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New brown bear cubs play in first snowfall of the winter

SEATTLE—While Seattle only got a dusting of snow, Woodland Park Zoo's new cubs—a female brown bear named Juniper and a female grizzly bear named Fern—had fun today exploring the light winter wonderland. Juniper especially loved catching snowflakes on her little pink tongue!

Fern

Grizzly bear cub Fern was born this past winter in Montana and arrived as a rescue at Woodland Park Zoo in October. Fern's mother had a history of conflicts with humans, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks had to euthanize her. Fern can be distinguished from Juniper by her longer snout and smaller stature.

Juniper

Brown bear cub Juniper was found roaming alone near an air force base in Anchorage, Alaska. Like Fern, she was born this past winter and is about the same age as Fern. Juniper immediately became the zoo's darling when she met the public for the first time in August. Juniper is markedly larger than Fern.

Discover Juniper, Fern and the zoo's other grizzly, 28-year-old Keema, in the zoo's Living Northwest Trail. Remember to also stop by the new lynx exhibit and Cathy Herzig Basecamp Northwest, also in Living Northwest Trail.

Zoo hours through January 22, 2023: Tuesday–Sunday 9:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.; Mondays 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Closed Christmas day.

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