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### Bear sighting and interaction with camper in Bryce Canyon National Park

A black bear has been sighted on multiple occasions in Bryce Canyon in the last month. In the latest instance, a bear stepped on a tent in the Yellow Creek backcountry Campsite. Because of the interaction with campers, food storage regulations will be strictly enforced to all campers in the park. Food that is not being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption must be kept sealed in a vehicle or a camping unit that is constructed of non-pliable material, or suspended at least ten feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a tree or other object. There are no fires allowed in the backcountry; also do not dump food scraps or fat drippings. They must be taken out in a sealed container. Please report sighting or encounters with bears to the visitor center or directly to me with above phone number or e-mail.

#### If you encounter a bear:

- Stay Calm
- Immediately pick up small children
- Do not make direct eye contact. Bears perceive eye contact as threatening behavior
- Make noise, yell, clap your hands, bang pots or throw rocks to scare it away.
- NEVER approach a black bear nor allow it to approach you. If it does approach you, retreat slowly.
- If you are attacked by a black Bear and cannot get away, fight back, kick, scream and yell! Be aggressive!

