

Wyoming Conflict Update Continued...

Bear Wise Wyoming



STAY SAFE. KEEP BEARS WILD.

- Pick ripe fruit from trees/bushes promptly and keep the ground clear of fallen fruit
- Keep trash in secure building
- Take trash out the morning of pickup, not the night before
- Feed pets and store pet food inside
- Store stock feed in a secure building or bear resistant container
- Use bird feeders November 1 through March 15 while bears are denning
- Let barbecue burn for 5 minutes after use to remove grease and odor



Please keep all garbage, birdseed and livestock feed unavailable to bears.



Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Large Carnivore Section



Role of Wyoming Game and Fish

Large Carnivore Section

- Maintain viable populations of mountain lions, wolves, black and grizzly bears on the landscape
- Proactively manage and mitigate human/wildlife conflicts
- Provide information and education on large carnivore conservation and conflict resolution techniques

Mitakuye Oyasin - All Connected

- Nothing we do is mutually exclusive:
 - Monitoring and conflict resolution data used to better understand what is occurring on the ground
 - Data, working knowledge, experience and expertise inform context within Bear Wise programs
 - **Team approach**, bolstered by public support

Changes Through Time

- The reality of successful resurgence of wildlife species is increased *POTENTIAL* for conflicts
- Couple that with human population growth and increasing use of wildlife habitats (add in a dash of Covid angst)



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Community/State/Ecosystem/International Outreach

- Proactive efforts and educational component serve as the foundation for grizzly bear management and maintaining large carnivores on the landscape



Stealing from Frank: Google "Bear Wise Wyoming"

Conflict Resolution and Bear Wise Wyoming

- *A Reminder...(we've been around for awhile)...*
 - *From the first Grizzly Bear Annual Job Completion Report by Game and Fish for 2011:*

The Bear Wise Community Program is a proactive initiative that seeks to minimize human-bear

In 2005, the Department began implementation of the Bear Wise Community Program. Although the program's efforts were focused primarily in the Wapiti area, the Department initiated a smaller scale project in Teton County to address the increasing number of black and grizzly bear conflicts in the Jackson area. For the last 6 years, the Bear Wise Community Programs in both Cody and Jackson have deployed a multi-faceted education and outreach campaign in an effort to minimize human-bear conflicts and promote proper attractant management. Although a wide array of challenges remain and vary between communities, many accomplishments have been made and progress is expected to continue as Bear Wise efforts gain momentum.

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Field Response Program - Focus on Prevention



Outreach and Education VITAL



Bear Wise – 2021 examples

- Electric Fencing
 - Teaming up with USDA Wildlife Services – fenced dozens of apiaries and structures summer of 2021
- Door to Door
 - Magnets, flyers, knocking on doors, meeting with the public
- PSAs and Media Coverage
 - Timely announcements, near constant media coverage
- Bear Spray Giveaways
 - Collaborations for annual bear spray giveaways
- Creativity – work with Roots Kitchen and Cannery – harvested ~ 13,000 lbs of apples to make into cider



Support For Adaptation

- Expansion of conflict potential → creativity and adaptability
- Consistency (Compliance and Enforceability)
- Teamwork Approach!!



Thinking to the Future



Commitments – Past/Present/Future

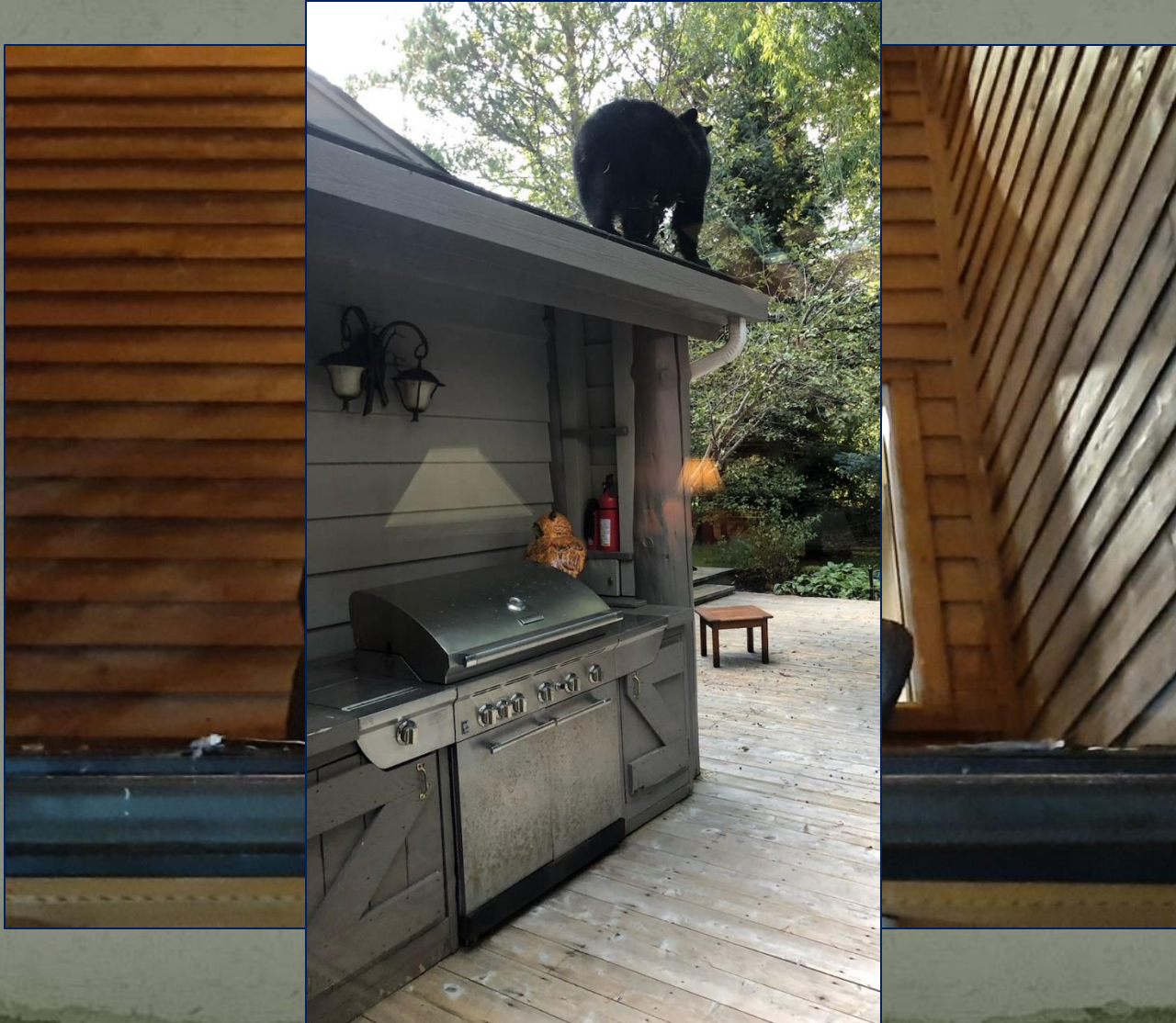
- Increase activities/Re-engage with the public
 - Support implementation of bear resistant infrastructure, on the ground securing of attractants
 - Teton Conservation District “Good Neighbor Handbook”
- Living in Large Carnivore Country Workshops
- Electric Fencing Workshop(s)
- Fruit Tree Replacement
- Continued 24/7 Availability and Day to Day Activities
 - **Regardless of Ordinances and Regulations we remain committed to reducing conflict potential to keep bears wild and people safe**

Collaboration

- Local Bear Wise Working Groups
 - Multi-faceted issues require multiple entity involvement



Food for Thought



Thank You Dan Bjornlie!!!!



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