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Aggressive Bear near Iris Meadows on Kruzof Island

The Sitka Ranger District has received a report of an aggressive bear on the Mud Bay road system near Iris Meadows. The person reporting the incident said they at first used an air horn to deter the bear which was unsuccessful. The bear became further agitated and charged the person who then deployed Pepper Spray. The spray stopped the bear but then pursued the person as they fled on their ATV. The bear may have been defending deer gut piles which were left adjacent to the road. The Forest Service advises caution when using this area in the near future and reminds hunters, that while legal to dress a deer on or near a road or trail, the remains will be an attractant to bears and may create dangerous encounters for other users of the area.

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