

**DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**  
**Minutes of November 23, 2010, 2010 Meeting**

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010, 2010 in the CVIC HALL 1602 ESERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Michael Turnipseed  
Bob Cook  
Eric Scheetz  
Kevin Servatius

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Craig Burnside

**STAFF:** Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Reid Varble, NDOW  
Carl Lackey, NDOW  
Jake Kramer, NDOW  
Wes Emery, Private Citizen  
John Larson, Private Citizen

**NOTE:** A tape recording of these proceedings is retained by the Board Chairman and is available for review upon request.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Cook/Scheetz to approve the agenda as presented; carried with Burnside absent.

**ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 21, 2010**

MOTION by Scheetz/Cook to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Burnside absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wes Emery feels the late season hunts should be switched back to November to prevent hunters, especially when hunting in the Sierra Range, from being too close to the subdivisions. He feels it might be better to stick with the early season only and get away from

the late season.

Kevin Servatius, speaking from a guiding and public relations prospective, feels this is creating a problem; it is like hunting in people's backyards. He would like to have a discussion on moving the late hunts into November.

Carl Lackey feels this is a social issue and does not favor hunting the bucks in November due to the rut. One option would be to get rid of the late season or another would be to keep muzzleloader and archery and get rid of the rifle season.

Wes Emery feels this issue does not give hunters a good name and he will consider requesting a future DCABMW agenda item on this topic.

Public comment closed.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

- 1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. These recommendations may be forwarded on to Nevada Wildlife Commission.**

There was no report and no public comment. However, Eric Scheetz read from a newspaper article regarding the federal government seeking project proposals for grants. This should be kept in mind for the future.

Kevin Servatius feels winter habitat is critical and should be a focus for this group.

No action was taken.

- 2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A DRAFT LETTER TO NDOW TO REQUEST A PROVISION REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF MONIES SPENT ON HERITAGE, DUCK STAMP AND UPLAND GAME STAMP PROJECTS BACK TO THE SPORTSMEN.**

Eric Scheetz feels some progress may be being made in this area so he would like to table this item until the next meeting.

No public comment and no action was taken.

- 3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF RESCINDING 2011 AND 2012 HERITAGE TAGS AND OR PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE (PIW) TAGS. Possible refund of 2010, 2011, 2012 donations and fees to successful Heritage and PIW donors pending outcome of potential court injunction and lawsuit against Heritage tags and approved Heritage projects that has been filed by Paul Dixon, Chairman, Clark County Advisory Board to Manage**

## **Wildlife.**

Chairman Turnipseed provided the background on this item for the public.

There was no public comment and no action was taken.

### **4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALTERNATIVE GATE CLOSURES FOR USFS PROPERTY BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 207 (KINGSBURY GRADE) AND HIGHWAY 50 (SPOONER SUMMIT).**

Bob Cook explained he would like to locate the gate beyond the plane crash site toward Genoa Peak but the Forest Service does not want to do that due to erosion occurring. There was nothing new to report but he will continue to work on this throughout the winter.

There was no public comment and no action was taken.

### **5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REGARDING INPUT TO FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES. The Commission may create, adopt, or provide instruction to staff to create a policy governing all NDOW input, reports, and other written communications sent to Federal and State agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that affect wildlife. The input to specifically include, but not limited to, impacts of energy, renewable energy, mining, and infrastructure effects on wildlife.**

No public comment.

Chairman Turnipseed feels this is micromanaging the Department instead of providing broad policy as mandated by NRS.

Kevin Servatius feels the Board should oppose this because the Department is capable of managing their mission without being micromanaged.

Eric Scheetz feels this is too broad.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook, on behalf of Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, believes the Nevada Wildlife Commission should be setting broad strategic goals and objectives and providing policy and direction to the Nevada Division of Wildlife and its staff. The micromanagement of NDOW input, reports and other written communications fall far beyond what the scope and mission of what the Wildlife Commission should be. We object to this potential change in policy governing NDOW;

No public comment.

MOTION; carried with Burnside absent.

## **6. DISCUSSION ON SHED ANTLER COLLECTION.**

Chairman Turnipseed thinks this is a problem in the Ely area but not in the western part of the state.

Jake Kramer talked about rock piling and said this practice sometimes occurs. In the past the Department has allowed people to collect dead heads but now they are trying to adhere to NRS which states no dead head should be possessed without a tag.

Eric Scheetz added the Mule Deer Restoration Committee wants to keep this as a stand alone issue.

No public comment and no action was taken.

## **7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE WAYNE KIRSCH CONSERVATION AWARD.**

Bob Cook stated he again submitted Barbara Byington and Galeppi Land and Cattle. He said he had help from Steve Lewis, Travis Lee, and Dan Kaffer in completing the application.

No public comment and no action was taken.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED. This is an opportunity for Board members to discuss any correspondence or communication they may have received regarding matters over which the Board has jurisdiction and control. No action will be taken other than to possibly have an item placed on the next agenda for discussion and action.**

Chairman Turnipseed stated he had received an email from Madeline Snyder who is 100% opposed to the bear hunt.

He received a cover letter to a petition with 414 names regarding the proposed bear hunt.

Jim Loppe called him with regard to the possible turnout for tonight's meeting.

Bob Cook felt the petition contained a number of names of people from California.

Kevin Servatius stated Kathryn Bricker sought advice from him regarding steps they could take to oppose the bear hunt. He suggested she send the document to him for inclusion in tonight's proceedings. He thinks the petition contains the names of a lot of people from the Carson Valley. (The cover letter and the petition are appended to these minutes as Attachment A.) He read from portions of the cover letter to highlight some of the concerns this group has. He addressed this board's charge to represent both the sportsmen and the community at large.

John Larson stated he would like to write a rebuttal letter and clear up the inaccuracies in their letter.

In response to a question raised, Carl Lackey stated he has had to put down 20 nuisance bears this year.

No action was taken.

**9. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE September 24 & 25, 2010 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. There will be no action taken.**

No one attended the meeting and there was no report.

**The following items, 10A through 10H, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, December 3 & 4, 2010 at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.**

**10A – 10H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:**

**10A. ACTION REGARDING THE COMMISSION REGULATION 11-01-RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY. The Commission will establish 2011-2012 season dates, species, quotas, hours, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take for raptors for falconry.**

No public comment and no discussion was held.

**10B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 11-02-NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2011-2012. The Commission will establish 2011 and 2012 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.**

No public comment.

Kevin Servatius talked about reptile collection in the Middle Gate and East Gate area and asked if it was legal.

Jake Kramer stated most of the collectors have permits.

No action was taken.

**10C. ACTION REGARDING A REPORT FROM FERAL HORSE COMMITTEE, HORSE MONUMENT AND LETTERS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMISSION.**

- **THE COMMISSION POSSIBLY APPROVING, MODIFYING, CREATING, OR DENYING A LETTER TO THE NEVADA STATE WATER ENGINEER IN REFERENCE TO THE ISSUE OF GIVING WATER RIGHTS MEANT FOR WILDLIFE TO WILD HORSES.**
- **THE COMMISSION DISCUSSING THE PICKENS HORSE MONUMENT IN EASTERN NEVADA AND MAY PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO STAFF ON THE MATTER AND MAY APPROVE, MODIFY, CREATE, OR DENY A RESOLUTION AND/OR LETTER ON THE MATTER.**

In addressing the first part of this item, Chairman Turnipseed provided the procedure followed when water is requested for livestock use.

Bob Cook wondered if they trying to redefine “wildlife” to either include or exclude horses.

No public comment and no action was taken.

**10D. ACTION REGARDING THE CABMW BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2011. The Commission will review CABMW budget status reports and may make adjustments to CABMW budgets for Fiscal Year 2011.**

No public comment and no discussion was held.

**10E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 391-GUIDED HUNT CHANGES. The Commission may adopt a temporary regulation relating to revising provisions governing eligibility for the main draw if the application applied for the Restricted Nonresident Deer tag draw.**

Kevin Servatius read from the proposed language and feels it will allow someone to put in for the general and restricted draw but they will only be given one bonus point, which cannot be used in the same year. He feels this will help the guiding community.

*Wes Emery commented but his comments were not audible.*

**10F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 393-BLACK BEAR HUNT. The Commission may adopt a temporary regulation relating to revising provisions governing the establishment of a black bear hunt, eligibility waiting period requirements, bonus point program, weapons restrictions, tag fees and other matters related thereto.**

Chairman Turnipseed stated at the last meeting staff was asked to come up with

recommendations on the provisions governing the establishment of a bear hunt.

Carl Lackey stated this is to create the regulatory language to establish the bear hunt and if approved, the seasons and quotas will come forward in February or March. This will put the language relating to the bear in all the different categories it needs to be in.

A discussion was held regarding the fact that black bears are often poached due to the value of many of the bear's parts on the wildlife Black Market.

Carl Lackey said he has put down 20 nuisance bears so far this calendar year. Nuisance bears are bears that pose a public safety threat or take part in a "three strikes" activity. Not included in that number are bears that were killed by cars or trains or for depredation reasons. He noted the population model used did incorporate human activities and added taking 40 bears a year would still keep the population numbers where they are.

The bears here are part of a larger population of bears and have been tracked to Lake View, Oregon, Lone Pine, California and Sacramento, California. He feels the population will continue to grow even with the harvest.

Wes Emery stated support for a hunt and does not feel it would impact the population and John Larson agreed.

Kevin Servatius read from a Reno Gazette Journal article opposing a bear hunt and submitted the article for the record.

As a sportsman, he feels it is a justified hunt and sportsmen have a right to pursue these bears but we should be sensitive to the concerns of the public especially in the areas of public safety and orphaned cubs. He questioned whether we should go into a spring hunt with the potential cub issue and perhaps have location restrictions to ensure public safety.

Carl Lackey stated the original recommendation was to exclude a spring hunt; have a summer archery hunt and no dogs and a fall any legal weapon and dogs hunt. The spring hunt was requested by one of the Commissioners. He feels county ordinances already deal with hunting in a congested area so there is no need for the Department to address that issue.

Kevin Servatius feels Carl Lackey's original recommendation was the proper one because the public perception on the spring hunt would not be good for the image of sportsman and he would like to take a smaller step than the Commission is proposing.

Bob Cook indicated agreement with Kevin Servatius.

A discussion took place on why dogs would be used only in the fall hunt, whether the hunt would be 24 hours, hibernation, distribution of the tags, and the possible institution

of a bear management fee.

Eric Scheetz pointed out many in the Lake Tahoe Basin are opposed to this and asked if it would be acceptable to limit it out of the Basin and still accomplish what they hope to. He asked how many bears were euthanized out of the basin.

Carl Lackey stated this hunt is being proposed by the Commission and not the biologists but he will be able to collect data from this. He stated most of the bear complaints come out of the basin but the number of bears taken out of the basin varies year to year.

Eric Scheetz thought this was a big step and is concerned about the perception of hunting bears in the basin even though other species are hunted there. Having it out of the basin makes the perception of public safety better. He has concerns with archery weapons being used around housing areas. He suggested the fees be higher and perhaps using the bear management fee to help offset some of the cost of bear proof trash cans.

Carl Lackey feels many of the bears will be taken out of the Carson Range and other places but not too many from the basin. Many other animals are already hunted in the basin and there are already laws on the books to govern hunting in these areas. The fees suggested are in line with other states. He would love to see a Heritage Tag for bears.

Jake Kramer feels public opinion may cause the exclusion of the basin.

John Larson would like to see the bear management fee be used to educate people on the bear population instead.

Kevin Servatius agreed with using part of the bear management fee to put a stiffer ordinance in place to require commercial establishments to have bear proof containers. This could subsidize a piece of that cost and provide public perception that we are doing something to help with the urbanization of bears.

He would be in favor of pursuing this if it does not include a spring hunt and would like a geographic restriction in the Tahoe basin. These are perception issues and as sportsmen we have to be aware we cohabit with others and this should be done properly.

Eric Scheetz agreed.

Wes Emery feels many of the remote areas are in the Tahoe basin and are far from any residential area.

Jake Kramer stated the county ordinances already address urban interface issues.

John Larsen thought starting out conservative would be good and then adjust it later based on the public climate.

Chairman Turnipseed would like to give the sportsmen a chance and ordinances are already in place to regulate this. This is no different than the lion.

Bob Cook would like to see bear hunted everywhere you can hunt deer in the basin.

MOTION by Cook/Servatius to support a bear hunt with no spring hunt; carried with Burnside absent and Scheetz voting Nay because of the inclusion of the Tahoe basin.

**10G. ACTION REGARDING THE FINDINGS OF THE MULE DEER RESTORATION COMMITTEE. The Commission will be asked to accept the findings of the Mule Deer Restoration Committee and adopt some or all of them as findings and recommendations of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.**

No public comment and no discussion was held.

**10H. ACTION REGARDING THE INCENTIVE FOR EARLY APPLICATIONS FOR THE BIG GAME DRAW. The Department, in coordination with Systems Consultants, will make final recommendation to the Commission regarding details related to the proposed incentive for early application for the big game draw, to include incentive type, milestones, limitations on participation, and other related matters.**

No public comment and no discussion was held.

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.**

Chairman Turnipseed will attend Friday's meeting and Eric Scheetz will attend the Saturday portion of the meeting.

Either Eric Scheetz or Bob Cook will attend the Las Vegas meeting in February.

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for February 4 & 5, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2011.**

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**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

- Mule deer committee
- Wayne Kirsch Conservation Award
- Revisiting the late season in 192/194/196
- Heritage tag for bear
- Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; carried with Burnside absent.

The minutes of the November 23, 2010 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 1st day of February, 2011

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Michael Turnipseed, Chairman

Kathryn Bricker  
P.O. Box 1334  
Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

November 22, 2010

Dear Members of the Douglas County Wildlife Advisory Committee,

I am submitting a petition with comments from approximately five hundred NV citizens who are adamantly opposed to the proposed bear hunting season. This number alone should eclipse a decision favoring the proposed twenty hunters who will harvest bears before quota is reached, or the 40-45 hopefuls to whom tags will be issued.

As the wild mustangs are to many and the gorillas were to Diane Fossey, the NV black bears are to many of us who reside in bear habitat, an intelligent, awe inspiring creature that we consider a part of our extended family. If you do not understand this point of view, simply read the comments in the submitted petition to see how passionately people oppose introducing bear hunting in Nevada. Please understand, that for so little gain, your approval of this hunt will launch an ideological war unnecessarily pitting Nevadan against Nevadan. Making decisions that needlessly polarize citizens against one another is not a wise use of the powers invested in you.

Additionally, the very credibility of representative government is in question. Those of you invested with the power to make this decision, leaving the rest of us to plead to be heard, shows what those of us who oppose the bear hunt believe to be an unacceptable bias towards pro-hunter solutions and outcomes. The NV Department of Wildlife website job description for appointees to County Wildlife Advisory Committees reads "their job is to gather information and opinions from area sportsmen, then advise the Wildlife Commission about how to manage wildlife and recommend seasons and limits for their counties." At the State level, the nine member Wildlife Commission is comprised of five "sportsmen", two "rancher/farmers", one "citizen at large" and one "conservationist" It is no wonder that the commission demonstrates such a narrow and inefficient resourcefulness when faced with raising monies for the handling of human/bear interface issues. There exist within Douglas County already institutions and policies that could be efficiently applied to solutions here. There are models of success in other states that could be adopted. With such an imbalance of voices at the table, we cannot expect any solutions beyond those we are hearing. Those of us in opposition to this proposal see your proposal as a thinly veiled attempt to derive the sense of arousal and/or profit that the sport of hunting provides, rather than from any sincere attempt to help bears or humans.

Other than offering a voluntary workshop and pamphlet, nothing in the proposal addresses the public safety issues that this hunt will create in a congested corridor that has become an adventure sports destination. Again and again in the enclosed petition, you can see comments from people, as well as wildlife biologists and self-described 30 year NV big game hunters, stating the absolute danger this proposal raises to public safety in an area traditionally not used for bear hunting. The recent unfortunate hunting accident of former Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to all of us how easily mistakes can be made by intelligent and conscientious hunters. Are we to expect any bow and arrow hunter who has \$40 to spend will not send a wounded bear on a rampage that could endanger hikers, their children or canine companions who are also in the area?

Please use the good judgment we rely upon you to show, (and usually do, in my opinion), and recognize this proposal is too controversial to approve. It is not within your right to so change the character of a place, when the financial objectives for dealing with the human/bear interface issues can so easily be achieved otherwise. Please restructure representation as well.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Bricker

Kathryn Bricker

Sincerely,

[Click **here** and type your name]

[Click **here** and type job title]



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# **No Bear Hunts in Nevada!**

## About the petition

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nevada, oppose the NV Dept of Wildlife's proposal to begin bear hunting in Nevada. We reject the rationale for the proposal, feeling such a hunt will create safety issues for those of us who live in bear habitat. We feel there are better ways to cautiously coexist with our wild friends than to hunt them.

## Signatures

1. Name: Kathryn Bricker on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments:

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2. Name: Lorinda Bloch on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments: NO HUNTING OF BEARS

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3. Name: Pandora Bahlman on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments:

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4. Name: Sharon Bushnell on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments: I am adamantly opposed to this hunt.

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5. Name: Lottie Flynn on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments:

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6. Name: Gina De Loia on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments:

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7. Name: Sarah Mersereau-Adler on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments: Without a statistical analysis and a bear management plan, how do we know it is right for the ecosystem to hunt bears?  
  
This is premature at best.

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8. Name: Captain Thomas Merry on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments: It will be a sad day if you allow killing of bears, they are intelligent creatures , obviously creatures of the pre modern civilization invasion. Please find another way than killing them...  
Sincerely  
Thomas Merry MD  
Captain USN

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9. Name: Barbara Sourikoff on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments:

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10. Name: Judy Bendure on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments: Hunting these beautiful animals is an awful idea. There is no need for this, come up with another idea.

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11. Name: Carol Heinricy on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments:

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12. Name: Gale Davis on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments: Do not hunt bears!

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13. Name: Katie L. Merry on Oct 08, 2010  
Comments:

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14. Name: Bill And Kathy Cherry on Oct 09, 2010  
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15. Name: Bill And Kathy Cherry on Oct 09, 2010

Comments:

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16. Name: David L McCune on Oct 10, 2010

Comments: I am adamantly opposed to bear hunting or opening the bear hunting- We are supposed to be a little more civilized society these days and it's not like people are in need of the food like the old days. This cruel and inhumane "sport" must stop. I am a registered voter and will watching this closely. Anyone from my jurisdictions that supports these laws will be hearing from me and my friends. Sincerely, David L McCune

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17. Name: Terri Snyder on Oct 10, 2010

Comments: This is an outrageous idea! Stop the rich people from tearing up the mountains with their millions dollar homes, which actually belongs to the bears!! How can our country turn out so selfish!?

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18. Name: Nancy Nelson on Oct 10, 2010

Comments: I am a fourth generation nevadan and have so many reasons to be proud of my state this is a reason to be ashamed of nevada policies. bear hunting, walmart on every corner what is left of the great state of nevada?

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19. Name: Laurel Chabot on Oct 10, 2010

Comments: I am adamantly against this bear hunt and agree with the petition that we need to adopt ways of living with wild creatures.

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20. Name: Jane Eberle Brinson on Oct 10, 2010

Comments: This doesn't seem to be the correct way to go about decreasing the bear problem in our area. Why not enforce the current resident/trash/feeding laws?

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21. Name: Anne Williams on Oct 10, 2010

Comments:

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22. Name: Anonymous on Oct 10, 2010

Comments:

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23. Name: Melissa Wratschko on Oct 10, 2010

Comments: The idea of hunting bears in NV is unthinkable!!

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24. Name: Spencer Brinson on Oct 10, 2010

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25. Name: Cheri Woods on Oct 10, 2010

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26. Name: Dale Rands on Oct 11, 2010

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27. Name: Anonymous on Oct 11, 2010

Comments:

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28. Name: Lynette Marshall on Oct 11, 2010

Comments:

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29. Name: Karen Carabio on Oct 11, 2010

Comments: I deeply oppose hunting of bears in Nevada!!!

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30. Name: Frank D'Angelo on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: The NV Wildlife Commission members are appointed. They are mostly hunters. They are misrepresenting the feelings of the people. Not one person I know supports this hunt. In fact they are horrified that we encroach on bear habitat as we do, then use bear/human interface problems as an excuse to hunt these beautiful and intelligent animals. There is absolutely no evidence hunting them will do anything about people learning to handle their trash according to the laws, which is the source of human/bear interface problems. This proposal is outrageous. It is wrong.
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31. Name: Karla D. Fisher on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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32. Name: Nathalie Atwell on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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33. Name: Kirk Hardie on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: Hunting bears in Nevada makes no sense.
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34. Name: Jeff Whitt on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: LEAVE THE BEARS ALONE!!!
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35. Name: Michale Ellerman on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: I lived at Tahoe for 28 years before I ever saw a bear. Now I see them every week. They are a natural part of our habitat, and learning to live responsibly with them, such as not leaving your garbage out for bears to get into, allows us to co-exist with them. While the bear population is high right now, that doesn't mean it will continue to rise. There are many drought years when the population decreases.
- I am NOT happy with the thought that archery hunters and riflemen will be in the woods stalking bears at the same time we are hiking and mountain biking on the trails!! They are much more dangerous than the bears, who are actually very timid and, from personal experience, run the opposite direction.
- Co-existing with nature is a choice we make when we live in the Sierras..... not threatening its existence. Would you say that you have to have an open-season on hunting squirrels, bluejays, wildcats, and raccoons because there are too many? Coyotes? They have killed 4 of my cats, but that doesn't mean we are allowed to shoot them.
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36. Name: Eric M Freyer on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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37. Name: Linda Drury on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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38. Name: Steven Andersen on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: From NDOW.org website: "Nevada's population of black bears is estimated to be around 200 animals. This relatively low number in combination with fragmented black bear habitat has led to the protected status of the animal in Nevada."  
So what has changed? More bears? No, sounds like just a desire on some sportsmans list of "I want what I want"; I live and hike in "bear country" on a daily basis. Just what I need to add to my hikes; try not to get shot.
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39. Name: Monique Sady on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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40. Name: Marion Bach on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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41. Name: John Wade on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: Restore our wildlands to the animals who were here before us. Lets stop killing our earth. Killing wild bears is unnecessary!

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42. Name: Steve B on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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43. Name: Shelia Leijon on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: Please mandate bear can trash enclosures in all communities where humans and bears coexist thereby allowing nature to do its part in controlling the bear population.
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44. Name: Kathryn Hill on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: As conservators of God's creations, we must choose our sources of recreation, protection and income production wisely and humanly. There is no true justification for the state of NV Dept of Wildlife to currently allow the hunting of bears in our state. I strongly opposed the hunting of bears for any other purposes beside the immediate safety of a person or group of people. I will inform all of my friends, neighbors, and clients to oppose this legislation as well.  
Thank you.  
Kathryn Hill
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45. Name: Patricia L Lutz on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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46. Name: Dagmar Bohlmann on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: The idea of hunting bears is ridiculous and unethical.
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47. Name: Lily Egan on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: This is a terrible idea in every way shape and manner. Bears are magnificent animal and the thought of anyone hunting them - legally - is despicable. I only recently relocated to Nevada and ideas like this make me want to run screaming back to California.
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48. Name: Melissa Sewell on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: Bears can be controlled humanely by educating people, not killing them!
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49. Name: Carole Terry on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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50. Name: Elaine Carrick on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: I am deeply concerned that the NV Dept of Wildlife is considering a bear hunting season in NV. With less than 300 bears in our state, I certainly do not see a need for a hunting season. Furthermore, the idea of using dogs to separate a mother from her cubs in order to kill her is truly disturbing. When the mother bear is killed, what will happen to her cubs? Most likely they will die too, probably from starvation. Please reconsider this proposal. It is not sound conservation. Thank you.  
Elaine Carrick
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51. Name: Kerry & Dave White on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: We encroach upon their territory and we want to kill them??? This is lame and downright cruel!  
I hope this petition is forwarded to enough people to make a difference, although I don't know how well democracy works anymore.
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52. Name: Anonymous on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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53. Name: Gregory Silva on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: I am a 31 year resident of Reno an a big game hunter since I was 12 years old. I am adamantly against bear hunting in Nevada. In the whole state of Nevada there are not many black bears. There is no good reason to hunt them. There are plenty of other big game animals in our state to hunt. We do not need to hunt an animal that is just trying to hang on to its existence with man encroaching on their homes. We need to learn how to live with these beautiful animals not kill them.

Sincerely,

Gregory Silva  
Reno, NV

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54. Name: Michelle Peltier on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: I completely oppose hunting of bears and other wildlife. A hunter doesn't need the meat to survive; it is just a barbaric act to kill anything living. As it we human continually encroach upon nature, yet never take into consideration these animals welfare,. We have disrupted enough our balance with the planet and the other inhabitants.
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55. Name: Jeanne Zimmerman on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: the state must be very desperate for \$\$\$ so desperate they need to sell bear tags. this is shameful!
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56. Name: Greg Parrott on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: For 17 years, I have hiked the eastern Sierra range, which probably has the highest bear density of any part of Nevada. In that time, I have encountered bears exactly 6 times. Each one was memorable and an honor.  
  
A few hundred bears in the entire state should qualify as endangered. Instead, someone has decided to cull this number even further.  
  
What is the mentality that supports the premise that if anything in the wild is larger than a squirrel, let's shoot it?
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57. Name: Deanna Smith on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: Time for Nevada to catch up with the civilized world, and understand that when we seek to dominate nature, we betray ourselves and our earth. No bear hunting in Nevada!
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58. Name: Darlene Schlange on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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59. Name: Anonymous on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: There are only about 300 black bears in the Carson Range. We need to preserve this population, not kill them!
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60. Name: Sharon Fisher on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: These animals need to be allowed to exist in their ever shrinking habitat without being caused unnecessary harm.
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61. Name: Joy Anderson on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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62. Name: Theresa Bohannon on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments:
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63. Name: Bonnie Woods on Oct 11, 2010  
Comments: I do not understand the mentality of killing a big, beautiful animal such as our NV bears.  
Seven of the nine member panelists of the Wildlife advisory committee call themselves sportsmen or "hunters." Isn't this a bit lopsided? I think so.  
To use dogs to separate mother bears from their cubs which are desperate to save their cubs or hounds which makes it easier to kill the mother without hurting the cubs is totally unfair to the bear. This is not "hunting." What happens to the cubs? How do they exist without their mothers? Where's the big thrill in all this?  
I'm so sorry to hear that the NV Dept. of Wildlife will more than likely approve this horrendous event.  
  
Bonnie Woods
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64. Name: Pamela Hormiotis on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: I have been rescuing animals [both domestic and wildlife] for the past 26 years; volunteering with Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care for the past 20 years; and have been assisting the Bear League with bear aversion along the north shore of Lake Tahoe in both California and Nevada for many years as well. As a wildlife biologist and canine behaviorist, and after much research, I come to the conclusion that we do not really have an overpopulation of the Black Bear, but instead bears are coming into the towns in search

of food more frequently - thus becoming more noticeable. This is mainly because many visitors to the Sierra lack the proper education about wildlife and soon become a "food source" to the bears by leaving their trash unprotected. Often these visitors [and even some residents] have been found feeding the bears. It is not just or right nor equitable that bears should be hunted because Wildlife Management has not done due diligence when it comes to educating the public and ENFORCING the fines. Unfortunately, I have been privy to see wounded wildlife because of the lack of skill of many hunters, ESPECIALLY those using the bow and arrow. Those practicing the "sport" of killing do more cruel and inhumane damage to the animals than one could possibly imagine. Often the Forest Service has to hire professionals to go into the forest to track and kill the wounded. An injured bear can be very dangerous to an unsuspecting hiker. This "solution" of culling an imagined overpopulation of bears is not only dangerous to those that like to hike in the forests with their dogs, but it is an inhumane practice to the wildlife and domestic canines that get caught in the crosshairs. I therefore reject the rationale for the proposal of opening bear hunting in Nevada and request that this proposal be denied.

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65. Name: Bill Casey on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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66. Name: Anna Maria Zotti on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: We live in the beautiful wild west, first they want to get rid of our beautiful horses and now they want to get rid of our beautiful bears. Yes, bears are dangerous but some criminal humans are too.

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67. Name: Mary Ansari on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: I have already written to the NDOW board members concerning this shocking proposal. I am far from being alone in my opposition. I notice most of your board members are from eastern Nevada and Las Vegas, far from the area that will be impacted by your proposal. You should hold a hearing in the Tahoe Basin to better gauge the feelings of the people who live with the bears.

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68. Name: Barbara Smith on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: this is a insane way for our great state to act. if we kill off bears WHAT NEXT. also think of all the hunting accidentd that will happen bad proposal

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69. Name: Kristen Ferrall on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: Hunting bears will not keep them out of our neighborhoods. Responsible people will.

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70. Name: Sarah Boxx on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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71. Name: Trena Bristol on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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72. Name: Brian Chamberlin on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: Have the hunters go to Alaska for MR BEAR.

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73. Name: Betsy Miller on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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74. Name: Jane Bekowich on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: Hard to believe...

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75. Name: Chan Griswold on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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76. Name: Marianne Pearsall on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: The idea of "open season" on Nevada's bears is not only disgusting, seeing that there are so few, it also puts the general public at risk since bears often live near populated areas. If culling is ever needed in the bear population, it should be done by professionals, not a bunch of trigger happy yahoos out for a day of fun with a license to kill black bears.

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77. Name: Cheryl Hawkins on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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78. Name: Karen Bruno on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: More idiotic government decisions?

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79. Name: Elyse Gut on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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80. Name: Margaret EAdington on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: Dear Officials,  
I've lived in Crystal Bay since 1976 WITH the bears.  
As long as residents and visitors use bear trash containers there is no problem. I suggest instead of this horrible idea of a bear hunt, you propose legislation to strictly enforce the installation and use of bear containers for trash.  
  
I strongly oppose your proposal to begin bear hunting in NV.  
Sincerely,  
Margaret Eadington

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81. Name: Ken Anderson on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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82. Name: Cheryl Evans on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: What's next, shooting teenagers for jay walking???

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83. Name: Sarah Pearsall on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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84. Name: Kristin Nelson Hansen on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: NO BEAR HUNTS!!!!

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85. Name: Steven Raffio on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: If we had an epidemic of bears attacking humans, I could understand efforts to euthanize the threat. Since i am not aware of widespread bear attacks, I find it deplorable to systematically hunt down these animals who simply want to exist in an environment that was theirs in the first place!!!

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86. Name: Jay Abdo on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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87. Name: Dave Zeigler on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: The bears were here first. Get over it

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88. Name: Anonymous on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: For those of us who live at Tahoe, this is a terrible idea. We hike in many of the areas that would be prime targets for hunting. It would be a great danger to those of us who enjoy the mountains without killing things. There is no reason except for macho egos to have a bear hunt. The problems with bears in our area comes from careless people and improper disposal of garbage and not the bears themselves. Please do NOT have a bear hunt!!!!!!

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89. Name: Kurt Carlstedt on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: They have become too used to us. This would be slaughter, not hunting!

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90. Name: Kathryn Jozwiak on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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91. Name: Kelly on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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92. Name: Jerry Gribble on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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93. Name: Anonymous on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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94. Name: Steve Pearsall on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: Killing animals is not a sport.

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95. Name: Karen Miller-Regnier on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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96. Name: Irma LeBard on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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97. Name: Katrine Watson on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: No bear killings!

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98. Name: John Mascarich on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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99. Name: Charles Greene on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: I live in a natural environment in an alpine forest. I know about the bears here and accept their presence. Killing bears is not a solution. Strict regulations to stop feeding bears by visitors and residents would be a step towards solving any bear human interactions that should be applied before killing the wildlife we share this environment with. Since there has never been such a bear hunting season here, the danger from the bear population is insignificant compared to hunters with guns who have never had any experience hunting bears in this region.

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100. Name: Mary Reimer on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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101. Name: Barbara Sourikoff on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:

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102. Name: Ty Polastri on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: Dear NV Dept. of Wildlife,  
  
Your planned actions to permit the killing of bears is not an acceptable management strategy of the state's wildlife. Bears and other wildlife are an essential member of our fragile ecosystem. Each day, and everyday, on the planet more and more species of life are becoming extinct do to human's toxicity, reduction of habitate, and intentional killing.  
  
Please choose another management strategy that permits bears to continue to roam their lands.  
  
Thank you,  
  
Ty Polastri

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103. Name: Patricia Swain on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: We need a Wildlife Commission with actual conservationists on it. At present every member favors killing animals above and beyond any scientific justification or ethical boundary. They especially dislike predators and would eliminate every Nevada predator if they could.
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104. Name: Anonymous on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: Hunting bears is just wrong!
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105. Name: Patrick Gerhardt Medau on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: I don't believe in the hunting of bears.
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106. Name: Rich And Christa Wirtz on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: We are residents of the State of Nevada and oppose NV Dept. of Wildlife's proposal to begin bear hunting in Nevada. We reject your rationale for the proposal and feel there are better ways to cautiously coexist with our friends in the wild than to hunt them.  
Respectfully,  
  
Rich and Christa Wirtz
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107. Name: Suzanne Simonian on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:
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108. Name: Anonymous on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:
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109. Name: Hank Raymond on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:
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110. Name: Donald R. Morrison on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: I have been following this story of a legal Nevada bear hunt. It seems that most all the bears are in the wooded areas (Duh) and residential areas of Washoe, Carson and Douglas counties. At least the ones we hear about are. I had always heard and believed the it was against the law to discharge a firearm in the Tahoe Basin, but that may not be true. In the lobby of the Sheriff's Incline substation there is map depicting the "congested no firearms area" of our part of Washoe county. It extends to the limits of Incline (Stateline, upper Tyner, Mt Rose Wildeness and south to about Tunnel Creek Rd, and, of course includes the State Park land in an around Sand Harbor. But it appears to me that an awful lot of recreational land (Meadows, Flume trail, etc could be opened for bear hunting. And someone will get a tag and shoot a bear in his back yard anyway. I object and would support efforts to kill the bear hunt instead of bears.
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111. Name: H.Hadji Agha on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:
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112. Name: Janice Williams on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments:
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113. Name: Ron Antinori on Oct 12, 2010  
Comments: This is outrageous. What's the point? I don't want to worry that when I take a stroll in the woods some over zealous hunter will mistake me for a bear. We have to learn to live with them in their habitat.
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114. Name: Stephen Barney on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments: A sorry piece of cruelty.
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115. Name: Jacquie Chandler on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments: Since the bears were here first - our responsibility to this watershed habitat is to work towards co-habitation vs slaughter and domination.

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116. Name: Anonymous on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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117. Name: Jenna DiFeo on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments: Education of the public is the answer to coexisting with wildlife.

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118. Name: James R. Beebe on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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119. Name: Peter Barney on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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120. Name: Sydney Ward on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments: I strongly oppose bear hunting. It is cruel and unnecessary.

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121. Name: Jacqueline Barnett on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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122. Name: Edward Gurowitz on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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123. Name: Aaron Barnett on Oct 13, 2010  
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124. Name: Karyn Clemmensen on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments: I am opposed to any hunting of bears.

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125. Name: Jennifer Hamiter on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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126. Name: Caroline Noonan on Oct 13, 2010  
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127. Name: Brooke Sampson on Oct 13, 2010  
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128. Name: Paula Stone Bender on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments: no,no,no we must not kill bears, what a primitive and disgusting idea. it will solve nothing. let's figure out how to live with them. bear proof garbage cans are a good first step and certainly there's much else that could be done. to the hunters, beware if you dare to try to kill a bear know that because of its size, its speed and its reactive aggression a bear is very hard to kill, you can wound it but its much more difficult to kill it and you may be the one in danger. whatever the hunter's plight I am totally opposed to this idea on all fronts. thanks for listening, paula bender

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129. Name: David Barney on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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130. Name: Charlotte Eckmeyer on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments:

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131. Name: Ruth F. Pintar on Oct 13, 2010  
Comments: I have lived in NV my entire 78 years, 50 of it living in Carson City and Incline village. I have never caught even a sighting of a bear. I know we have them, but feel if everyone who lives near bear country is cited for not having a bear proof container for garage at their home, bears would not be a problem. Fruit falling from trees is something tasty for a bear. Pick it before it falls. Teach people how to prevent bears from wanting to be in their neighborhood. What is anyone going to do with a bear? You know they aren't going after one for food. If they want a bear pelt so badly, go to Alaska where the bear population is much larger.. Leave the few hundred we have in NV and CA alone.
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132. Name: Sally Hammel on Oct 14, 2010  
Comments: The bears were here before we were ~ it's really THEIR land!
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133. Name: Linda Clayton on Oct 14, 2010  
Comments: I oppose hunting bears...it will be a disaster and will only hurt people who live here!
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134. Name: Joan Lamb on Oct 14, 2010  
Comments: what a ghastly, ignorant, stupid idea.....hunting these beautiful wonderful animals.....  
feeding man's inhumanity.....first the whacko angle now an ignorant land management plan.....  
get these people some education! we need literate people who can think thru a problem and solve it with some humanity! not pick up a gun and shoot! but sit quietly and think.....practice thinking!
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135. Name: Joan Lamb on Oct 14, 2010  
Comments: what a ghastly, ignorant, stupid idea.....hunting these beautiful wonderful animals.....  
feeding man's inhumanity.....first the whacko angle now an ignorant land management plan.....  
get these people some education! we need literate people who can think thru a problem and solve it with some humanity! not pick up a gun and shoot! but sit quietly and think.....practice thinking!
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136. Name: Salvadore Viviano on Oct 14, 2010  
Comments: I am totally against a bear hunt.
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137. Name: Anne H Isaacson on Oct 14, 2010  
Comments:
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138. Name: Fanny Muller on Oct 14, 2010  
Comments: We are responsible for having creating garbage that attracts them , lets come up with measures so we can protect our homes and do a better jobs with our recycling , garbages etc.... Killing is NOT the answer it is the EASIEST and COWARDEST . NOT FOR IT . We are invading their land , now they are an inconvenience so lets shoot them ? Inconsiderate arrogant human beings that we are !!!
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139. Name: Jack Finegan on Oct 16, 2010  
Comments: Killing these handsome animals for "sport" is a terrible idea.
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140. Name: Judy Guinn on Oct 16, 2010  
Comments: It's unthinkable hunting bears in Nevada. The numbers simply don't justify killing them off. The years of drought that are perennially reported are enough of a strain on their population to not warrant hunting them. We need to be good stewards of our environment and learn to respectfully coexist with the bears.
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141. Name: Taude Stevens on Oct 16, 2010  
Comments:
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142. Name: Nancy Hemstat on Oct 17, 2010  
Comments: They were here before us...It is sloppy humans who cannot dispose their garbage who are the problem, not the bears!!!!
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143. Name: Florence Lucchesi on Oct 17, 2010  
Comments: Please leave our bears alone.They are part of the natural beauty that drew us all to Tahoe.

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144. Name: Steve & Betsy Hand on Oct 17, 2010  
Comments: Wild bears become a problem because of people - poor trash management, feeding of wildlife, etc. Educate the people, don't shoot the bears. Wild bears are part of our forest - leave them alone. A bear hunt is a bad idea!
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145. Name: Janice Cuaddros on Oct 18, 2010  
Comments: Please do not let the hunting of bears happen. I've lived in the Lake Tahoe area for 28 years and have only seen a bear twice.
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146. Name: Stephen P. Noonan on Oct 19, 2010  
Comments:
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147. Name: Debra Haney on Oct 19, 2010  
Comments: I feel there are better ways to cautiously coexist with our wild friends than to hunt them. thanks Debi
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148. Name: Nazir A. Ansari on Oct 21, 2010  
Comments: I live in Incline and hate the idea of a bear hunt.
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149. Name: Don Krumme on Oct 21, 2010  
Comments: no bear hunting in NV.
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150. Name: Kristal Fresco on Oct 23, 2010  
Comments:
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151. Name: Helena Coughlin on Oct 24, 2010  
Comments: I disagree with the hunting of bears for sport in our state and would like to see the Division of Wildlife look for other avenues to correct what some consider "bear problems".
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152. Name: Phyllis Atkinson on Oct 25, 2010  
Comments: I do not believe that the safety issues associated with the hunt have been studied extensively and believe that a hunt should not be sanctioned until all safety concerns have been sufficiently addressed.
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153. Name: Linda Elley on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments: Instead of spending money on this, use the money to make and enforce bear proof garbage bins for residents. Why can't the State buy or contract out bear proof bins in bulk at a discount, and require them for property owners, passing on the discount to residents? The worst offenders of putting out garbage unsecured are visitors to the area, usually at condos. The state could tax visitors in bear areas, to help lower the costs of bear proof bins. There's 2 ideas. I find it hard to imagine that the Dept. can't brainstorm and find many other solutions, as opposed to slaughtering bears. Why not put energy into a humane solution; afterall we are the humans, aren't we?! The Department of Wildlife should stand for life, foremost for creatures, not death.
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154. Name: Valorie Richarde on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments:
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155. Name: Susan K Dunshee on Oct 26, 2010  
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156. Name: Kelley Clare on Oct 26, 2010  
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157. Name: Sean Sarsfield on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments:

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158. Name: Diana Timmermans on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments: I'm a CA resident but live very close to NV. I play in Nevada. This is unacceptable.
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159. Name: Karen Grady on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments:
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160. Name: Catherine Black on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments:
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161. Name: Scott Meddaugh on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments: passing this legislation would be a travesty
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162. Name: Michele Owen on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments: NO BEAR HUNTING!!!!
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163. Name: Patricia Owens on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments: The bears were here first, we need to live in harmony, not kill our neighbors..Ive been a NV resident 21 years and never had a problem
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164. Name: Erin Ellis on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments: There is absolutely no reason for hunting mother bears and her cubs, or bears in general for that matter. It's unfortunate that you are trying to appease such a grotesque group of people. Please think about the decision you are about to make and the consequences that may follow. We need to, as a nation, learn to co-exist with nature, instead of kill it if it's in our way.
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165. Name: Françoise Verhoeven on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments:
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166. Name: Francis A Davis on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments:
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167. Name: Lisa Keilty on Oct 26, 2010  
Comments:
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168. Name: Gerald Nerlove on Oct 27, 2010  
Comments: Stop the madness!
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169. Name: Ron Reid on Oct 27, 2010  
Comments: Are you crazy? Idiots with guns killing off families of bears for sport. No way!
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170. Name: Julie Sutton on Oct 27, 2010  
Comments:
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171. Name: Molly Kingston on Oct 27, 2010  
Comments: We strongly oppose this proposal and fear for our and our children's and dogs' safety. It is hard to believe this proposal is even being considered.
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172. Name: Karen Owen on Oct 27, 2010  
Comments: The bears were here first...&quot;Can't we all just get along&quot;..Let's keep the wild life in the forest and out of the lake's casinos and bars!

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173. Name: Dr. James R. Behnke on Oct 27, 2010  
Comments: I find it completely unacceptable and even unthinkable that the NV Dept. of Wildlife would propose a black bear hunting season. Stupid people are the problem...not the bears. I will NEVER support anyone who votes in favor of killing these bears. And...I will broadly make my strong feelings known among our many friends and residents in the Tahoe area.
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174. Name: Deena Behnke on Oct 27, 2010  
Comments: Hunting our bears is NOT the way to manage the issues of bear/human interaction. The problems we have with the bears in our area is far more a problem of irresponsible people. We should institute much stiffer fines and penalties for people who don't handle their trash etc. in &quot;bear friendly&quot; ways.
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175. Name: Jeanne Tarantino on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: No bear hunting!
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176. Name: Anonymous on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments:
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177. Name: Susan Hughes on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: I live in bear habitat and I am opposed to the hunting of bears.
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178. Name: David G Menchetti on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: Please do not approve of any bear hunt within the Tahoe Basin. It is bad for our tourism industry, it is bad for the safety if the local populace as well as tourists enjoying our outdoor recreation, it is not very good for the the bears, and generally is just a BAD idea. Respectfully, D G Menchetti
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179. Name: Anonymous on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: let nature take it's own course without man's interference
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180. Name: Catherine Schmidt on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: This is ridiculous! The state biologist clearly states this will not achieve the goal of keeping the human and bear interaction down. Even the RGJ Truthmeter exposed the lunacy of that argument. Do not hunt the 300 bears in Nevada!
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181. Name: David Andrew Ward on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: I don't see the necessity to hunt the bear population in Nevada. Furthermore, do we really have that many bears? I feel that a hiker is more likely to get shot then mauled.
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182. Name: Whitney Cuadros on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: I have been a resident in Incline Village for 23 years and I have only seen a bear in the area two times. I feel that the bear population is not overpopulated in the area. I think that there are much better ways to deal with the wildlife than to hunt.
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183. Name: Aaron Mintz on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: I am opposed to the bear hunts. I support relocation if over population is a problem.
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184. Name: Judy And John Cefalu on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: We share a single email address. We will send this on to as many as we can.
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185. Name: Paul Andrew on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: Good luck. The bears were here first. We hurt more of them than they hurt humans
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186. Name: Ted Polon on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments:

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187. Name: Marion Bach on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments:
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188. Name: Garrett Meinke on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: I'm sure most people don't realize that the Nevada Wildlife Commission is made up of 5 hunters, one conservationist, and 2 rancher/farmers. The JOB DESCRIPTION of the County Advisory Boards, most of whom support the hunt, REQUIRES THEY BE HUNTERS TO EVEN HOLD THE POSITION! Obviously we really need to speak up with this bias in representation so slanted toward the "sport" of killing animals. How did we allow this to happen? These people - in their efforts to manage wildlife - are also supposed to protect people, as well as our environment and the wildlife it supports. What's wrong with this picture? Who elects these bozos? Allowing a bunch of inexperienced "archers" and "riflemen" into the forests where we hike with our dogs is absolutely unthinkable, and unacceptable.
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189. Name: Anonymous on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments: No bear hunts in Tahoe
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190. Name: Judith Carter on Oct 28, 2010  
Comments:
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191. Name: Wayne McClelland on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:
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192. Name: Mary Ann McAuliffe on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:
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193. Name: Leonard Lafrance on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:
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194. Name: Shirley P. Altick on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:
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195. Name: Moira Lieberman on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments: Please, please think about what you are contemplating. Black bears, like our wild Mustangs, are valued creatures of this great State. We love to roam the Sierras as well as the Ruby Mtns. and it worries us to think there would be hunters looking to kill these beloved creatures. Wouldn't it be more beneficial to educate the residents and tourists of Nevada to respect the bear and preserve their legacy for future generations? Do hunters really need another animal to hunt and kill?  
Moira Lieberman
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196. Name: Paul S. Dugan on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:
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197. Name: Marie A. Sillery on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:
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198. Name: Jane Bekowich on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments: Let those 'city folks' go back to the city if they don't like the critters.
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199. Name: Bob Goff on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:
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200. Name: Patti Vincent on Oct 29, 2010

Comments:

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201. Name: Anonymous on Oct 29, 2010

Comments:

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202. Name: Brian J. Bolton on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: I respectfully urge the rejection of this proposal. I feel that it has unintended by very real safety issues. Thank you.

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203. Name: Brian J. Bolton on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: I respectfully urge the rejection of this proposal. I feel that it has unintended by very real safety issues. Thank you.

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204. Name: Anonymous on Oct 29, 2010

Comments:

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205. Name: Rebecca Goodman on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: I strongly oppose this action. This area is a natural habitat for bears. I live in Carson City and work in Incline Village and find this proposal offensive and ill-thought out.

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206. Name: Julie Anne Savage on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: I am 100% against hunting bears in their wild habitat!!!

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207. Name: Aline C. Barber on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: I've lived in Reno for the past 13 years and in that time I have seen so much destruction of open space and wildlife habitat..avarice and greed at it's worst. Lake Tahoe and it's environment is a precious jewel to be protected at all cost and that includes the bears. I would say the overpopulation of the humans is a much worse problem..encroaching into wildlife habitats with no thought to the affect. Should be cull the humans..Why does man feel he has priority status. He is the worst predator not a possible 300 bears. Educate the populace, keep the garbage under control. In these dire economic times one of our primary tourist assets is the beauty of the area and the wild life.. Let's be smart, let's be kind..let's show some vision..it's not always about immediate gratification for a few..These are magnificent animals..they have a right to live in peace.and unless one is threatening..LEAVE THEM ALONE.

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208. Name: Linda Brinkley on Oct 29, 2010

Comments:

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209. Name: Anonymous on Oct 29, 2010

Comments:

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210. Name: Steve Pearsall on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: Stop the killing. Put your guns away!

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211. Name: Dave Zeigler on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: The bears are not the problem. Be more aggressive on humans not disposing of their trash and providing the bears the incentive to look for food in inhabited areas.

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212. Name: Paulette And William Cash on Oct 29, 2010

Comments: We moved in on their territory. We should be prepared to do all we can to do them no harm. Those who would be rid of them should move to an area with out wild animals.

Bear hunters are savage and cruel. The bears have done them no harm unless they are approached. Sensible people keep food well stored to prevent damage. The pioneers killed them for food and fur for warmth. Let them live in peace.

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213. Name: Tom Bruno on Oct 29, 2010

Comments:

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214. Name: Art And Marilyn Berliner on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:

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215. Name: Peter Adamco on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments: The Carson Range area and the mountains above the east shore of Tahoe have become an internationally known recreation destination, especially for adventure sports. The area really is a gem and visitation is growing every year, especially with the long distance trail running events, the X-Terra adventure race, etc. We have learned to live with the bears in these areas, and if anything, they have become another attraction for visitors. But to allow hunting of the bears in this area, which would really just result in an ego-fed slaughter, sends the wrong message about our region and would do nothing positive for our image and for our economic interests. Visitors are already shocked to find out that the typical means of dealing with problem bears is to shoot them and that our bears are already hunted in Calif. (it is difficult to really call it "hunting" when the bear is chased by dogs into a tree and then shot). Proposed bear hunting is the wrong way to advertise our region, bad for the residents economically, and has no place with our recreation-based image, not to mention the safety hazards involved for those enjoying these areas.

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216. Name: Sara Lafrance on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:

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217. Name: Jane Maxfield on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments:

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218. Name: RICARDO CESPED on Oct 29, 2010  
Comments: Live and let live.

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219. Name: Nancy Porten on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:

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220. Name: PHILIP MENICUCCI on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: and racoons also

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221. Name: Becky Kearn on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: First it was your wild mustangs, now you want to kill the bears... Shame on your great state & Politicians... relocate them the humane way!

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222. Name: Glee Willis on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:

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223. Name: Raine Howe on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: It is a shame that we have to work so hard to protect what should be part of our natural environment from people who wish to harm / kill them for sport. I strongly support the NO Bear Hunt and believe if the larger community knew what was happening they would be appalled.  
Raine Howe

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224. Name: Kim Roberts on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:

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225. Name: Bill Bennett on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:

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226. Name: Anonymous on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: I fully support this petition. I do not believe there should be bear hunting in Nevada, which could endanger the health and safety of Nevada residents.

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227. Name: Carla Trounson on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:
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228. Name: Glen Sampson on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:
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229. Name: Cindy Ainsworth on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: I've heard that this will not do a thing to help with the bear problem in populated areas. Educate the homeowners about what to do, don't shoot the bears!
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230. Name: Donna Prishmont on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: Leave the bears alone. They were here first!
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231. Name: Cary Crites on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: It's time to move beyond bear hunting in this already fragile environment. Please remove these permits from Nevada.
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232. Name: Anonymous on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: the bears in the forest and open range are not the problem bears. It is the socialized bears in the cities that have been the problem. Bear hunts are another ridiculous government debacle that won't cure anything...vote republican
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233. Name: Dorothy Moulthrop on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments: The cruelty of this proposal is very disturbing. The Department of Wildlife need's to recognise why there is this issue. The logging practices and wildfires have impacted all wildlife. People are moving further into wildlife habitat and are not adjusting their life styles and behavior to live harmoniously with the wildlife. A big step would be requiring Bear proof trash cans and or designated trash drop offs. Please do not allow this proposal to go through. Protect our wildlife, stop the senseless killings of the innocent. Thank you, Dorothy Moulthrop
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234. Name: Elizabeth Sampson on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:
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235. Name: Brendan Madigan on Oct 30, 2010  
Comments:
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236. Name: LeAnne Crowell on Oct 31, 2010  
Comments: I strongly oppose a bear hunt in Nevada. They are magnificent animals and we need to coexist with them not kill them.
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237. Name: Kay Sampson on Oct 31, 2010  
Comments:
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238. Name: Michelle Delaney on Oct 31, 2010  
Comments:
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239. Name: Mary Mckenna on Oct 31, 2010  
Comments: THE PROBLEM IS A PEOPLE PROBLEM - we need to use mammoth, ca as an example of how to educate people and bears.  
as well, hiking and hunting do NOT mix!
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240. Name: Louise Martin on Oct 31, 2010  
Comments:
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241. Name: Linda Newman on Oct 31, 2010

Comments:

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242. Name: L. Mark Newman on Oct 31, 2010

Comments:

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243. Name: Linda Woglom on Oct 31, 2010

Comments:

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244. Name: Carla Werner on Nov 01, 2010

Comments: Can we find other solutions? Why should they die for doing what they are driven to do to survive.

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245. Name: Barbara Bane on Nov 01, 2010

Comments: I live at the foot of the Carson Range and frequently hike in the Range and around Lake Tahoe with my dog. I'm not opposed to hunting, but this seems crazy to do it in such a populated and highly recreated area. If you could pick the worst place, this would be it. Is it really worth risking the potential danger to so many hikers, mntn bikers, tourists, and locals?

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246. Name: Alice Joyce Lovedy on Nov 01, 2010

Comments:

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247. Name: William Cash on Nov 01, 2010

Comments: Leave them alone, they were here first. They don't bother anyone if you leave them alone. Keep food away from them.

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248. Name: Anonymous on Nov 01, 2010

Comments:

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249. Name: Cristlyn Rousseau on Nov 01, 2010

Comments: We are in their territory, not the other way around. Take down only bears who have proved to be dangerous.

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250. Name: Lorrie Riley on Nov 01, 2010

Comments:

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251. Name: Valerie Sapourn on Nov 01, 2010

Comments: Please don't kill the bears. What happens if an innocent human gets caught in the gunfire? Bears don't bother humans. Leave them alone and teach humans to be responsible about securing their trash so bears don't have a reason to come near humans.

Thanks

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252. Name: Diana Eadington Reed on Nov 02, 2010

Comments: Please do not legalize bear hunts. Those of us who ever encounter a bear have chosen to live in rural, mountainous areas that are the indigenous habitat for a lot of wildlife, including bears.

My family lives in Crystal Bay, Nevada and we have always had bears on the Crystal Bay point. We keep our trash in bear proof containers and the bears may wander by visibly once or twice a year, but they do not bother us.

The onus is on people to take care of their trash so that bears are not drawn close to their homes or inside their garages. A hunt seems archaic and Nevada doesn't have that many bears -- they are not the problem, people's behavior is the problem.

If there is a search for a policy solution to bears being in neighborhoods, then how about mandating that all homes in neighborhoods close to bear populations are required to have bear proof trash containers? We used to live in Placer County where I believe this was mandated and I think it has been quite successful.

I would be happy to comment further on this if necessary.

Best regards,

Diana Eadington Reed  
Crystal Bay, Nevada

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253. Name: Michael Eadington on Nov 02, 2010  
Comments:

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254. Name: Anonymous on Nov 02, 2010  
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255. Name: Margaret Eadington on Nov 02, 2010  
Comments: Please mandate bear proof trash cans for commercial businesses as well as private residences. People draw bears into communities; they will stay wild IF trash is contained properly.

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256. Name: George N. Wallace on Nov 02, 2010  
Comments: Stop the population growth, the more we reproduce, the more we must destroy and the less we will have. Let's eliminate hom sapiens and not the poor animals who are squeezed in by the excessive human population explosion which must stop

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257. Name: Lisa K. Huffman on Nov 03, 2010  
Comments: I am opposed to the NV Dept of Wildlife approving bear hunting in NV.

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258. Name: John Cowan on Nov 03, 2010  
Comments: I support this petition.

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259. Name: Carol Parkhurst on Nov 03, 2010  
Comments: I strongly oppose the proposal to begin bear hunting in Nevada.

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260. Name: Veronica Devenish on Nov 04, 2010  
Comments: this is the bear's habitat and they have lived here longer than humans. We need to live with them, not murder them to facilitate our living conditions.

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261. Name: Coleen Shade on Nov 05, 2010  
Comments:

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262. Name: Claudia Andersen on Nov 07, 2010  
Comments: Bears aren't the problem. Humans are not well educated on how to live & visit in "bear country". Killing them won't solve the problem.

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263. Name: Judy Heinbaugh on Nov 07, 2010  
Comments:

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264. Name: Stephanie I. Mussatti on Nov 07, 2010  
Comments: As a hiker, a back packer and a 40 year resident in the Lake Tahoe Basin, the proposition of bear hunting frightens me. We have such a limited time frame to hike in the high country. If I had to share the trails with bear hunters, I think it might be the end of my hiking. I am not afraid of the bears, but I am definitely afraid of hunters with guns. Since I was a child, I have camped at Tahoe and Yosemite and have some wonderful bear memories. We are living in their territory. Yosemite has greatly diminished their bear problems through education and the use of bear lockers. I believe we could do the same.

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265. Name: Laura Jacobsen on Nov 08, 2010  
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266. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
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267. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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268. Name: Claire Kirby on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: I opposed the NV Dept of Wildlife's proposal to allow bear hunting. Bears are part of Nevada's wildlife. We came into their home by building our homes. If people want to live in Bear country, they need to be aware of the consequences.
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269. Name: Jeanne Reynolds on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed bear hunt in Nevada. From my research, it simply will not alleviate problem bears. Thank you for your consideration to stop the proposed bear hunt.
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270. Name: Laurie Gehlert on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: This kind of hunt makes me SICK!
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271. Name: Joel Carlson on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: I am against the bear hunt.
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272. Name: Robby Liebherr on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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273. Name: Stacy Gillham on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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274. Name: Renee Fredericks on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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275. Name: Roxanne L. Strauser on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: I fully support defeating this proposal.
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276. Name: Rebecca Kendall on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: I am totally against the bear hunts in Nevada.
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277. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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278. Name: Christopher Heaps on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: I oppose the bear hunt proposed by NDOW. It will not achieve its stated purpose of lowering bear-human conflicts and will jeopardize my health and safety while I hike and bike.
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279. Name: Jasmine Ortiz on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: Don't hunt bears!!!!
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280. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: No hunting for bears, it is bad enough they hunt deer
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281. Name: Christine A. Mullins on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nevada, oppose the NV Dept of Wildlife's proposal to begin bear hunting in Nevada. We reject the rationale for the proposal, feeling such a hunt will create safety issues for those of us who live in bear habitat. We feel there are better ways to cautiously coexist with our wild friends than to hunt them.
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282. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: Please try all other measures to reduce bear/human interactions before a hunt - why have bear proof trash cans as a minimum been introduced before going to such extreme measures. Allowing hunting for such a small number of bears in Nevada will decimate the population.
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283. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: No evidence to support a validity of a hunt, enforce garbage legislation and educate!
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284. Name: Guy Fuchikami on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: We humans are the ones that have encroached on the bears and other wild animals' habitat. So why should they have to suffer?
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285. Name: Rick on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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286. Name: Susan Hedrick on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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287. Name: Maggie Mroczkowski on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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288. Name: Terri Fordini on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: Leave the bears alone!!
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289. Name: Richard Brizendine on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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290. Name: William Steinheimer on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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291. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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292. Name: Charity J. Rosasco on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: This is wrong and should not be allowed. Hunting the bears are not going to change the problems in this area. The humans will continue to feed the bears or allow them to get in to the trash and the bears will continue to make their habitat in the neighborhoods. NVDOW needs to control the people before they can try to control the bears.
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293. Name: Leslie Long on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: NO to bear hunts!  
Yes to bear proof garbage bins!
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294. Name: Michelle Tebault on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: I am against any bear hunts in Nevada.
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295. Name: Stephen Evans on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: If you are really interested in "reducing bear/human interactions" then you should be fighting for ordinances requiring bear proof garbage recepticals. It is undeniable that those are effective - much more so than a bear hunt. If what you want is the chance to go kill animals then at least have the fortitude to say so and quit making up fairy tales of "concern for the public".
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296. Name: SUSANNE STEPHENSON on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: Fining people who don't secure their property against bears makes more sense.
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297. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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298. Name: Jerilyn Dunlavey on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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299. Name: Marilyn Loveless on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments:
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300. Name: Ben Loveless on Nov 08, 2010  
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301. Name: Gabriella on Nov 08, 2010  
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302. Name: Stuart D Johnson on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: As a long time hunter, I totally oppose this one. The bear/human conflict is largely due to the ignorance and carelessness of the human side of the equation. We do not have to kill everything in Nevada.
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303. Name: Anonymous on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: The state Department of Wildlife says the hunt will not decrease human-bear conflicts. The bear population has been stable for years. The reported bear damage -- the highest ever -- was about \$40,000 to \$60,000 one year and linked to two trouble bears who were "removed." So far not a single hunter has given a good reason for justifying the hunt except that they just want to kill bears.
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304. Name: David Duffie' on Nov 08, 2010  
Comments: Bear hunting in Nevada, and particularly in the Lake Tahoe basin, would represent a high potential danger to public safety. Many of us who enjoy backcountry recreation activities would be put at a much greater risk of injury or possible death from hunters than from a chance encounter with the docile black bears of our area. Black bears do not pose a serious risk of harm to humans in most situations.
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305. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:
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306. Name: Catherine Cochrane on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:
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307. Name: Lori Lotts on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: Hunting is not the answer to every wildlife 'issue'...
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308. Name: John H. Goodrich on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: The rationale for this "bear hunt" is completely based upon faulty information and would appear to be just another excuse for Nevada's world-famous gun fanatics to blow away some more wildlife. Can't they just hang out in Winnemucca

bars and shoot each other up?

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309. Name: LESLIE JOHNSON on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I appose bear hunting

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310. Name: Jennifer Simeo on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I am opposed to a bear hunt in Nevada.

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311. Name: Mary L. Martell on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I am vehemently opposed to allowing sport-hunting of the very small population of bears in Nevada. Allowing such hunts will not lower the possibility of bear-human contact. The best solution is more secure trash bins in bear areas and fining people who feed the bears (without a permit).

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312. Name: Ruth Balch on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I guess any agency can justify whatever it wants.....hmmm really no surprise there!

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313. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I am tired of this dysfunctional wildlife commision burning through cases of lipstick for all of their pigs. It is clear to the rational public that you have an agenda that is not based on science. If human interactions were of primary concern then the Summer archery hunt would have been unanimously approved. If you want to provide a hunting opportunity to Nevada's sportsmen then have the courtesy to admit that. NDOW's own employees have been pushed aside and their efforts to affect real change ignored by this oligarchy. It's time for the Nevada wildlife commision to change their ways and adopt scientific evidence as validation or invalidation of proposals, not just a convenient supporter of ideas after it has been run through the manipulative voice of this dysfunctional commission.

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314. Name: Greg Seymour on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: No bear hunts! If there is a problem, make people contain their trash.

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315. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: Hunting bears will not solve the bear v. human interaction; improved and enforced garbage storage and less development, will

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316. Name: Soni Bigler on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I do NOT support implementing bear hunts, especially in the springtime when there are cubs that could be orphaned..

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317. Name: Philip DeManczuk on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: Please resist your compulsion to kill anything that moves in the forest in the name of sport and conservation. I know you know there is no problem with an overpopulation of Black bears in this area.

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318. Name: Scott Thomas on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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319. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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320. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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321. Name: Winnie Kortemeier on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I do geology research in Tahoe Basin - off trail and usually alone, except for dog. I'm afraid some bear hunter will shoot ME. I've only seen one bear with cubs in the back country in Tahoe Basin in 5 years. They hang out in town, making the forests a fairly safe place to be.

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322. Name: Kyra Souza on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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323. Name: Dianne C Robison on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: This hunt is not going to solve any bear problems so we need to stop it before it starts.

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324. Name: Fritz Moritz on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: I hate to see healthy and happy bears being shot by trigger-happy killers.  
It's time to learn to respect life, and that includes bears as well!

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325. Name: Ellen Rick on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: I do not believe that a bear hunt is necessary in Nevada.

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326. Name: Debra Bautista on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: We have a problem with bears because of stupid people.

The bear population is fine...leave them alone.

If one chooses to live where bears live then they should be required to have bear proof trash containers.

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327. Name: Michael Robbins on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: We do not need to hunt bears. We need to save the bears and intelligently dispose of our garbage.

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328. Name: Vera Treat on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: If people would dispose of their trash in a smarter fashion we wouldn't have so much human to bear contact.

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329. Name: Billy Howard on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: Green Party platform states, "We reject the belief that our species is the center of creation, and that other life forms exist only for our use and enjoyment. Our species does not have the right to exploit and inflict violence on other creatures simply because we have the desire and power to do so. Our ethic upholds not only the value of biological diversity and the integrity and continuity of species, but also the value of individual lives and the interest of individual animals.

The Green Party advocates humane treatment of animals..."

Shooting an animal qualifies as inhumane. Let's get down to more intelligent solutions. Please.

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330. Name: Patricia Evans on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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331. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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332. Name: Christine Morris on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: Yes, I am opposed to the bear hunt!

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333. Name: Mary Lisa Dixon on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: Just because we have encroached upon the bears land is no reason to shoot them. They were here before we were. If only bears could bear arms! Please, please OPPOSE this bill.

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334. Name: Christine Morris on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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335. Name: Chip Morris on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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336. Name: Menka Webster on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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337. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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338. Name: Evelyn M Young on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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339. Name: Amy Saathoff on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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340. Name: Holly Seibold on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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341. Name: Rachel on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: Please, allow all of God's creatures to live together in peace. With God's help peace can be found if that is what one wants. Stop the killing, it's against the Ten Commandments. Let the bears live, teach people to live amongst bears--cautiously--minus the killing. Americans love to kill! We kill anything that moves. Someone must stop this negative and dangerous American hobby! We're such killers...yuck!

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342. Name: Mary Mckenna on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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343. Name: Judy Crocket on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I strongly oppose bear hunting in Nevada. I originally heard a spring hunt was suggested and that would leave many orphaned cubs. A very, very bad idea. Re-train people to do the right thing in taking responsibility for living with the bear population.

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344. Name: Angie Lovell on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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345. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: just say no to bear hunting.

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346. Name: Kristi Manninen on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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347. Name: Robert Bony on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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348. Name: Julie Amass on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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349. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I support the bear hunt as long as it is based on sound science, all I see here are comments based on emotion against the bear hunt. Public opinion and emotion should not be used to manage wildlife.

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350. Name: Peggy Bixby on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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351. Name: Linda Pittman on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: I vehemently oppose the hunting of bears in Nevada. As a resident of Incline Village for 23 years one of the reasons I moved here was the wildlife, which I would like see remain wild and untouched from harm. Though this area may be free from hunting bears, I wish to see all bears protected in the state of Nevada, and so voice my opinion. Thank you.

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352. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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353. Name: Matthew Lauc on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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354. Name: Denise Stevens on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: I am strongly apposed to a bear hunt in Nevada. If there are only 300-400 bear in this state, there is no problem with the bear. I suspect that this is a case of &quot;good old boy&quot;; wanting to kill something mentality.

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355. Name: Laura Wood on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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356. Name: Linda Bohach on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: Come up with a better solution people, you cant kill everything that gets in your way!!!

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357. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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358. Name: Jessica Ruppert on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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359. Name: William L. Gardner on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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360. Name: Jesse Ruppert on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: The 2002 estimate of the Nevada black bear population is only about 150-300 animals. Some of us live in bear country. The &quot;Bear Aware&quot; campaigns should continue and us humans should not interfere with the bears' way of life more than we already do. Hunting the bears is a very poor way to bring revenue to the state and would likely have unintended consequences on the population of the bears. Please don't implement a bear hunting policy in our state. We need to keep Nevada wild.

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361. Name: Megan Briese on Nov 09, 2010

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362. Name: Natalie Berg on Nov 09, 2010

Comments:

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363. Name: Brigitte Moritz on Nov 09, 2010

Comments: Instead of a bear hunt, let's put the money into education and better waste management practices. Let's make people responsible for creating the bear problem when applicable, such as improperly secured garbage cans, poor practices when camping, leavng out dog food over night, etc. We live in bear contry, let's be responsible! A bear hunt will NOT resolve the problems created

by irresponsible and ignorant citizens!

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364. Name: Ashton Repollo on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: Please don't hunt the bears!

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365. Name: Anonymous on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments: I am signing the petition to oppose bear hunting in NV.

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366. Name: Matthew Repollo on Nov 09, 2010  
Comments:

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367. Name: Bart Mullin on Nov 10, 2010  
Comments: Be more creative about the bear population/problem in the Eastern Sierra than simply shooting them. We are the intruders in THEIR turf and there are simple/humane solutions riddled with common sense that aren't gun-based.

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368. Name: Mary Mann-Gilbert on Nov 10, 2010  
Comments:

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369. Name: Barbara Brown on Nov 10, 2010  
Comments:

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370. Name: Anonymous on Nov 10, 2010  
Comments:

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371. Name: Toni Langsfeld on Nov 10, 2010  
Comments: Hunting is not necessary; more people education is needed to inform people of what NOT to do to encourage bears to come lower into the towns - ie. NOT leaving garbage out overnight, NOT leaving garage doors open, etc. Killing bears but not using the animal for food, fur or other needs is wrong. After all, we're living in their habitat.

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372. Name: Anonymous on Nov 10, 2010  
Comments:

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373. Name: Anonymous on Nov 11, 2010  
Comments: This is a terrible idea. Everyone near Tahoe goes hiking, and the last thing we need to encounter is hunters. I carry a bear &quot;noise maker&quot; when hiking, but have never used it, but I would not feel safe if hunters were in our mountains.

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374. Name: Stacy Crocket on Nov 11, 2010  
Comments: Opening up a bear hunt in Nevada is RIDICULOUS!!! There are much, much better ways to handle the situation!

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375. Name: Anonymous on Nov 11, 2010  
Comments: Gentlemen:  
  
I am opposed to the bear hunt. The biologist at NDOW has stated that the hunt will do nothing to stop human interaction. The problem here is the humans not using proper trash receptacles, NOT THE BEARS. The hunters on the ones demanding this hunt, not the residents of Lake Tahoe. This hunt has also been supported by so-called environmentalists for the money to be used for habitat. I am sorry but killing 40 bears will not bring any money sufficient for such a project. Grants are the best way to fund these types of projects. I am strongly opposed to this hunt.

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376. Name: Carol C. Moore on Nov 11, 2010  
Comments:

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377. Name: June Pulver on Nov 12, 2010  
Comments:
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378. Name: Peggy Lowndes on Nov 14, 2010  
Comments:
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379. Name: Nancy Simone on Nov 14, 2010  
Comments: This is such a cruel thing to do to our wildlife and a danger to hikers and outdoor enthusiast all in the name of shooting animals for fun.
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380. Name: Kair Ferguson on Nov 15, 2010  
Comments:
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381. Name: Anonymous on Nov 15, 2010  
Comments:
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382. Name: Janet Pahl on Nov 16, 2010  
Comments: Hunting Bears in Incline Village is a bad idea. Instead, educate people to live with God's creatures or find some where else to live. It not our land to take from Nature but ours to share a be responsible for since we are the smarter of the creatures on this planet.
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383. Name: Stephanie Conragan on Nov 17, 2010  
Comments:
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384. Name: Ken Cash on Nov 18, 2010  
Comments: This is a bad idea. Just because we have been fortunate in the past few years to have a bear population increase, is no reason to hunt them.
- Those bears who get in trouble, are in trouble because of the bad habits of humans. So, issue permits to hunt bad humans.... Silly?? Yes, but you get the point.
- Teach humans, pass laws that prohibit garbage to be anywhere other than in bear proof enclosures. There are many other states, counties, cities and villages in this country where bears live and they do not have what you seen to think is a bear problem
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385. Name: Nancy Beigel on Nov 18, 2010  
Comments: I do not support the killing of bears.
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386. Name: Anonymous on Nov 18, 2010  
Comments:
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387. Name: Richard Mehl on Nov 18, 2010  
Comments:
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388. Name: John Leles on Nov 18, 2010  
Comments: I opposed bear hunting.
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389. Name: LINDA DE MARIA on Nov 18, 2010  
Comments: Please stop the insanity
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390. Name: Sherine Kuckhoff on Nov 18, 2010  
Comments: This proposed bear hunt KILL is an absolute inhumane proposal! It will be a slaughter, not a hunt! These gentle, non-aggressive animals have become used to the human factor, sad to say. They have no distrust or real fear of people at this

point. They are simply looking for food in what has become their 'natural habitat', thanks to those of you who WILL NOT MANAGE YOUR GARBAGE! Get a bear box! If bears cannot access a garbage container there will be no bear encounters! And don't leave rotting food in the garage....duhhh! As an aside, what's the plan for monies generated from the sale of 'tags', i.e., how are the funds going to be spent? Just curiouser and curiouser!!!!

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391. Name: Ginny Chappell on Nov 18, 2010

Comments: This is out of it. All you want is more money for Reid. So he can stay in hi apartment. What a bunch of Bull Shit.

You go after bears I will hunt you down.

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392. Name: Jane Barnhart on Nov 18, 2010

Comments:

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393. Name: Karen Simon on Nov 18, 2010

Comments: I am opposed to the proposal to begin bear hunting in Nevada!!!!

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394. Name: Dan Schwartz on Nov 18, 2010

Comments: The problem is not the bears, it's the people (both residents and visitors/tourists) who refuse to put their garbage in bear proof containers. TARGET THE ABUSERS, NOT THE BEARS!

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395. Name: Ginny Chappell on Nov 19, 2010

Comments: You are all insane. Just another buck out of our pockets. Help Reid pay for his penthouse.

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396. Name: Marcie Shean on Nov 19, 2010

Comments:

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397. Name: Alvin Steinberg on Nov 19, 2010

Comments: Let the Bears live their life as we should live our lifes. If it bothers you, then you should consider on moving somewhere else. There is enough room for everyone including all animals. Those who do not like it, should move to LA.

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398. Name: Laura Beck on Nov 19, 2010

Comments: This is insane. The bears aren't the problem... it's the renters and tourists who leave their trash out before the actual day. We live in a peaceful place along with nature. If this gets passed, we will also see humans and other animals being shot.

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399. Name: Evan Skowronski, Ph.D on Nov 19, 2010

Comments: This is inhumane, damaging to our environment, DANGEROUS, unnecessary, not scientifically valid (the population studies would not withstand any serious scientific scrutiny).

A poor excuse for trophy hunting and revenue generation.

We LIKE and want to keep our bears...they are part of our community! Trash management is a better, safer, and saner option.

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400. Name: Joe Betti on Nov 19, 2010

Comments:

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401. Name: Janet ODonnell on Nov 19, 2010

Comments:

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402. Name: Bob Pogol on Nov 19, 2010

Comments: I am absolutely opposed to the hunt, it is barbaric and will be a total failure, bears will be killed for nothing simply because they are here now due to the stupidity of people not managing their garbage!

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403. Name: Marion Ledson on Nov 19, 2010  
Comments: I am totally opposed to any kind of bear hunt! I think it is disgusting and cruel. It will not solve a thing. The only way this problem can be solved is for people to be responsible to the bears in seeing there is no garbage to attract them. This is a people problem, not a bear problem!!
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404. Name: Adele & Blaine Swint on Nov 19, 2010  
Comments:
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405. Name: Anonymous on Nov 19, 2010  
Comments:
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406. Name: Lyn Karol on Nov 19, 2010  
Comments: I have sent in comments. This is an outrageous solution. If you go ahead, the tags should be at least \$10,000 per tag. TRPA charges that much for killing a tree.
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407. Name: Craig D Olson on Nov 19, 2010  
Comments: I oppose the bear hunt, I would endorse a relocation program instead.
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408. Name: Ruthe Betti on Nov 19, 2010  
Comments: Please employ alternative, humane deterrent methods of control.
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409. Name: Jeannie Murrieta on Nov 20, 2010  
Comments: I am hoping you received my letter sent earlier. I am outraged about our state considering bear hunting. There is no sportsmanship in tracking a defenceless creature with dogs, treeing the animal, then shooting it out of the tree!!!! Please reconsider.
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410. Name: Laura SKOWRONSKI on Nov 20, 2010  
Comments: No hunting!!!
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411. Name: Denise Cash on Nov 20, 2010  
Comments: The bears were here first. REMEMBER! We are in THEIR territory.  
Leave them alone. We have no right just because we are humans to KILL ANY WILDLIFE at all.  
It is your conscience that will bother you all the days of your life if you allow the killing of innocent bears who are just trying to survive in an environment that is being encroached upon by humans.  
If you are descent human beings, do the right thing and let the bears enjoy life as you do!!!
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412. Name: Maureen McCarthy on Nov 20, 2010  
Comments: Earlier this year, the NVDW wildlife specialist admitted that NVDW does NOT have an accurate estimate on the number of bears in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Basing bear population estimates on the number of trash bears in urban areas has been shown by several wildlife organizations to be an inaccurate process. The issue is NOT the number of bears in our area, but rather poor practices by local humans that allow bears to become dependent on trash as a food source. If reducing the number of trash bears is the ultimate goal then hunting is NOT the solution. NVDW needs to work with IVGID and other local organizations to address the trash bear issue in earnest. There are lots of successful programs that have made significant progress. NVDW should join forces with them, NOT make matters worse by allowing the killing of bears in the wild.  
  
As a resident, I STRONGLY oppose this Bear Hunt proposal. As an avid hiker, I have never been threatened by a bear. I would, however, feel very threatened to have bear hunters in the hills that I regularly hike in with my dog. Hunters pose a far greater risk to our safety than bears. A major reason for my moving to Tahoe was to be surrounded by wildlife and beauty. Bear hunting would deprive me of my rights as a resident to enjoy the beauty of nature without being complicit in needless killing of the local wildlife.  
PLEASE STOP THIS PROPOSAL NOW!!!!
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413. Name: Anita Dombovari on Nov 20, 2010  
Comments: I am totally opposed to this bear hunt. It is absolutely inhumane and won't solve anything. It's a people problem, not a bear problem.
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414. Name: Betty Quinlen on Nov 21, 2010

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