

## Washington State University – USDA Annual Report – FY 2020

Certificate Number: 91-R-0002

Customer Number: 1026

### IACUC-Approved Exceptions: USDA-covered animals

#### Bears:

- During the hibernation period (~4-5 months) the following exceptions are approved for the care of the bears;
  - The straw bedding is not changed and dens of the grizzly bears are not cleaned.
  - Bears are not fed (water fixtures are left turned on).
  - These exceptions are approved due to the consideration of the need to not disturb the animals during hibernation combined with the fact that the animals are not eating and have very minimal urination or defecation during the hibernation period.
  - Animal wellbeing is assessed via remote cameras daily.
  - Number of Animals: 11 bears

#### Pygmy rabbits:

- Approval to provide foraging feeds directly on the floor of the cage/enclosure. This is to promote natural foraging behavior.
- Approval to clean /sanitize concert pens once per month. This is to reduce disturbance of the animals.
- Number of Animals: 3 pygmy rabbits