATAYOSHI was re-examined at the Canyon Fire Cache at approximately 1630 hours.
Yellowstone Park Paramedic Amy Mazzarisi and Ranger Phil Strehle assisted me with the examination.

No new puncture wounds or visible trauma were found.

After examination of the puncture/penetrating wounds, no obvious bite marks were visible.

Yellowstone Park Medical Director Dr. Luanne Freer advised Mazzarisi to look for signs of chest trauma. Hard palpation by Mazzarisi and me did not find any possible rib, clavicle, shoulder, or arm fractures. There were no visible signs of massive chest trauma. MATAYOSHI had a deeper than normal stern bone but all external chest tissue and bone structure was intact. There were no defensive wounds on the hands or forearms.

MATAYOSHI'S abdominal area appeared larger than my initial examination in the field.

Valley Mortuary was contacted on July 7, 2011 at approximately 1100 hours. [redacted] stated that no new bruises developed since they had possession of the body.

Weather/Temperature

Weather for Canyon on July 6, 2011 was mostly clear with a few light clouds. The temperature reading at 12:00 noon at the Canyon Snotel Site was 75 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature at the Canyon Snotel Site at 1800 hours was 72 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature readings from the Canyon Snotel Site were obtained from the website www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/site?sitenum=384&state=wy.

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Consultation with Forensic Pathologist

On July 8, 2011 I had a telephone consultation on the morning of with forensic pathologist Dr. Thomas Bennett, the forensic pathologist for eastern Montana and northern Wyoming. I described the event and injuries to Dr. Bennett. I also described that there was not a large amount of blood on the body or on the ground. Dr. Bennett stated that he has done many autopsies on punctured femoral arteries where the blood stayed in the tissue of the leg and there was no noticeable change in size or shape of the leg.

I also described the change in size of the abdomen and the air temperature at the time of the mauling and my re-examination approximately four hours later. Dr. Bennett stated that any change would probably be internal bleeding from the liver or spleen. He stated the increase in size of the abdomen would not be consistent with normal decomposition for the temperature and time period between examinations.

Dr. Bennett stated that a person could bleed out internally from the femoral artery, the spleen or liver, or both, in 1-2 minutes. He also stated that the blunt force of the bear hitting MATAYOSHI and knocking him to the ground would be enough force for a fatal crushing injury to the chest or abdomen. He stated it would be more likely that it was a fatal crush injury to the abdomen due to the change in the abdomen.

Dr. Bennett concluded cause of death would be from penetrating and blunt force trauma.

Evidence

A pair of black Nike sunglasses that were broken during the mauling was collected off the trail as evidence. The sunglasses had 6-8 bear hairs on the bridge of the nose. The bear hair was collected and given to Kerry Gunther, Yellowstone National Park bear biologist. Gunther sent the hair to a laboratory for DNA testing.

Toxicology Report

Blood and vitreous samples were sent to AIT Labs in Indianapolis, IN, for a comprehensive drug and electrolyte panel. I received the toxicology results from AIT Labs on July 22, 2011. The comprehensive drug and electrolyte pane were negative. Toxicology report attached.

Death Certificate

On the State of Wyoming death certificate the manner of death was accidental. The cause of death was penetrating and blunt force trauma due to a grizzly bear mauling.

End of report.

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Laboratory Case Number: 1675721	**Subject's Name:** MATAYSHI, BRIAN D.
Client Account: 12111 / YSNP01 **Physician:** **Report To:** Yellowstone National Park ATTN: Bonnie Whitman P.O. Box 168 50 Mount Holmes Dr. West Yellowstone, MT 59758	**Agency Case #:** 11-2587 **Date of Death:** 07/06/2011 **Test Reason:** Other **Investigator:** **Date Received:** 07/11/2011 **Date Reported:** 07/22/2011

Laboratory Specimen No: 40233983 **Date Collected:** 07/06/2011
Container(s): 01:RTT Blood,AUTOPSY **Test(s):** 70510 Comprehensive Drug Panel

Analyte Name	Result	Concentration	Units	Therapeutic Range	Loc
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BARBITURATES	Negative				
BENZODIAZEPINES	Negative				
CANNABINOIDS	Negative				
COCAINE/METABOLITES	Negative				
FENTANYL	Negative				
METHADONE/METABOLITE	Negative				
OPIATES	Negative				
OXYCODONE/METABOLITE	Negative				
PHENCYCLIDINE	Negative				
PROPOXYPHENE/METABOLITE	Negative				
ALCOHOLS	Negative				
Methanol	Negative				
Ethanol	Negative				
Acetone	Negative				
Isopropanol	Negative				
ANALGESICS	Negative				
ANESTHETICS	Negative				
ANTIBIOTICS	Negative				
ANTICONVULSANTS	Negative				
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	Negative				
ANTIHISTAMINES	Negative				
ANTIPSYCHOTICS	Negative				

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Laboratory Specimen No: 40233983 **Continued..**

Analyte Name	Result	Concentration	Units	Therapeutic Range	Loc
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	Negative				
ENDOCRINE AGENTS	Negative				
GASTROENTEROLOGY AGENTS	Negative				
NARCOTICS	Negative				
NEUROLOGY AGENTS	Negative				
SEDATIVES/HYPNOTICS	Negative				
STIMULANTS	POSITIVE				
Caffeine	POSITIVE				
UROLOGY AGENTS	Negative				

Specimens will be kept for one year from the date received.

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Laboratory Specimen No: 40233984 **Date Collected:** 07/06/2011
Container(s): 01:VIT_CON Vitreous,EYE **Test(s):** 32400 Electrolytes Panel

Analyte Name	Result	Concentration	Units	Therapeutic Range	Loc
Sodium		142	MMOL/L		(1)
Potassium		6.0	MMOL/L		(1)
Chloride		124	MMOL/L		(1)
Glucose		26	mg/dL		(1)
Urea Nitrogen		16	mg/dL		(1)
Creatinine		0.2	mg/dL		(1)

Performing Location(s):

(1) LabCorp Dublin
6370 Wilcox Road , Dublin, OH 43016-1296
Medical Director: Patricia Canfield , MD, License #: 36D0327333

The Specimen identified by the Laboratory Specimen Number has been handled and analyzed in accordance with all applicable requirements.

MATAYSHI, BRIAN D.
Laboratory Case #: 1675721
Printed Date/Time: 07/22/2011, 13:01

Report Range From 07/06/11 12:00:00 To 07/06/11 11:59:59

Event Detail (w/ Veh/Person Info)

Report Date 07/06/11 21:45:38

Event No.	Date	Time	User	How Reported	Agy	Zone	Received	Dispatch	Primary Service	Incident Type	Priority
CC11000068307	07/06/11	10:51:04	F1286	Telephone	ND	N	10:51:04	10:58:21	Park Service	WELFARE CHECK	01

Location	Cross Street	Floor	Apt	Business/Residence	Phone Number	Reporting Party Name	Callback Phone
WAPITI LAKE TRAIL				[redacted]	[redacted]		

Assigned Unit Times

Unit	Enroute	Arrived	To Dest	At Dest	Cleared	Location
5C10	13:04:07	: :	: :	: :	: :	WAPITI LAKE TRAIL
5C11	11:38:27	: :	: :	: :	: :	WAPITI LAKE TRAIL
5C13	10:58:49	: :	: :	: :	: :	WAPITI LAKE TRAIL
5C33	11:21:25	: :	: :	: :	: :	WAPITI LAKE TRAIL
5C34	17:33:55	: :	: :	: :	: :	WAPITI LAKE TRAIL
5C35	11:21:25	: :	: :	: :	: :	WAPITI LAKE TRAIL
5C36	10:58:29	: :	: :	: :	: :	WAPITI LAKE TRAIL

Case Numbers Assigned

Unit	Case No.	Offense Type

Vehicle / Person Information

[redacted]

RP reports that they are about 2 miles up the trail on the east fork from Wrangler Lake, they saw a grizzly and cubs then shortly after heard some people screaming, he thought is sounded like people trying to scare a bear away, 5C35 advised and said 5C13 and 5C36 out on the trail, 5C13 advised and in the area and will check on it

07/06/2011 11:15:32-5C13-F1286

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got 2nd call from RP indicating that they are only hearing 1 person a female screaming for help. there are 6 in their party, 5C13 going to meet up with them, they are still on the Wapiti trail just past the Wrangler Lake branch, 5C13 about half way to them

07/06/2011 11:21:52-5C33-F1286

5C33 5C35 heading up the trail

07/06/2011 11:38:51-5C11-F1287

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notified 5C11 for coroner duties and he will be en route

07/06/2011 11:38:55-5C11-F1287

PIO informed

07/06/2011 11:44:55-5C13-F1286

5C10 confirms 5C13 on scene and have 10-50 bear attack, working on getting a helicopter to fly in there, 5C11 advised and will be heading that way from Lake, Boone Bonnie Tim Nick PAO and Supes Office all advised, 5C33 will be there for family

07/06/2011 11:47:02-5C11-F1287

Teton ship headed in to land at the Canyon Gov corrals until they are organized for the ship

07/06/2011 11:50:32-5C13-F1286

700F advises the Tetons helicopter will be heading into the area and will stage at the Canyon corrals

07/06/2011 11:51:19-5C11-F1303

pj white notified//employee to find travis at his domicle

07/06/2011 11:52:17-5C11-F1303

Supt office notified

07/06/2011 12:00:13-5C11-F1286

1A40 at Wapiti Lake TH

07/06/2011 12:03:31-5C11-F1286

5C11 and 5C34 en route from lake and will be doing interveiws with the RP when they get to the TH

07/06/2011 13:09:00-5C10-F1286

[redacted]

NAME/MATAYOSHI BRIAN DEAN

[redacted]

SEX/M. DOB/111553. HGT/506. WGT/170. HAI/BLK. EYE/BRO.

[redacted]

RSTR:MUST WEAR CORRECTIVE LENSES WHEN DRIVING
STATUS:VALID

[redacted]

07/06/2011 13:21:35-5C10-F1286

5C10 reports 5C11 7L12 5C50 1A40 heading into the scene just leaving the TH

07/06/2011 13:40:10-5C10-F1303

valley mortuary notified/[redacted]/will be enroute shortly

07/06/2011 16:12:19-5C10-F1287

If trying to get in touch Marilyn call 2543

07/06/2011 17:34:25-5C35-JOSH

5c34 is transporting the vitcims vehicle to jackson//44928

07/06/2011 17:51:24-5C34-JOSH

valley morturary has the victims body and is enroute to jackson

Canyon Village
Canyon Lodge
Glacial Boulder (4K6)
Laundry / Showers
Canyon Junction
Cascade Creek (4K4)
Cascade Meadows
Cascade Lake (4K5)
Cascade Lake
Artist Point (4K8)
Artist Point
Wapiti Lake (4K7)
Footbridge
Chittenden Bridge
Clear Lake
Upper Falls
Lower Falls
Crystal Falls
Red Rock
Inspiration Point
Point Sublime
Ribbon Lake
Silver Cord Cascade
Rapids
Hot Springs
Forest Springs
Orange Rock Springs
Whistle Geyser
Wrangler Lake
Dewdrop Lake
Mary Mountain (4N1)
Sulphur Spring
Sulphur Mountain
CRATER HILLS
CASCADE CR TRAIL
SEVENMILE HOLE TRAIL
YELLOWSTONE RIVER
CLEAR LAKE – RIBBON LAKE TRAIL
WAPITI LAKE TRAIL
SOUR CEEK TRAIL
WRANGLER LAKE TRAIL
HOWARD EATON TRAIL
GRAND LOOP ROAD
Transmission Line
Trans Line
Cottongrass
Sour Creek
Bog Creek
Bluff Creek
Alum Creek
Otter Creek
4E2
4E4
4C1
4B1
4M2
4R1
4R2
4W1
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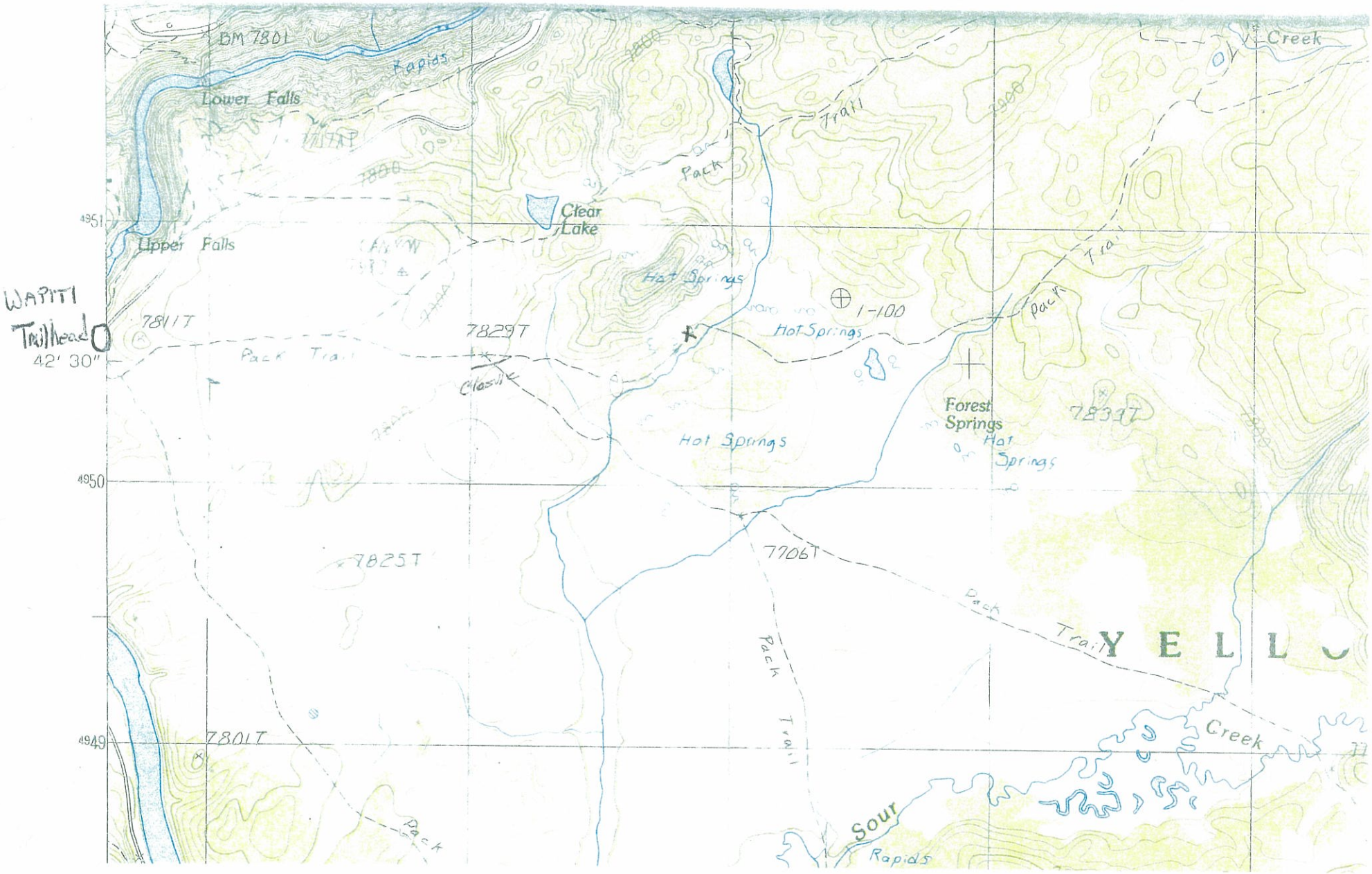

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Rapids
Lower Falls
Upper Falls
Clear Lake
Pack Trail
Hot Springs
1-100
Hot Springs
Forest Springs
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7833T
7825T
7706T
7801T
Pack Trail
Pack Trail
Pack Trail
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Pack
Creek
Creek
Sour
Rapids
YELL
WAPITI
Trailhead
42' 30"
4951
4950
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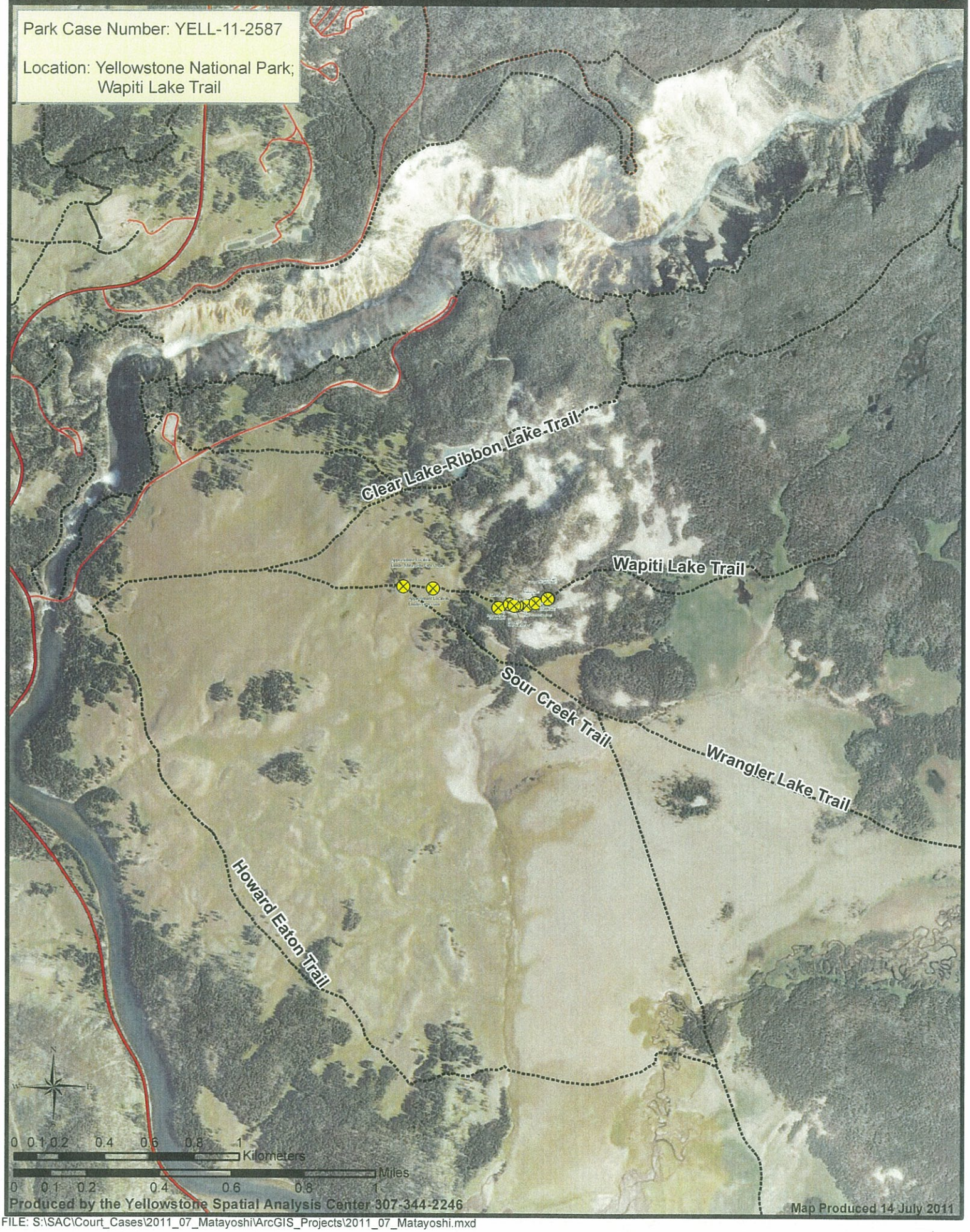

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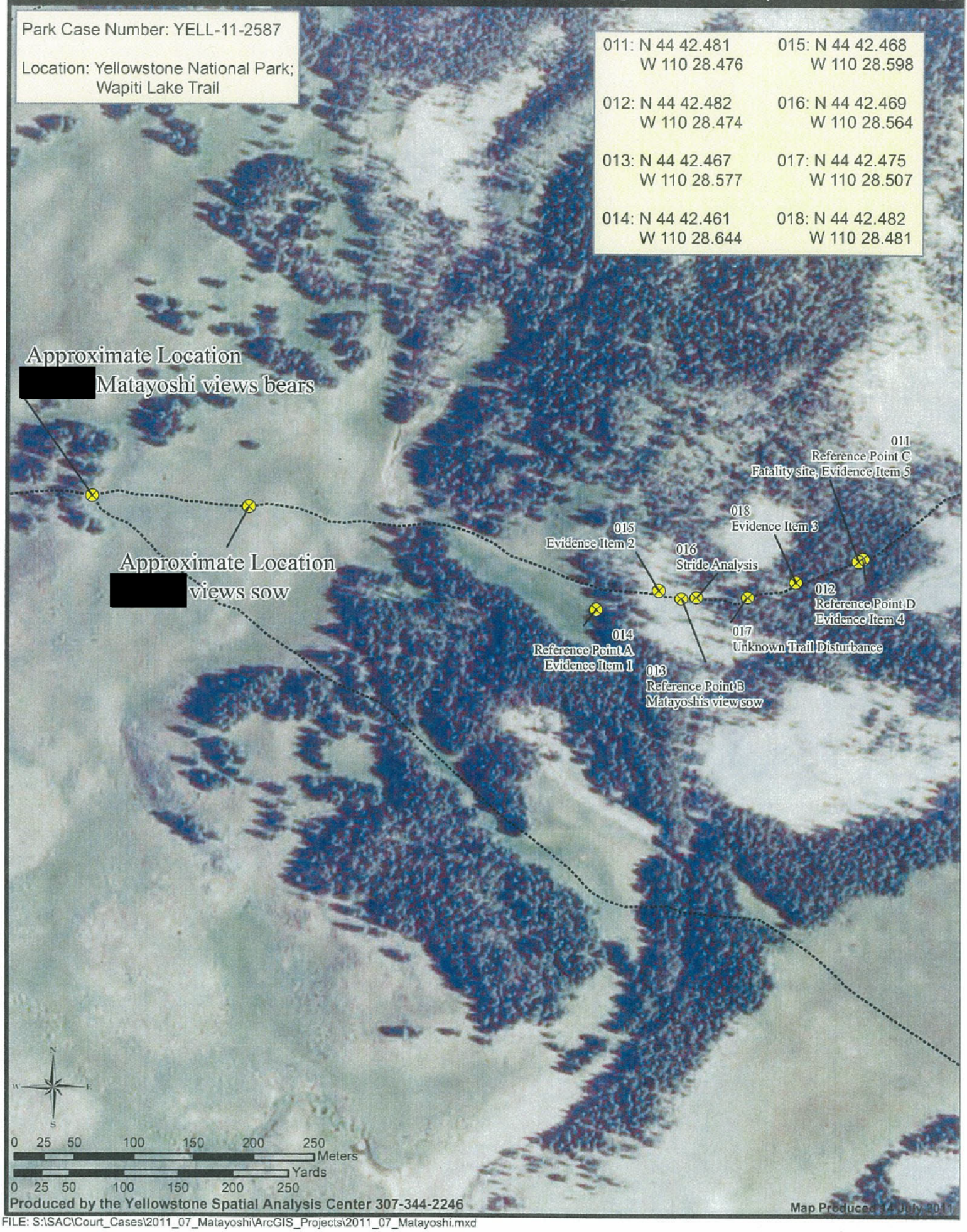

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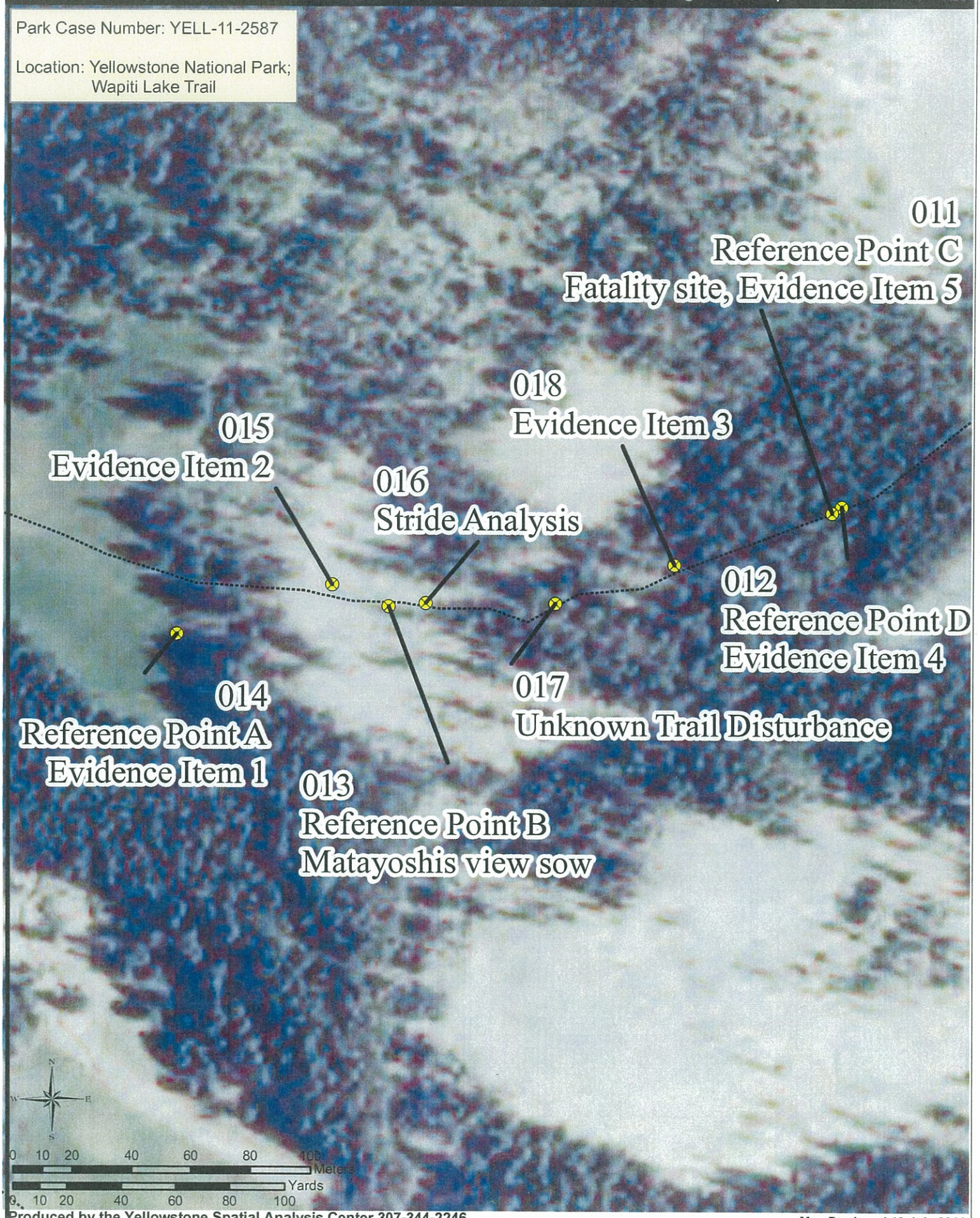

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Investigative Services Branch

Investigative Activity Report

Case Title: Brian Dean Matayoshi—Fatality Investigation	**ISB Case Number: ISB-IM-11-0243** **Park Case Number: YELL-11-2587**		
Location: Yellowstone National Park; Wapiti Lake Trail	**Case Status: Closed**	**Report Date:** 07/07/2011	**Report Number: GPS Log**
Report Subject: GPS locations at Matayoshi Fatality Scene			

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SUMMARY

On July 6, 2011 at approximately 1040 hours, Brian Dean Matayoshi was attacked and killed by a bear on the Wapiti Lake Trail while hiking with his wife, Marilyn Matayoshi.

On July 6, 2011, from approximately 1530-1700 hours, US Park Ranger Dave Page and SA Justin Ivary conducted an investigation at the scene of the fatality. The following report details the GPS locations marked by US Park Ranger Dave Page, recorded in field notes by SA Justin Ivary on July 6, 2011.

DETAILS

Format: hddd*mm.mmm
Make: Garmin
Model: Etrex
Serial number: 16Q393993 can 310

Mark: 011
Reference: Reference point "C" (Fatality Site)
Elevation: 7742
Coordinates: N 44 42.481
W 110 28.476

Mark: 012
Reference: Reference point "D" (Witness 1 hiding site)
Elevation: 7739
Coordinates: N 44 42.482
W 110 28.474

Mark: 013
Reference: Reference Point "B" (Victim/Witness observe bear a "A")

Reporting Official/Title SA Justin Ivary	**Signature**	**Date** 07/14/2011
Approving Official/Title ASAC Les Seago	**Signature** L.Seago Digitally signed by L.Seago DN: cn=L.Seago, o=ISB, ou=Yellowstone Field Office, email=Les_Seago@nps.gov, c=US Date: 2011.07.14 16:43:10 -06'00'	**Date**

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Elevation: 7720
Coordinates: N 44 42.467
W 110 28.577

Mark: 014
Reference: Reference Point "A" (Meadow where Bear is observed) (Evidence Item #1)
Elevation: 7725
Coordinates: N 44 42.461
W 110 28.644

Mark: 015
Reference: Scat (Evidence Item #2)
Elevation: 7682
Coordinates: N 44 42.468
W 110 28.598

Mark: 016
Reference: Stride Analysis
Elevation: 7708
Coordinates: N 44 42.469
W 110 28.564

Mark: 017
Reference: Unknown Trail disturbance between "B" and "C"
Elevation: 7645
Coordinates: N 44 42.475
W 110 28.507

Mark: 018
Reference: Evidence Item # 3 (unknown hair sample collected between Reference point "B" and Reference point "C").
Elevation: 7656
Coordinates: N 44 42.482
W 110 28.481

End.

Reporting Agent _____