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NEW MEXICO DEPT OF GAME AND FISH

2002 Bear Awareness Survey New Mexico Resident

The New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish is conducting a Bear Awareness Opinion Poll.
May we have your opinion on a few key issues?

....To the best of your knowledge,
how many years have you camped
where bears live? YEARS

1. Are you a permanent or part-time resident?
 PERMANENT..... How long have you lived in the area? YEARS How many days per year do you camp? DAYS
2. **Before today**, were you aware that bears are found in the surrounding forest?
 YES..... ● **If YES**, when was the last time you saw a bear in the local area?
 NO Never This year Last year 2 or more years ago
3. Have you ever received any information on being safe in bear country?
 YES..... ● **If YES**, what form did the information come in? (Mark all that apply)
 NO Conversation with friend or neighbor Poster
 Don't Remember Presentation by a NM Game and Fish official Video presentation
 Presentation by a US Forest Service official TV
 Presentation by another government official Radio
 Brochure or leaflet Newspaper

 ● **If YES, in your opinion** what is the best, most effective means of receiving information on bear safety? (Mark only ONE)
 Local business establishment Campsite table Poster in campground restroom Brochure Poster or presentation in a public place None of the above

 ● **If YES**, how recently did you receive this bear safety information?
 Less than 3 months ago 1-2 yrs. ago
 3-12 mo. ago More than 2 years ago
4. **In your opinion**, which of the following may attract bears to an area? (Mark all that apply)
 Wood piles Loud noises
 Bird seed feeders Garbage
 Shiny objects Brightly colored tents
 Barbeques Hummingbird feeders
 Chicken coops Compost piles
5. **In your opinion**, if you see a bear when walking in the woods, what do you consider to be the best way to react?
 Charge the bear Ignore the bear
 Run away from the bear Make loud noises
 Slowly back away from the bear Don't know
6. **In your opinion**, is it safe to feed bears?
 YES
 NO
 Don't know
7. If you were attacked by a bear in NM, **what would you consider** the best way to react?
 Play dead
 Fight back
 Don't know
8. Frequent contact with people often causes a bear to lose its fear of humans and become a nuisance. **In your opinion**, what is the best way to reduce the chance bears will be tempted to come into an area inhabited by humans? (Mark only ONE)
 Move bears to a new area Chase the bears with hounds
 Scare the bears with noise Shoot the bears with rubber bullets
 Keep food away from bears Kill the bears
9. May we have your phone number for any follow-up information we may need for this bear study?
 Phone - - - - **2 0 0 2**
 TODAY'S DATE