



Working to promote ways for our community to live compatibly with wildlife.

BEAR-RESISTANT TRASH CANS NOW TO BE REQUIRED IN TETON COUNTY

How are we helping you obtain them?

by Deb O'Neill, Executive Director, Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation

On April 1, 2008, Teton County Commissioners voted unanimously to pass a Land Development Regulation (LDR) to help increase people's safety and keep bears wild. This LDR requires most residents of Teton County to either store garbage in a secure building at all times, unless it is being transported to the landfill, or to store trash in a certified bear-resistant container. This LDR also requires between April 1 and November 30 that birdfeeders be hung 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet from the supporting structure with a catch pan for falling seed.

The LDR will cover residences and businesses throughout the entire county with the exception of inside town limits. Residents and businesses that are located north of Wyoming Highway 22 and north of Broadway or west of the Tetons must comply with the LDR by **July 1, 2009**. Properties located south of Wyoming Highway 22 and south of Broadway must comply with this LDR by **July 1, 2010**. To review maps of these areas, please visit

the Teton County Government website at: <http://www.tetonwyo.org/plan/docs/StaffReports/2007/AMD2007-0007/Alta.pdf> for Alta; <http://www.tetonwyo.org/plan/docs/StaffReports/2007/AMD2007-0007/BufaloValley.pdf> for Buffalo Valley; and <http://www.tetonwyo.org/plan/docs/StaffReports/2007/AMD2007-0007/JacksonHole.pdf> for the rest of Teton County.

Residences and businesses that use Westbank Sanitation or Teton Trash can receive bear-resistant trash cans through these companies by the time the LDR is enforced. Those who would like these cans immediately or do not have a contract with either of these 2 companies should contact Deb O'Neill at 739-0968, and we will facilitate the purchase of the cans for individuals, HOAs, and neighborhoods. The cost of a standard 95 gallon bear-resistant trash can is \$145.

Please do your part to keep bears wild and people safe!

MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT, MEREDITH CAMPBELL



This Year has started out with some significant changes for the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation. Deb O'Neill has joined us as our new Executive Director and I have rejoined the foundation as the President of the Board.

In 1993 I helped start the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation with my husband, Tom Campbell, and friend Lorna Miller. We were inspired by the vision of reducing wildlife road mortality and educating ourselves and others in the community on ways to reduce negative impacts on the wildlife with which we share this valley. Thanks to an amazing group of board members, volunteers, executive

directors and donors the Foundation's accomplishments have grown steadily over the past 15 years.

Our shared vision of reducing our impacts on wildlife through action and education has lead us to celebrate the removal of over 100 miles of dangerous unused barbed wire fence in the community; marking & burying power lines to reduce power line strikes and resulting mortality of swans and raptors; steady progress in our road kill reduction campaign, such as our recent acquisition of portable message trailers; and our cooperative projects with Wyoming Game and Fish on the BearWise project which has resulted in the acquisition and sale of almost 660 bear-resistant garbage cans and the launch of a public education program utilizing radio and newspaper ads. Our goal is to significantly reduce bear deaths caused from conflicts between bears and humans.

I am grateful to be able to participate in furthering the goals of the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation. We look forward to updating you on our continued successes as a result of the support we receive from you and our community.

If you are interested in volunteer or gifting opportunities please contact Deb O'Neill at 739-0968. I can be contacted at mec@bresnan.net.

Thank you for your support in keeping our native wildlife safe and wild. Your efforts make all the difference.

Sincerely,
Meredith



JULY TIP OF THE MONTH: Please pick up any discarded fishing line that you see and dispose of it in a secure trash can. Birds and other animals can become entangled, resulting in their death.

GREETINGS FROM DEB



When people ask me if I like my new job as Executive Director, I tell them no. I LOVE my job. I haven't been able to say that for a very long time. The Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation has always been one of my favorite non-profits in the valley, and that's saying a lot since we have many great ones! What has drawn me to this organization is the on-the-ground work that we do. Results can be seen; they're tangible. We can **see** fewer roadkill on our roads. We can **see** unobstructed pronghorn migration corridors. We can **see** flappers on powerlines that prevent the deaths of large birds. We can **see** secure garbage cans that bears

cannot open. Thus, people can actually **see** how their donation is being used and how it directly improves conditions for wildlife.

I have spent the last 14 years of my life as a research biologist, primarily studying prairie dogs and black bears. I was eager to do something different and give something back to Teton County, the place I love and have called home for the last 7 years. I am proud to be a part of an organization for which I have a great amount of respect. Please contact me at deb@jhwildlife.org if you want to know how you can become involved with this fabulous organization!

Deb

BEAR-RESISTANT CONTAINERS

PLEASE do not overflow your bear-resistant trash containers!

Ensure each can is securely latched.

Just one food reward can turn a fed bear into a dead bear!!!



BEAR-RESISTANT CONTAINERS

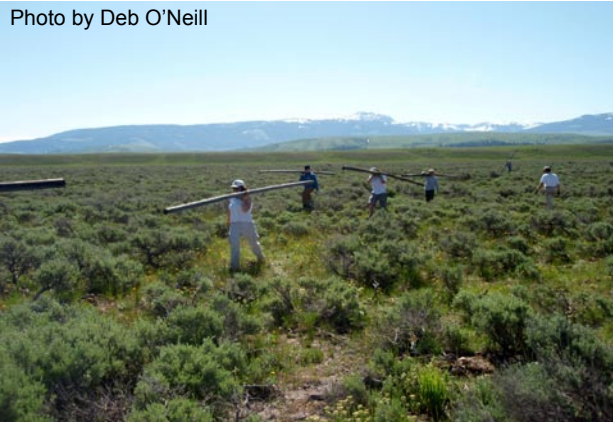
BEARSAVER CANS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN DETERRING A YOUNG GRIZZLY!

During early May in the Solitude subdivision, a young grizzly was observed vigorously attempting to open a BearSaver garbage can. The grizzly jumped on the top of the can and knocked it around for many minutes, but was unable to open the can. Neighbors observing the antics, drove up the driveway in their vehicle to scare the bear away by honking their horn. The garbage can was moved inside the garage and the bear did not return. This event could have had a very different and tragic ending if the garbage can had not been bear-resistant. THANK YOU to the Solitude HOA for their commitment to protecting the wildlife in their neighborhood! Appreciation also goes to the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation, Teton Conservation District, and Westbank Sanitation for their help in providing these cans. **THEY WORK!!!**

Sincerely,
Marian Meyers
Secretary, JHWF

FENCE REMOVAL

Photo by Deb O'Neill



We have held 2 successful fence removals this summer so far! Our first of the year was in collaboration with the Jackson Hole Land Trust on private land on Porcupine Plateau. Twelve volunteers were able to remove about 0.4 mile of woven wire that had fallen down over the years and was embedded in the vegetation causing a serious wildlife movement hazard.

Our second outing involved knocking down and removing part of the buck'n'rail fence between the Gros Ventre Junction and the southern end of Blacktail Butte in Grand Teton

National Park. Fifteen volunteers and 5 National Park employees worked on this effort. Pizza was donated by Dornan's in Moose and was HUGELY appreciated by our hungry volunteers.

We hope to continue the success of our fence pulls this summer by inviting more volunteers (yes, that means you!) out to help. Our dates are set, but locations are not. Please e-mail or call Deb regarding meeting places and times. The next fence pulls are: July 26; August 16 and 23; and September 6 and 27.

We provide the tools, gloves, water, and Gatorade. You need to wear long pants, long-sleeves, and sunglasses or safety glasses. Please bring sunscreen and a great attitude! It is very fulfilling to see what people can accomplish for wildlife in one day!

Please contact us if you have obsolete fencing that may pose a wildlife hazard. We would be happy to discuss removing it for you!

AUGUST TIP OF THE MONTH: Be a responsible dog owner and keep your dog under voice control. Please don't let your dogs chase and harass ANY wildlife! Coyotes, moose, bison, and even rodents should not be bothered and deserve our respect.

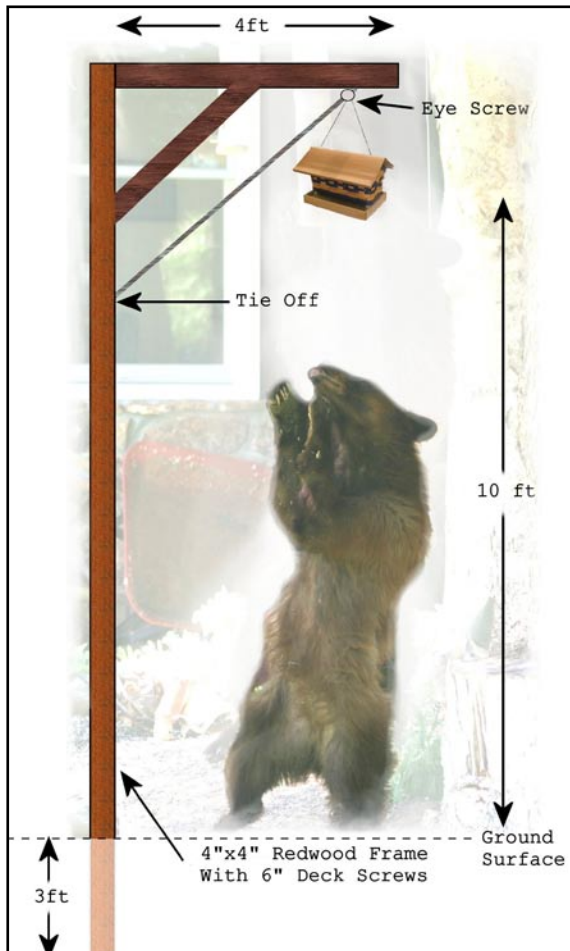
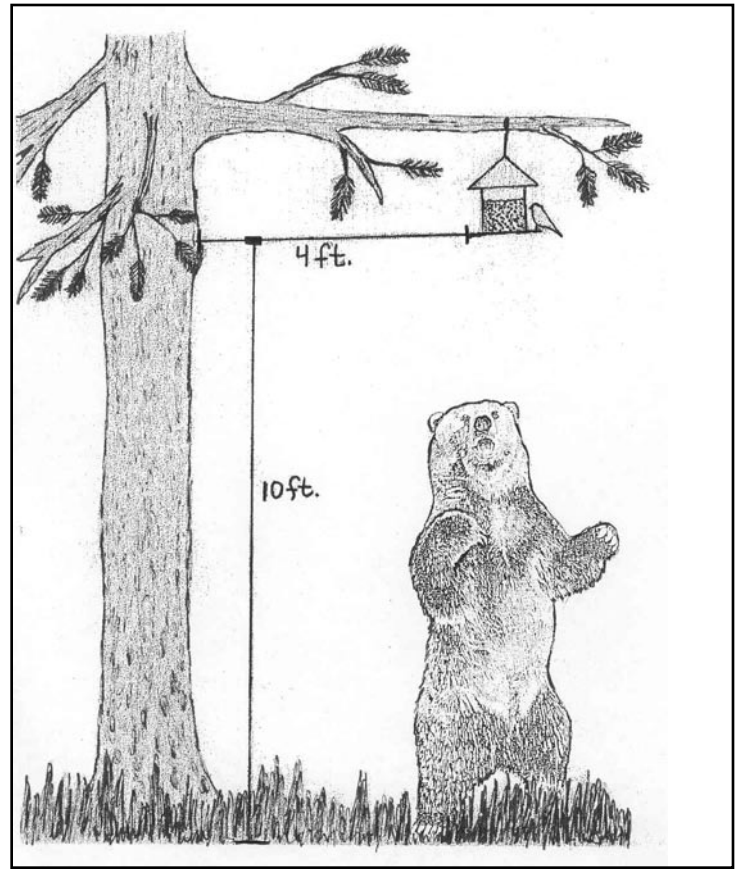
HOW TO MAKE BIRD FEEDERS BEAR-RESISTANT

TIPS TO KEEP BEARS OUT OF YOUR BIRD FEEDERS:

If there is a tree with a suitable limb, you may hang a bird feeder 10 feet from the ground and 4 feet from the tree trunk.

The simplest way to do this is to throw a rope over the limb, tie the bird feeder to one end, hoist the bird feeder to 10 feet, and tie the rope off to the tree trunk.

Don't forget to use a catch pan under the feeder if you are using seed (not applicable to hummingbird feeders)! Fallen seed attracts bears too!



OTHER ATTRACTANTS

Feed pets inside and store pet food in a secure building.

Store BBQ grills in a secure building.

Consider planting ornamental trees and shrubs that are not fruit-producing. If you have fruit-producing vegetation, pick fruit immediately, and do not let any sit on the ground.

If a bear is spotted in your neighborhood, take down your bird feeders as a precaution until the bear leaves the area.

CHALLENGE GRANT

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP OF
THE JACKSON HOLE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION



AND

**EARTH FRIENDS
WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

Please help us obtain this important, renewed CHALLENGE GRANT

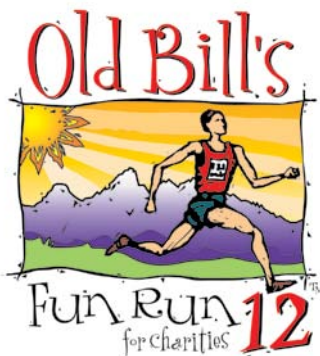
OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$50,000

BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

MORE TIPS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER: E-mail Deb at the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail. This will help us save paper and money so we can use more of our donations directly on our important projects to help wildlife!

OCTOBER: Have a bear in your yard? Don't panic, enjoy the wildlife viewing opportunity, and contact your local Game and Fish office at 733-2321. The sooner they know about a potential problem bear, the more options they have to haze the bear or relocate it. If you have a "clean", bear-friendly yard, the bear will likely pass through without any incident. Let your neighbors know that there is a bear in the area, and take the opportunity to remind them to keep their yards bear friendly.



Please remember us at
Old Bill's Fun Run this year!

Stop by our booth and say hello
on September 13th!

OTHER PROJECTS

As always, the Foundation is busy working on other projects with our dedicated volunteers. In addition to BearWise and the Fencing Project, we are still collecting monthly roadkill data from our fabulous volunteers. We are also monitoring blue bird nesting success along the National Elk Refuge. This huge undertaking would not be possible without Phyllis Greene, one of our OUTSTANDING volunteers.

We rely on our volunteers to get these important projects done, and we always can use more! Please call or e-mail to find out how you can help our community to live more compatibly with wildlife. You also can visit our new website at www.jhwildlife.org.

Volunteering will take a little of your time, but your efforts can last forever!

You've got company!

Photo by Charlie Craighead



Submitted by Phyllis Greene



Mom's favorite

Photo by Bob Ciulla



Grand Teton National Park's Newest Ranger
399's cub

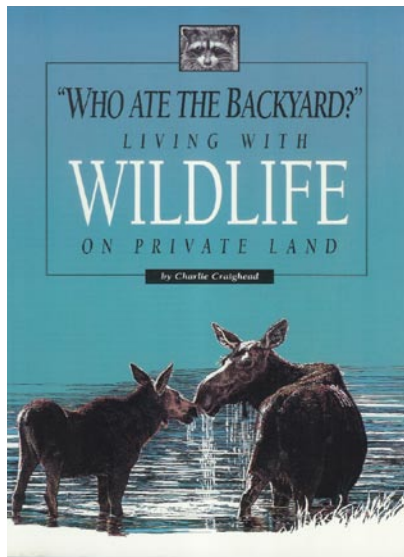
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**PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND
GIVE WILDLIFE A BREAK!**



Want to learn more about making your yard wildlife friendly? Pick up a copy of "Who Ate the Backyard?" by Charlie Craighead at a local book seller!

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