

## **SBSC Weekly Highlights, July 16-20, 2007**

**Media Contact:** Wildlife researcher David Mattson of the Southwest Biological Science Center was interviewed by Cory Hatch of the Jackson Hole News and Guide for a story that accompanied Mattson's public presentation in Jackson, WY, on July 10th. Hatch questioned Mattson about the results of his research pertaining to behavioral responses of bears to humans and human habitations, which included details of interactions among bears, the roles of habituation and food-conditioning, and options for people to safely live with bears. Mattson's talk at the Teton Science School covered these topics as well as the evolutionary histories of black and grizzly bears and the history of human-bear relations. Contact: David Mattson, USGS Southwest Biological Science Center; email: David\_Mattson@usgs.gov; telephone: 203-815-4645.

**Scientist Thanked:** USGS Scientist Cecil Schwalbe received recognition and a plaque from Pima County for his contributions to the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, a multi-species conservation plan developed by the county to maintain biodiversity while allowing reasonable urban growth. Dr. Schwalbe has served on the Science Technical Advisory Team for the SDCP since 1999. The plaque was presented by Julia Fonseca, Environmental Planning Manager for Pima County, at a surprise staff meeting of the Sonoran Desert Research Station on July 3. Contact: (Contact Cecil Schwalbe, Tucson, AZ 520-621-5508 ext. 3)