

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

Yellowstone Bear World Inc

PO Box 160

Rexburg, ID 83440

Customer ID: 7360

Certificate: 82-C-0042

Site: 001

Yellowstone Bear World Inc

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 31-JUL-2024

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Facilities, general.

On June 26, 2024, power was lost to the 5-strand electric fence surrounding the black bear cub (3 cubs,5 month old at time) enclosure and unsupervised contact between a bear cub and a member of the public occurred. Staff was notified via radio that power was out, and the emergency response plan was implemented. Two staff ran for backup power chargers and other keepers ran for positions between the electric fence and the chain link public barrier. One cub rolled through the fence in the eastern-most cub enclosure after being tumbled by its companion. The cub began to climb the chain link barrier fence before being picked up by a park guest and dropped back in the enclosure. No report of a scratch or bite to any park quest was made. This occurred in the 2-to-3-minute timeframe before a keeper reached the position between the electric and barrier fences. Staff arrived with backup power chargers within another 3-4 minutes. No injury to the cub occurred.

Reliable power is necessary when electric fences are used to contain animals to prevent escape or injury to the animals or public.

Corrected prior to inspection. Backup power sources remain in place.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representative.

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Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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Species Inspected

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