



# Boundary County Bear Fair September 30, 2023 Update

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**BOUNDARY COUNTY BEAR FAIR**  
**BOUNDARY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Come join us for a day learning about bears and how to reduce the chances of encounters with them while in bear country. Enter to win prizes and enjoy free hot dogs/hamburgers.

- **Bear Spray Training.** Come learn the importance of carrying bear spray and how to use it. Our new radio-controlled charging Grizzly Bear will show you how fast these bears can run! (See agenda below for demonstration times)
- **Electric Fencing Workshop.** Learn how to protect your livestock, animals, beehives, and chicken coops using electric fencing.
- **Cider Press available.** Bring your own apples and containers and make fresh apple cider using our new apple cider press. Learn the importance of picking your fruit to avoid attracting bears. (First come, first serve)
- **Livestock Carcass Pick-up program.** Learn about our new dead livestock pick-up program and the importance of removing dead livestock from your property.
- **Camping in Bear Country.** Learn how to set up a clean camp to lessen your chances of attracting bears.
- **Huckleberry information** and so much more!

**BEAR SPRAY  
TRAINING SCHEDULE**

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

3:00 PM

Partners/Sponsors:



For more information:



Thanks to all the hard working partners who made the Bear Fair a big success!!

Nearly 300 people attended!!

# Raffle Prizes to give away!



- Door Prize-IGBC approved cooler
- 2 Trash Containers
- Electric Fence energizer
- Bear Sprays
- Bear Keg
- Bear Vault
- Scat Belts-spray holder
- Back-pack spray holders

# Recreating in Bear Country station



Participants took part in a scavenger hunt to find out everything good and bad in the camp. (USFWS, USFS, ICL)

# Apple Cider Press Station

Public encouraged to glean their fruit and remove bear attractants. Free use of the cider press! (KTOI)



# Bear Education Station



Educating  
about living  
in bear  
country  
(IDFG)

# Livestock Carcass Pickup Station

## LIVESTOCK CARCASS REMOVAL PROGRAM

### Why should you remove carcasses?

- Significant attractants to Grizzly Bears and other predators
- Carcasses increase bear presence near humans and homes
- Carcasses attract Grizzly Bears to living livestock nearby
- Boneyards create bears that are habituated to feeding on livestock

### Who to contact for carcass removal?

Austin Terrell  
Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation  
208-571-2052

Rob Morris  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
208-617-0126



### About the program

- Free to Boundary County residents
- On-call service
- Confidential
- Operated by IDFG and OSC
- Service begins January 1, 2024

Support provided by:



Educating about the new livestock carcass pickup program. (OSC)

# USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Station



Educate the public on preventing and handling conflicts with predatory wildlife.



# Vendor Stations



Gallagher  
Fencing

Bear Vault



# Bear Spray Training Station



Training  
over 100  
people  
(IDFG)

# Boundary County Bear Fair 2024

- Expand bear spray training
- Free bear spray to participants
- Expired bear spray exchange
- More vendors, food vendors??
- More prizes
- Bear identification test
- Bear live trap demo
- Hands on electric fencing demo
- Ideas?



# Questions?



Tragedy struck when Conroy, his mind preoccupied with work, stepped into the elevator — directly between a female grizzly and her cub.