Grizzly Bear Conflicts in the Idaho Portion of the GYE

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Bear Conflicts in SE Idaho

Legend:
- State Boundaries
- Grizzly Bear Demographic Monitoring Area (DMA)
- Yellowstone National Park
- Grand Teton National Park

Island Park

Teton Valley
What is a Conflict?

- Conflicts are incidents where bears injure people, cause public safety concerns, damage property, obtain anthropogenic foods, kill or injure livestock or any other incident that requires an agency response.
2020 Conflicts


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<td>Human Injury</td>
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<td>Encounter Situations</td>
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<td>Public Safety Threat (habituated, near developed site, etc.)</td>
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<td>Anthropogenic Foods</td>
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<td>Property Damage – without food reward</td>
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<td>Livestock Depredation – cattle</td>
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<td>Human Caused Bear Mortality</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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- One female and yearling relocated, no bears euthanized due to conflicts
Conflicts From 1992-2020
Reducing and Responding to Conflicts
Outreach and Education
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- Conduct site visits to identify potential conflict situations
- Canvass neighborhoods and campgrounds
Outreach and Education
Social Media

Hiking in Bear Country
- Hike in groups of 3 or more
- Be alert

Living in Bear Country
I live in Island Park and work with the Fish and Game. I'm the bear biologist. I wanted to see if I could get names of HOA leaders or names of folks who may live in a subdivision and share emails with each other. Basically, I want to be able to send out reminders to help folks be bear aware and let people know if bears have been active in an area. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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Securing Attractants

Regular dumpster toppled by bear

Bear resistant dumpster brought in to replace it
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Electrifying a bear-resistant dumpster
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Retrofitting dumpster to make it more difficult for bears to acquire garbage
What the heck?
Apple Pickin’
Wildlife Human Attack Response Team (WHART) walking into attack site.
2021

- Fingers crossed to get back to normal, whatever that means

- We actually learned a lot from having to adapt our methods in 2020.
Questions