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So that morning I got on my truck, threw my backpack on. I started to make the ride into the mountains down this old dirt road and I got down to where the Outfitters campus set up. Normally there's this older gentleman sitting there with his binoculars, the little book, and while he wasn't there this time, so it was very unusual. Didn't really think much of it, so I kept on going. From where the Outfitters camp is to further down the trail, it was all washed out. There was really no trail. You kind of had to eyeball it. Got back onto the main trail again and was riding my bike up this steep part of the trail, up a mountain a little bit. There's this rock here. It had grass and moss and a little spruce tree on it. It was like the perfect place to camp. My plan was to go into the very back bolt, which is about another two to three kilometers from there into the back. I was just going 10 feet at a time, really looking because I wanted to see the sheep before the sheep saw me. I got 200 yards, 300 yards, and I spotted the sheep. And then I went to reposition. I took my binoculars down and I repositioned. As I brought my binoculars down, I saw a little brown thing run in front of me, 10 feet away. Right away I knew what it was. I knew it was a cub. I then reached down into my backpack, which was, I had leaned against the frame of my bicycle to grab my bear spray. As I was reaching in, I heard a branch break behind me over my right shoulder. And there was mama. She was about four feet away. Her left front paw was stretched right out. I could see her claws. I could see her eyes, the white corners of her eyes. Her mouth was open. She was in a full charge. I only had a split second to react. So I took a step to my left and I grabbed my bicycle and I just dropped it in front of her. Her head went through the frame of the bicycle. Left paw got caught in the back wheel and her front paw was caught in the front wheel and she was tossing, shaking her head around. I grabbed my pack. I can remember she shook that bike off and she came right for me and I smashed my pack right in her nose and her face. She grabbed it, started violently shaking it. And then she let go and I picked the pack up and I smashed it over her head and just pushing her back with the pack. She grabbed my right hand through the frame of the pack, her jaws clamped right through, teeth went right through my hand and into the pack. I kind of hurt. She let go and then I was smashing her with the other side and then she just kind of started to back up, turn and walk away. I started to back up, holding my pack. I was trying to get my gun off of the back of my pack. I was watching her and trying to get my gun off. I took my eyes off her for a second to unclip one of the clips that was holding my gun and as I lift my head back up, she had turned around. She was coming back towards me. I threw the

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pack at her in her face and then I decided to go run up the mountain side. So I probably got a good hundred feet or so up the hillside. I found a tree, grabbed it, kind of jumped off the higher end of the hill, got onto the tree. I was climbing up the tree and I can just hear her coming behind me, huffing, huff, huff. She was fast. I was climbing up the tree and I had my left leg up pretty high. I was pushing myself up with my left leg and my right leg was hanging low. She stood up on her hind end and she wrapped her two front legs around my right leg, holding it down to her and then I just remember her guiding my leg into her mouth. Just looking down, holding on to the tree going, this is going to hurt. Her teeth sunken right behind my knee. I could see her teeth, canines on either side of my kneecap. She crouched right behind my leg and just grabbed a hold and I remember looking down going, why is this not hurting? And then she just yanked with her head straight down and just plucked me out of the tree like nothing.

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