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The most recent news on Bear #134, the grizzly removed from Yellowstone National Park by the U.S. government and sent to Washington State University (WSU), is not good news. Rather than work with the WSU to provide Bear #134 a better life, Vice Provost for Research Robert V. Smith has steadfastly defended WSU's continued use of the bear (see the Spring 1992 HSUS News).

In a letter responding to letters sent by HSUS constituents, Mr. Smith stated, "WSU had nothing to do with the decision by the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to trap and remove [Bear #134] from Yellowstone." Yet he conveniently ignores the fact that Chris Servheen, listed on government documents as the convener of the WSU bear project, is also the chief official of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) most responsible for the decision to send Bear #134 to WSU. He ignores the fact that in December 1989 WSU applied for and was granted a permit to collect grizzly and black bears from Yellowstone National Park in the names of both Mr. Servheen and Charles Robbins, Ph.D., who runs the bear research program at WSU. The permit was granted, and four months later Bear #134 was captured and sent to WSU.

Mr. Smith claimed that "before the bear was offered to Dr. Robbins, she was offered to accredited zoos and sanctuaries... No zoo or sanctuary would accept her." HSUS Legal Investigator Michael Winiarski contacted two of the leading wildlife sanctuaries on the West Coast, both of which indicated that not only would they gladly take Bear #134 now, but they also had never been contacted by the FWS or the U.S. Forest Service about taking her.

Mr. Smith stated that "there were extensive discussions about transferring her to other national parks or forests, transfer to another park or forest was not approved." Top officials at the Shoshone National Forest in Cody, Wyoming, have confirmed reports that Shoshone offered to take Bear #134 but the offer was turned down by Mr. Servheen.

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