

NPS Region-11 Alaska

BEAR-HUMAN ENCOUNTER REPORT FORM

- Please complete one form for each encounter as best you can. • If you don't know the answer to a question, leave it blank.
- If pressed for time, please fill in Name and Contact Information and proceed to page 2 and complete Detailed Encounter Narrative.

HUMAN INFORMATION

Name, address, and phone number of primary person involved in the encounter:

Male Female

Name(s) of additional person(s) involved in the encounter:

Did you receive any bear safety information (printed material, video, ranger contact, visitor center, etc.) prior to the encounter?
If yes, please describe:

LOCATION INFORMATION

Enter a brief description of the location where the encounter occurred (Township/Range/Section or Lat./Long (Decimal Degrees) information is very useful if known):

TIME INFORMATION

Month/Day/Year:

Time of Day (hour):

How long did the encounter take (minutes):

BEAR INFORMATION

Total Number of Bears Involved:

Species: Grizzly/Brown Bear Black Bear Bear (species unkn)

Cohort: Adult male Adult female Adult bear (sex unkn) Female with new cubs
Female with dependents (1+ y.o.)

Please describe any identifying features for the bear(s) involved (color, size, scars, and other markings):

BEAR & HUMAN ACTIVITY

When this encounter occurred what was your primary reason for being in the area?

What were you doing at the time when you first noticed the bear(s)?

What was the bear doing at the time you first noticed it?

What was the distance to the bear when first observed? (specify units)

What was the closest the bear approached you?

What was the encounter setting, (e.g. "We were walking to our next plot through heavy brush when..."):

What was your total group size?

What was the encounter group size (number of people directly involved)?

Did the bear ever charge? Yes No If Yes, from what distance? How many times did the bear charge?

What do you feel was the probable cause of the encounter?

BEAR AVOIDANCE AND DETERRENTS

Did you have a firearm available? Yes No Did you use it on this encounter? Yes No How many shots were fired at the bear?

What make and caliber of firearm(s) was used?

Was firearm use successful? Please explain:

Check any of the following deterrents if they were present: air horn flare gun pepper spray dog other:

Describe deterrent used (number of times, distance, effectiveness):

Were you making noise or doing something to let bear(s) know of your presence prior to the encounter? Please explain:

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Describe the type of habitat you were in:

Describe the visibility at the encounter location:

Was a structure involved in this encounter (e.g., cabin, tent, vehicle, boat/kayak)? If yes, please specify:

Was there natural or human food in the immediate surroundings? If yes, please describe. Was any property damaged?

If yes, please explain and provide estimate (\$):

Did the bear receive a food reward? Yes No

Please explain:

HUMAN & BEAR INJURY DESCRIPTIONS

Please provide a description of any human injuries resulting from the encounter:

Please provide a description of any injuries sustained by the bear in this encounter (unless confirmed fatal you may need to deduce injury, e.g., shot 6 times with heavy blood loss):

DETAILED ENCOUNTER NARRATIVE:- Please provide as detailed a narrative of the encounter as you are able. Use the back of form if needed.