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MISSOULA--

Dr. Charles Jonkel, Missoula, a research associate in forestry at the University of Montana, who is affiliated with the UM wildlife biology program, has received grants totaling \$61,800 from state and federal agencies to conduct research on grizzly bears in the border grizzly area of northwest Montana and adjacent areas.

Of the total received, Jonkel was awarded \$25,000 by the Montana Department of Fish and Game for the in-state portion of the studies. He received an additional \$36,800 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to extend the grizzly studies into northern Idaho, northeastern Washington, southeastern British Columbia and southwestern Alberta.

In a telephone interview, Wesley R. Woodgerd, Helena, director of the Montana Department of Fish and Game, said information on grizzly bear habitat in the state portion of Jonkel's research will be used by the department to improve grizzly bear management practices in northwest Montana.

Results of Jonkel's studies will be utilized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in delineating forest use areas and in making a description of the grizzly bear habitat as a protective measure for the animal. The information, which ultimately may affect hunting, fishing and logging policies in northwest Montana and other nearby areas, also will involve other federal agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

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