
Subject: Our bears.....

Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 20 Aug 2007 03:45:07 GMT

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http://www.durangoherald.com/asp-bin...ws070819_1.htm

We have three big apple trees in the front yard and these two bears and another "huge" male are snarfing the apples that are ripening and dropping off the trees. They totally destroyed our neighbors plum tree across the street the other night and are also partying at another neighbors' apple orchard on the property two doors down. A few yards from our apple trees is a big willow tree that is in a parking area that is illuminated by a fluorescent floodlamp. Last week they would eat until they got their fill , then the female would stand under the willow tree while the baby bear ran up and down the tree playing all night long. Crash and Muffin were not pleased about this at all.

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Posted by [audioguy_editout_](#) on Mon, 20 Aug 2007 04:28:25 GMT

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My girlfriend, her daughter and I were out cycling in the mountains the other week along some nice paved pathways...

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Young Erica (7) was in front, and I was about 8' behind her. My girlfriend was about 35' behind us. We passed a tree at the side of the path and startled a LARGE adult bear that was foraging wild strawberries at the base of the tree... about 4' away. The bear sat up and jumped back a bit, then went back to foraging. A few seconds later I hear "Holy *hit!!"... :-) bear startled again! it took off this time... I have to give Erica credit.. she kept peddling even though her legs were shaking like crazy! We'll probably wait till all the berries are gone before we go again...

David.

DJ wrote:

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