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# Living with Black Bears in Durango: *A survey of your views*



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### Living with Black Bears in Durango

This questionnaire is part of a study, conducted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Colorado State University, to learn what you think about living with bears in Durango. You may have completed a survey similar to this in 2012 or 2014. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire, even if you completed an earlier survey or do not have strong opinions about bears. It is important we hear from all Durangoans. Please return the completed questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided **no later than April 1, 2016**. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

**Your General Thoughts about Black Bears.** The following questions will help us understand how you think about black bears in general.

1. How important is it to you to know that bears live in this area and will continue to do so in the future? (*Please circle only one.*)

Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	I am not sure.
1	2	3	4
5	6		

2. To what extent are you concerned about negative interactions between black bears and people in the area where you live? (*Please circle only one.*)

Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not at all concerned	I am not sure.
1	2	3	4
5	6		

3. Overall, how would you rate management of black bears in the area where you live? (Please circle only one.)

Excellent	Above average	Average	Below average	Poor	I am not sure.
1	2	3	4	5	6

4. Overall, how would you rate management of bear-human interactions in the area where you live? (Please circle only one.)

Excellent	Above average	Average	Below average	Poor	I am not sure.
1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Based on your experience, how has the number of black bears in the area where you live changed over the **past 2 years**? (Please circle only one.)

Increased greatly	Stayed the same	Decreased greatly	I am not sure.
1	2	3	4
5	6		

6. How would you like to see the number of black bears in the area where you live change in the **next 2 years**? (Please circle only one.)

Increase greatly	Stay the same	Decrease greatly	I am not sure.
1	2	3	4
5	6		

7. How important is it to you that the change in black bear numbers you indicated in Question 6 occur over the **next 2 years**? (Please circle only one.)

Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	I am not sure.
1	2	3	4
5	6		

8. Below are several general statements about the risks and benefits of black bears in this area. Please check the box that best describes your level of agreement with each statement.

	Strongly disagree		Neither		Strongly agree	I am not sure.
a. The presence of black bears improves quality of life for people living in and around Durango.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
b. Black bears provide recreational opportunities for many Durango-area residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
c. Black bears improve the health of the environment in the Durango area.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
d. Black bears living in this area are an inconvenience.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
e. Black bears will be more of a problem for Durango in the future.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
f. I am not familiar with the risks posed by black bears.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
g. I am vulnerable to the risks posed by black bears.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
h. I can prevent conflicts with black bears by making changes around my home.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
i. Conflict with black bears will be reduced if people learn to live with bears.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
j. Encounters with black bears are likely to result in serious injuries or human deaths.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
k. I fear having an encounter with black bears.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

**Your Experiences with Black Bears.** Durangoans come into contact with black bears in many ways, and these interactions mean different things to each person. Please tell us about your interactions with black bears and what they mean to you.

**9.** How often have you experienced the following interactions with black bears in the **past 2 years** in the area where you live? *(Please check one for each item.)*

	<b>0 times</b>	<b>1-2 times</b>	<b>3-4 times</b>	<b>5 or more times</b>	<b>I am not sure.</b>
<b>a.</b> Saw black bears in the wild, on open space or public land	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>b.</b> Saw black bears in urban or suburban areas of town	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>c.</b> Saw black bears near my home	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>d.</b> Had a black bear break into or attempt to break into my garbage	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>e.</b> Had a black bear get into or damage my fruit trees or garden	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>f.</b> Had a black bear get into or damage my bird feeder, pet feeder, or grill	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>g.</b> Had a black bear damage other property (e.g. fences, car, garage)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>h.</b> Had a black bear harass or attack my pets	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>i.</b> Had a black bear harass or attack my livestock	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>j.</b> Had a black bear enter or attempt to enter my home	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>k.</b> Knew someone who was harassed by a black bear	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>l.</b> Knew someone who was attacked by a black bear	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>m.</b> Was harassed or felt threatened by a black bear myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
<b>n.</b> Was attacked by a black bear myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>

**10. How acceptable do you find the risk that you will experience the following interactions with bears in the next 2 years? (Please check one for each item.)**

	Very acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Neither acceptable, nor unacceptable	Somewhat unacceptable	Very unacceptable	I am not sure.
<b>a.</b> See black bears in the wild, on open space or public land	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>b.</b> See black bears in urban or suburban areas of town	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>c.</b> See black bears near my home	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>d.</b> Have a black bear break into or attempt to break into my garbage	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>e.</b> Have a black bear get into or damage my fruit trees or garden	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>f.</b> Have a black bear get into or damage my bird feeder, pet feeder, or grill	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>g.</b> Have a black bear damage other property (e.g. fences, car, garage, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>h.</b> Have a black bear harass or attack my pets	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>i.</b> Have a black bear harass or attack my livestock	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>j.</b> Had a black bear enter or attempt to enter my home	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>k.</b> Know someone who was harassed by a black bear	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>l.</b> Know someone who was attacked by a black bear	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>m.</b> Be harassed or felt threatened by a black bear myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>n.</b> Be attacked by a black bear myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>



11. What is the likelihood that you will experience the following interactions with black bears in the **next 2 years** in the area where you live? (*Please check one for each item.*)

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Neither likely, nor unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	I am not sure.
a. See black bears in the wild, on open space or public land	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
b. See black bears in urban or suburban areas of town	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
c. See black bears near my home	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
d. Have a black bear break into or attempt to break into my garbage	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
e. Have a black bear eat from or damage my fruit trees or garden	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
f. Have a black bear eat from or damage my bird feeder, pet feeder, or grill	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
g. Have a black bear damage other property (e.g. fences, car, garage, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
h. Have a black bear harass or attack my pets	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
i. Have a black bear harass or attack my livestock	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
j. Have a black bear enter or attempt to enter my home	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
k. Know someone who was harassed by a black bear	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
l. Know someone who was attacked by a black bear	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
m. Be harassed or feel threatened by a black bear myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
n. Be attacked by a black bear myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

**Addressing Human-Black Bear Interactions.** Please tell us about what you do to address black bear-human interactions in your life and why you choose to take those actions.

12. In the **past 2 years**, have you taken any of the following actions to minimize your risk of negative interactions with black bears where you live? (*Please check one for each item.*)

	Yes	No		Yes	No
a. Use a wildlife-resistant garbage container or dumpster	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	d. Remove bird, squirrel and other wildlife feeders	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
b. Keep garbage secured until the morning of pickup day, rather than putting it out the night before	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	e. Keep the doors and windows of my house and car closed	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
c. Feed my pets indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	f. Keep my pets indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
d. Not having composters, gardens or fruit trees	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	g. Other ( <i>Please indicate.</i> ) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>

13. In the **past 2 years**, have you *observed others in your neighborhood* taking these actions to minimize their risk of interactions with bears? (*Please check one for each item.*)

	Yes	No		Yes	No
a. Using a wildlife-resistant garbage container or dumpster	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	d. Removing bird, squirrel and other wildlife feeders	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
b. Keeping garbage secured until the morning of pickup day, rather than putting it out the night before	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	e. Keeping the doors and windows of their houses and cars closed	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
c. Feeding pets indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	f. Keeping pets indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
d. Not having composters, gardens or fruit trees	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	g. Other ( <i>Please indicate.</i> ) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>

**14.** Did you report negative interactions with bears you've experienced in the past 2 years to any authorities? Please leave this question blank if you haven't experienced any negative interactions in the past 2 years. (*Please check one.*)

<sub>1</sub> Yes

<sub>2</sub> No **Please skip to question 16.**

**15.** To whom did you report your negative interactions with black bears in or around Durango? (*Please check all that apply.*)

<sub>1</sub> Durango police department or LaPlata County sherriff's department

<sub>2</sub> City of Durango

<sub>3</sub> Colorado Parks and Wildlife

<sub>4</sub> Bearsmart Durango

<sub>5</sub> USDA Wildlife Services

**16.** How effective do you believe the following actions can be in minimizing the risk of negative interactions with black bears? (*Please check one for each item.*)

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Neither effective, nor ineffective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	I am not sure.
a. Using a wildlife-resistant garbage container or dumpster	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
b. Keeping garbage secured until morning of pickup day, rather than putting it out the night before	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
c. Feeding pets indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
d. Not having composters, gardens or fruit trees	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
d. Removing bird, squirrel and other wildlife feeders	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
e. Keeping the doors and windows of your house and car closed	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
f. Keeping your pets inside	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

**17.** Which of the following is the **most** important reason you **would take action** to minimize your risk of negative interactions with black bears where you live? (*Please check only one.*)

<sub>1</sub> I want to protect myself and my family from black bears.

<sub>2</sub> It is easy to prevent or reduce negative interactions with black bears.

<sub>3</sub> I want to keep black bears acting wild and eating natural foods.

<sub>4</sub> I want to prevent bears from being killed or re-located because they caused conflicts.

<sub>5</sub> My neighbors expect me to avoid attracting black bears into our neighborhood.

<sub>6</sub> I received informational materials about the role I can play in reducing bear conflicts.

<sub>7</sub> I received a notice of violation for not having my garbage secured.

**18.** Which of the following is the **most** important reason you **would not take action** to reduce your risk of negative interactions with black bears? (*Please check only one.*)

<sub>1</sub> I have never experienced negative interactions with black bears.

<sub>2</sub> I believe black bear conflicts are part of the cost of living where I do.

<sub>3</sub> I do not believe I am at risk for black bear conflicts.

<sub>4</sub> Black bears only cause problems during a short period of the year.

<sub>5</sub> I believe black bears that come into areas where people live should be removed or killed.

**19.** Below are several statements that describe how you might feel you are able to control interactions with black bears and other wildlife. Please check the box that best describes your level of agreement with each statement.

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Slightly disagree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Slightly agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>I am not sure.</b>
<b>a.</b> I can have an influence on wildlife management decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>b.</b> I have the ability to protect my property from wildlife.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>c.</b> I have very little ability to voice my opinions regarding wildlife management.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>d.</b> Whether or not I have a conflict with a black bear is mostly a matter of luck.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>e.</b> Black bear conflicts are not a matter of luck, but rather result from bad personal decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>f.</b> I have very little ability to protect myself from black bear conflicts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>g.</b> I believe that my actions can reduce my risk of having a negative interaction with a bear.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>h.</b> I believe that I am likely to have negative interactions with bears regardless of what I do try to prevent them.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

**Your Opinions about Colorado Parks and Wildlife.** Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is the primary agency responsible for managing black bears in Colorado. Please answer the following questions to tell us what you think of CPW and the decisions they make.

**20.** Below are several statements that describe how you might feel about CPW's black bear management in the Durango area. Please check the box that best describes your level of agreement with each statement.

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Slightly disagree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Slightly agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>I am not sure.</b>
<b>a.</b> I am confident that CPW can effectively manage black bears.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>b.</b> I am confident that CPW responds appropriately to black bear conflicts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>c.</b> I trust CPW to establish appropriate rules to manage black bear conflicts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
<b>d.</b> When it comes to bear management, I feel that CPW shares values similar to mine.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

**21.** CPW takes actions to attempt to reduce negative interactions between black bears and people. How acceptable is it to you that CPW takes the following actions to manage black bears in the area where you live? *(Please check one for each item.)*

	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Neither acceptable, nor unacceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>	<b>I am not sure.</b>
<b>a.</b> Support city ordinances that require citizens to use bear-resistant garbage containers	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
<b>b.</b> Provide financial assistance to residents for bear-proofing garbage, gardens and fruit trees	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
<b>c.</b> Increase hunting licenses to increase bear harvest in areas with conflicts	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
<b>d.</b> Fine individuals who are feeding bears intentionally or unintentionally	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
<b>e.</b> Trap and relocate bears that cause conflict	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
<b>f.</b> Kill bears that cause multiple conflicts	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>



**Background Information.** The following questions will help us understand more about the people affected by black bear management in Durango. All responses are confidential.

22. Did you or someone in your household complete a questionnaire, similar to this one, about living with black bears in 2014? (*Please check one.*)

<sub>1</sub> Yes                      <sub>2</sub> No                      <sub>3</sub> I am not sure.

23. Did you or someone in your household complete a questionnaire, similar to this one, about living with black bears in 2011? (*Please check one.*)

<sub>1</sub> Yes                      <sub>2</sub> No                      <sub>3</sub> I am not sure.

24. Are you the person primarily responsible for actions and decisions about how your household's garbage is handled? (*Please check one.*)

<sub>1</sub> Yes                      <sub>2</sub> No  
<sub>3</sub> I share responsibility with another household member.

25. What type of garbage container do you currently use at your home? (*Please check one.*)

- <sub>1</sub> Manufactured wildlife-resistant *residential* can  
<sub>2</sub> *Residential* can that you modified to be wildlife-resistant  
<sub>3</sub> Regular *residential* can  
<sub>4</sub> Wildlife-resistant *commercial* container or dumpster  
<sub>5</sub> Regular *commercial* container or dumpster  
<sub>6</sub> Other (*Please indicate.* \_\_\_\_\_)

26. How many fruit trees grow on your lot? Please include **only** domestic fruit trees such as apples, pears, and plums. **Do not include** any decorative or native fruit bearing trees or shrubs like chokecherries, serviceberry, or crab apples. (*Please indicate.*)

\_\_\_\_\_ fruit trees

27. Do you currently own or rent the home in which you live? (*Please check one.*)

<sub>1</sub> Own                      <sub>2</sub> Rent

28. Are you <sub>1</sub> male                      or                      <sub>2</sub> female? (*Please check one.*)

29. In what year were you born? (*Please indicate.*)                      19 \_\_\_\_\_

30. What is your highest level of education? (*Please check one.*)

- <sub>1</sub> Less than high school diploma  
<sub>2</sub> High school graduate or GED  
<sub>3</sub> Vocational or trade school  
<sub>4</sub> Some college  
<sub>5</sub> Associate's Degree (2 year)  
<sub>6</sub> Bachelor's Degree (4 year)  
<sub>7</sub> Graduate/Professional Degree

31. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments you may have about black bears and their management in this area.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE!**

**Please return this questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided.**