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## Grizzly Bear News Conference

*Monday September 19, Calgary*

<b>What?</b>	Grizzly Bear News Conference
<b>When?</b>	Monday September 19, 2011 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
<b>Where?</b>	AWA office, 455 – 12th Street NW, Calgary
<b>Who?</b>	Alberta Wilderness Association Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Sierra Club of Canada Yellowstone to Yukon

Alberta environmental organizations will be holding a **Grizzly Bear News Conference**, at 10:00 a.m., Monday September 19 2011. The groups will make a bold new call for major changes in land management in Alberta to restore habitat for the province's threatened Grizzly Bears.

Will any of the province's aspiring political leaders commit to take action to recover grizzlies?

### Background:

- Alberta's grizzly recovery process began in 2001, when government scientists first raised the alarm.
- A temporary ban on hunting has been in place since 2006.
- The province's Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan was published in 2008.
- Grizzlies were designated a *threatened* species in Alberta in 2010, but no measures to protect grizzly habitat have resulted.

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