There are more and more foot and bike races in mountainous areas and this is something I have been worried about happening in NW Montana. I just don't think it is a good idea to run down trails in areas with bears or mountain lions around... especially the races that occur overnight like they had a few years ago along the Swan Divide. In this article, it appears the female black bear was acting in defense of her cubs. They ended up killing her according to policy. In my view, they should run these races in places where people live...not where bears and lions live.

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