

Attachment A – Recreation Residence Bear and Wildlife Management and Protection Plan

The purpose of this management plan is to minimize human/wildlife conflicts, thereby reducing the risk to human safety and the likelihood of property damage while protecting wildlife and aiding in the conservation and recovery of threatened, endangered or sensitive species such as grizzly bears in areas where they occur.

Permit holders of recreation residences on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests are hereby notified that they are required to follow the standards contained in this document to reduce the risk of attracting bears or other wildlife and subsequently reduce the risk of human/wildlife conflicts, particularly with bears. These standards are also applicable to recreation residence dock areas and boats (when they are at the dock). All of the recreation residence tracts are considered black bear habitat. The Priest Lake Ranger District recreation residence tracts and the surrounding lands are also considered grizzly bear habitat.

Bear Attractants = food (including sealed cans), garbage, recycling, pet food, livestock feed, drinks (even in sealed containers), coolers (even when empty), barbeque grills, toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, etc.), harvested animals (wildlife and fish), bird feeders (seed, nectar, suet), fishing bait and compost.

1. When unattended, all bear attractants must be stored in an approved bear-resistant container or inside a hard-sided, enclosed storage building, garage or dwelling.
2. All garbage and recycling must be stored in an approved bear-resistant container or stored inside a hard-sided, enclosed storage building, garage or dwelling.
3. Outdoor refrigerators or freezers will not be allowed, including on screened porches.
4. Bird feeders (seed, nectar or suet) will not be allowed any time of the year.
5. No other artificial feeding of wildlife will be allowed any time of year, including, but not limited to, squirrel feeders, mineral licks, salt licks or putting out corn for deer.
6. Pet food or animal feed must be stored in an approved bear-resistant container or inside a hard-sided, enclosed storage building, garage or dwelling. Feed pets only what they can eat at one sitting and do not leave pet dishes outside, including on a screened porch, in a dog run or in a pet carrier.
7. It is strongly recommended that barbeque grills be stored inside a hard-sided, enclosed storage building, garage or dwelling when not in use. Barbeque grills not stored inside, permanent fire pits and barbeques that have grills that can not be removed should be burned for 5 minutes immediately after cooking is done, then thoroughly cleaned after every use to remove all food and grease.
8. Compost piles will not be allowed.
9. Windows and doors to all structures should be closed and securely fastened when the residence is not occupied.
10. No trash burning allowed. All garbage, recycling and other bear attractants must be disposed of at an approved transfer station.
11. All poisons, pesticides and baited traps, with the exception of rodent snap traps, would only be used where they are not accessible to wildlife, such as inside a hard-sided, enclosed storage building, garage or dwelling and when not in use would be stored in the same manner or in an approved bear-resistant container. Pesticide use must be in compliance with Section V, Subsection E of the special use permit.