

# We Are....

## Living In Bear Country

Have you heard about Nixle alerts? From weather to bears, Nixle is a Community Information Service that can be gotten via the website - or through text on your phone by:

Step 1: Select the Messages icon.

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Step 3: Enter 888777 in the To field.

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### **Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game Conservation Officer:**

208-267-4085

208-818-1443

### **Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee:**

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wildlife/igbc/>

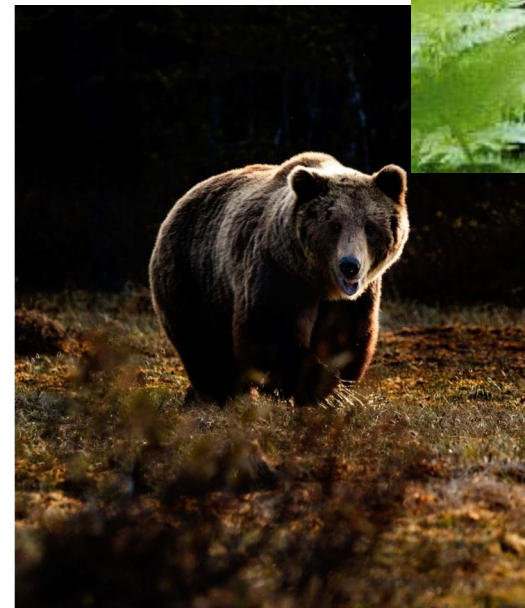
### **Living with Wildlife Foundation:**

<http://www.lwwf.org/>

### **Center for Wildlife Information**

<http://www.centerforwildlifeinformation.org/index.html>

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Bears are intelligent creatures. It doesn't take long for a bear to realize that improperly stored garbage is an easy source of food. After a few visits, the bear loses its fear of humans because the lure of garbage is greater than its natural tendency to avoid people. When the bear no longer fears humans, the potential for conflicts greatly increases.

## Bear Proof

Bears have extremely good sense of smell. They will check out anything that smells like food. And... they have a great memory. If they found food somewhere once, chances are they will return in search for more. What can you do?

- Store garbage in tightly tied, heavy duty bags

- Use bear resistant dumpsters or garbage cans

- Use garbage service or take your trash to the dump on a regular basis

- Take extra care with smelly items like fish and meat

## Fence

A properly constructed electric fence is safe for people and pets and has proven to be effective at deterring bears from apiaries (beehives), fruit trees, gardens, livestock pens, rabbit hutches, garbage containers, dog kennels, chicken coups, compost piles, storage sheds, along with numerous other uses. There is an abundant variety of applications and effective fencing designs for deterring bears. Design, construction and proper maintenance will determine the effectiveness of your electric fence

Learn More Here:



## Hikers & Bikers

EXPECT BEARS TO BE PRESENT

BE ALERT CARRY \*BEAR SPRAY \*MAKE NOISE \*SLOW

DOWN \*AVOID GOING ALONE

Fast-paced trail recreation increases the risk of surprising a bear. During a bear encounter: . Stop. Do not run. Get off your bike, keep your bike between you and the bear. Use your bear spray . If the bear charges—stand your ground, use your bear spray . If the bear makes physical contact—protect your head and neck, play dead, use your bear spray

## Be Bear Aware



## Be Prepared-Carry Spray

The correct tool to use against aggressive bears is not always obvious. Experienced hunters have found that despite using firearms to defend themselves against a charging bear, they were nonetheless attacked and badly hurt.

Bear spray is recognized as an effective tool that can prevent injury in a wild animal attack when used as part of a system

including firearms, or used alone for those who choose not to carry a firearm. MORE

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