



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?

1. Are you a permanent or part-time resident?
☐ PERMANENT..... How long have you lived in the area? YEARS
☐ PART-TIMEHow many days per year do you camp? DAYS
.....To the best of your knowledge, how many years have you camped where bears live? YEARS

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? _____ - _____ - _____ - 2 0 0 2

Please return your survey to: NM Dept. of Game and Fish,
attn: Survey Research, PO Box 9254, Santa Fe, NM 87504-9734

THANK YOU for taking the time and making the effort to complete this SURVEY!