

2024 LA PLATA COUNTY BEAR SEASON

{ A recap of human-bear interactions }

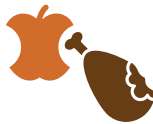


At the conclusion of the 2024 bear season, Bear Smart Durango gathered and compiled data from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, City Code Enforcement, La Plata County (LPC) Sheriff's Department, LPC Animal Protection, Durango Police Department and Bear Smart Durango. That data is presented visually here.

REPORTS FROM CITIZENS



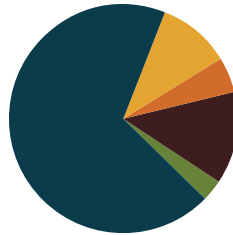
209% increase in reports to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) above 5-year average



49% of all reports involved a human food attractant

994 Total reports from La Plata County

650 East Durango
170 West Durango
133 Bayfield
35 South Durango



BEAR MORTALITY



35 bears killed in human-caused mortality

- 15 CPW
- 13 Vehicles
- 3 Land-owner/self-defense
- 4 Unknown/other



102 total bear mortality { includes 67 bears harvested by hunters }

84% increase in bear mortality above 3-year average



17% of bears killed in human-caused conflict were cubs

60% killed in AUG/SEPT

21 of all bears killed were in AUG/SEPT

43% of human-caused mortality was from CPW euthanization



CPW BEAR MANAGEMENT



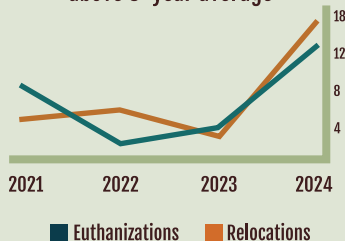
68 total bear traps set

73% of bear traps set involved attractants (trash, chickens, apples, etc.)

63% of bear traps set were in JULY/AUG

13 instances of non-lethal hazing / pyrotechnics used on bears

150% increase in CPW bear euthanizations above 3-year average



ENFORCEMENT

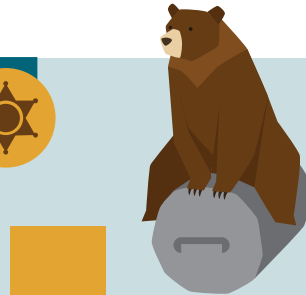


348 reports of trash accessed by bears

26 warnings issued for breaching city code

3 citations issued

0.8% of bears accessing trash resulted in citations for citizens



348 TOTAL REPORTS
26 WARNINGS
3 CITATIONS

WHO WROTE THE CITATIONS?

- 2 City Code
- 1 LPC Sheriff's Office
- 0 LPC Animal Protection
- 0 Durango Police Department
- 0 CPW

Bear-related policies were last updated locally in: **2008** for La Plata County | **2018** for the City of Durango

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FOR SOME GOOD NEWS ON THE 2024 BEAR SEASON, READ ABOUT MITIGATION EFFORTS ON OUR WEBSITE.

Mapping ability was limited due to various reporting formats. Thank you to LPC GIS Department, gaiacreative, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, City Code Enforcement, LPC Sheriff's Department, LPC Animal Protection, and Durango Police Department.