

Agriculture, an agreement providing for the services of their Animal Damage Control personnel on the Reservation. Any agreement will provide for notification of the Director of Fish and Wildlife Department of any activity and shall not be in effect until approved by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

I. Aerial Control or Capture Game Wardens and other law enforcement officers or predator control contractors shall be allowed to hunt or capture animals from an airplane, helicopter or other aerial device while performing an official function otherwise allowable under these rules.

Section 15. Temporary Additions to Rules, Temporary Closures

The Fish & Wildlife Department may, by regulation, promulgate temporary additions to these General Rules, including a temporary prohibition on gathering, recreating, hunting, trapping, or fishing, of any particular species or in any specific area, subject to the approval of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

Section 16. Wildlife Laws of the State of Montana

Tribal wildlife officials shall not require nor request compliance with any wildlife laws of the State of Montana.

Section 17. Sanitation in Bear Country

Due to the bear problems that may occur beginning in the early spring of the year and ending usually in late autumn, we are being reminded that measures need to be made to ensure the safety of all persons, and the protection and preservation of bears.

A. Definitions

(1) Bear Country - means the lands within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, which are designated as being normally occupied, by bears. This area is depicted on Map in *Appendix B*, referred to as *Zone #2*.

(2) Bear Resistant Manner - means stored in bear resistant containers, suspended at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet from any support structure (tree trunk, etc.), unavailable due to human attendance, or any combination of these.

(3) Bear Resistant Container - means a securable container constructed of solid material. When secured and under stress the container will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or clawing. Wood containers are not considered bear resistant unless they are reinforced with metal. Locked vehicles with closed windows are considered bear resistant.

B. Food Stuffs

1) All persons shall make all food, including garbage, bird feeders, livestock and pet food (excluding hay), unavailable to bears.

2) During daylight hours all camps shall be attended or food shall be stored in a bear resistant manner.

3) During nighttime while camping, all food not in use or being prepared shall be stored in a bear resistant manner.

C. Commercially operated food businesses

1) Will ensure that any products will be disposed of or contained and closed in a way that will not attract bears.

2) There will be no dumping of food bi-products and packaging except in designated receptacles.

3) All commercial facilities that grill outdoors will be required to have a bear resistant enclosure or fence preventing bears from gaining access to such.

D. Garbage

Garbage shall not be buried while camping. Garbage shall be removed and placed in a designated garbage disposal container and properly closed.

In areas where there is a bear resistant garbage container, it will be monitored for overflow and closure.

E. Gut Piles

Big game gut piles shall be removed at least 100 yards from any camp or designated hiking trail.

F. Carcasses

Big game carcasses shall be removed from the field as soon as possible. If left overnight, carcasses shall be stored in a bear resistant manner if possible.

If a grizzly bear claims a hunter's big game carcass the hunter shall contact a Tribal Game Warden. Upon verification the hunter shall be issued a replacement big game tag.

Livestock owners shall be required to dispose of livestock carcasses in a manner that will not attract bears into conflict situations with people. Carcasses shall be removed to a remote area more than 1/2 mile from any residence, calving area, or occupied corrals. If this is not possible, the livestock owner, shall contact the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department, who will arrange for removal and/or relocation of the carcass.

G. Closures

It shall be unlawful to fail to obey warning signs regarding closures due to bear danger.

H. Fines

The penalty for violating this section, not withstanding part C, shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per violation per day.

The penalty for Commercial Food Businesses for violating Part C of this Section shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per violation per day.