

## Appendix M. Bear Handling Management Actions

Bear Management Actions  
 Denali National Park and Preserve  
 Updated 2002

| Date      | Location                    | # of Bears | Age/Sex        | Management Action | Justification                                                                                                                                       |
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| 7/1946    | Camp Eielson                | 1 GB       | No Data        | Destroyed         | No Data                                                                                                                                             |
| 9/1948    | AK Railroad Mile 349        | 1 GB       | No Data        | Destroyed         | The AKRR crew attempted to drive the bear off with dynamite. The dynamite's explosion injured the bear severely enough that it had to be destroyed. |
| 8/8/1949  | Toklat River to Mile 25     | 1 GB       | No Data        | Relocated         | No Data                                                                                                                                             |
| 8/16/1949 | Mile 83                     | 1 GB       | No Data        | Destroyed         | No Data                                                                                                                                             |
| 8/17/1949 | Old Morino Cabin            | 1 BB       | No Data        | Destroyed         | Shot by USGS Employees when the bear pushed on the side of the tent they were camped in.                                                            |
| 9/1949    | Toklat Ri. To Teklanika Ri. | 1 GB       | No Data        | Relocated         | Problem bear at the Toklat Road Camp. (See human injury, 1949)                                                                                      |
| 8/1951    | Morino CG to East Fork      | 1 GB       | Adult/?        | Relocated         | Bear disturbed Caches at the railroad depot.                                                                                                        |
| 9/12/1951 | Savage CG                   | 1 GB       | Adult/M 650lbs | Destroyed         | The bear broke into Savage river bridge construction crew's cookhouse.                                                                              |
| 7/31/1952 | HQ Res. to Teklanika R.     | 1 BB       | No Data        | Relocated         | The bear ate bacon from a cooler.                                                                                                                   |

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| 8/1952    | East Fork camp to Unknown | 2 GB | Adult/F & cub | Relocated          | The bear “caused trouble”. The sow and one cub were moved. The fate of the second cub is unknown.                                                                                  |
| 8/1952    | East Fork Camp            | 2 GB | Adult/F & cub | Trapped & Released | The bear “caused trouble”. The sow and one cub (3 cubs in total) were trapped and released at the same location to avoid disrupting the family. No further problems were reported. |
| 6/4/1959  | Savage CG                 | 1 GB | ?/2-3 yrs.    | Destroyed          | The bear was lame and remained near campgrounds. The Boy Scouts had been feeding the bear. Porcupine quills were found in one foot( Murie 1961).                                   |
| 6/1960    | Eielson VC to Mile 80     | 1 GB | No Data       | Relocated          | The bear was attracted to the garbage in the Eielson Contractor’s camp.                                                                                                            |
| 9/9/1960  | Mile 5.6 to East Fork     | 1 GB | No Data       | Relocated          | The bear had remained in the hotel area for 2 days.                                                                                                                                |
| 1960      | Toklat CG to Mile 65      | 1 GB | No Data       | Relocated          | The bear had made visits to the Toklat contractor’s camp.                                                                                                                          |
| 8/1960    | Mile 5 to Mile 40         | 1GB  | ?/2yrs        | Relocated          | The bears were attracted to the garbage pit.                                                                                                                                       |
| 7/1/1961  | Hotel to Thorofare Pass   | 1 GB | No Data       | Relocated          | No Data                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8/27/1961 | Morino CG to Mile 60      | 1 GB | ?/3-4 yrs.    | Relocated          | The bear disturbed employees and visitors.                                                                                                                                         |
| 9/4/1961  | Hotel-High way Pass       | 1 GB | No Data       | Relocated          | No Data                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9/24/1961 | Hotel to Sable Pass       | 1 GB | No Data       | Relocated          | No Data                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8/28/1963 | 5 Mile Dump               | 1 GB | Spring cub    | Destroyed          | The mother was found dead of unknown causes. One of 3 cubs                                                                                                                         |

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|           |                |      |             |                     | remained in the area and was destroyed.                                                                                                       |
| 10/1963   | HQ area        | 1 BB | No Data     | Relocated-Destroyed | Residential area garbage cans were persistently disturbed and a vehicle was damaged. The bear was relocated once and then destroyed.          |
| 9/1965    | HQ to Unknown  | 1 GB | Subadult    | Relocated           | Siding torn off a residence.                                                                                                                  |
| 6/16/1968 | Stony Hill     | 1 GB | No Data     | Poached             | Illegal kill within the park. Prosecuted.                                                                                                     |
| 8/24/1969 | Mile 70        | 1 GB | 3 yrs./M    | Destroyed           | No Data                                                                                                                                       |
| 6/25/1970 | Eielson VC     | 1 GB | 2 yrs./M    | Destroyed           | The bear was consistently too close to visitors and accepting handouts.                                                                       |
| 7/4/1970  | Wonder Lake RS | 1 GB | 2 yrs./F    | Destroyed           | The bear was crippled (cause unknown)and lingering around the campground.                                                                     |
| 7/26/1971 | Toklat CG      | 1 GB | 3 yrs./M    | Destroyed           | After causing property damage 4 times the bear was relocated. The bear returned and was destroyed. A .30 caliber bullet was found in its leg. |
| 9/2/1971  | HQ Dump        | 1 GB | No Data     | Destroyed           | The bear was consistently feeding at the dump.                                                                                                |
| 8/1/1972  | Riley Cr. CG   | 1 GB | Subadult/?  | Destroyed           | Property damage and close contact with visitors for 2 days.                                                                                   |
| 8/20/1973 | Wonder Lake CG | 1 GB | 20-25yrs./M | Destroyed           | The Bear was persistent in developed areas and caused property damage. See human injury, 1973.                                                |
| 9/10/1973 | HQ Dump        | 1 GB | Adult/?     | Poached             | A freshly skinned carcass was found near tire tracks.                                                                                         |

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| 6/21/1974 | Eielson VC to Lacuna Glacier | 1 GB | Adult/F         | Relocated – Destroyed | The Bear was frequenting roadside areas from Stony Cr. To Eielson VC. She returned 2 weeks later. She was destroyed 2 years later.                                                  |
| 6/24/1975 | Riley Cr. CG to Mile 72      | 1 GB | Spring cub      | Relocated             | No Sow was observed while this “thin and unenergetic” cub, frequented the campground.                                                                                               |
| 6/14/1976 | Stony Hill                   | 1 GB | Adult/F         | Destroyed             | Frequented Eielson to Stony area since 1972. The sow neither damaged property nor sought handouts or garbage. Lack of fear and proximity to people were the problem. See 6/21/1974. |
| 8/30/1976 | HQ Dump                      | 1 GB | Adult/F         | Accidental Death      | The Sow (3 cubs) died instantly after running into a fence. A patrol ranger had frightened the bear with a siren.                                                                   |
| 9/1/1976  | HQ Dump to Alaskaland Zoo    | 2 GB | Yearlings / M&F | Donated               | Without maternal guidance the cubs were expected to die or habituate to developed areas.                                                                                            |
| 9/3/1976  | HW Dump to Mile 56           | 1 GB | Yearling/ F     | Relocated             | After the Sow’s death an unsuccessful attempt was made to unite this cub with another sow and yearling cub.                                                                         |

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| 6/7/1977  | Riley Cr. CG to Post Lake, 40 Miles S of Farewell Lake.           | 2 GB | 2.5 yrs./2M   | Relocated | The two 2.5 year old cubs and sow had been frequenting C-Camp, HQ, and Riley Cr. CG areas, disturbing garbage cans and approaching buildings. They killed a moose calf near the C-Camp road. |
| 8/14/1977 | Little stony Cr. To Lake east of Foraker River, SE of VM Straight | 1 GB | Subadult/F    | Relocated | The bear was continually charging hikers and once touched a female hiker. The bear was reported on 9/20/1976 in the Toklat area. No further problems from this bear were reported.           |
| 8/4/1978  | Eielson VC to Tattler Cr.                                         | 1 GB | 1.5-2.5yrs./M | Relocated | This small bear was frequenting the EVC area. Although it was not aggressive it commonly approached people. It remained in the Igloo Canyon area for the rest of the summer.                 |
| 8/6/1978  | Eielson bluffs to Park boundary on Swift Fork                     | 1 GB | Adult/M       | Relocated | The bear caused frequent property damage in the backcountry and VC. The bear was shot by a hunter, in 1979, W of the Swift Fork.                                                             |
| 6/14/1979 | Toklat Rd. Camp to Big Lake 37 km SSW of Lk Minchumina            | 1 GB | Adult/F       | Relocated | Small bear followed employees, and approached buildings after being chased off. Possible damage to hikers gear up Toklat River.                                                              |
| 7/3/1979  | Bergh Lk.-Sprucefish Lk.                                          | 1 GB | Subadult/M    | Relocated | Damaged gear and got food from hikers on Stony Cr.                                                                                                                                           |

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| 7/5/1979  | Toklat RS-Carey Lk.             | 1 GB | Adult/F    | Relocated            | Property damage and lack of fear.                                                                                                                                              |
| 8/4/1979  | Sanctuary CG-Mile 76 Gravel Pit | 1 GB | Subadult/F | Relocated            | Came through campground multiple times. Property damage and Lack of fear.                                                                                                      |
| 7/26/1980 | Morino CG                       | 1 GB | ?/F        | Relocated, Destroyed | The bear was tearing up packs and getting food. Relocated 52 km by helicopter but returned, and continued raids. Destroyed.                                                    |
| 9/12/1982 | Stampede strip                  | 1 BB | No Data    | Destroyed            | Persistently approached cabin. Killed in defense of property.                                                                                                                  |
| 6/5/1984  | Tattler Cr.                     | 1 GB | Adult/F    | Radio Collared       | Bear # 102 obtained food from back packers.                                                                                                                                    |
| 7/9/1984  | Sable Pass                      | 1 GB | Adult/F    | Radio Collared       | Bear #109 obtained food from Backpackers.                                                                                                                                      |
| 7/16/1984 | McKinley Bar                    | 1 BB | Adult/M    | Radio Collared       | Bear #103 was captured on McKinley Bar at a campsite after obtaining human food.                                                                                               |
| 7/26/1984 | Red Top Mine                    | 1 BB | Adult/M    | Destroyed            | Bear #103 had been around camp several times and was trying to get on the roof of a cabin. Bill Tull shot the bear because he felt the camp residents were threatened. DLP.    |
| 8/1984    | Stampede Mine                   | 1 BB | Adult/M    | Destroyed            | The bear was making determined efforts to break into a cabin. Gordon Harrison was inside the cabin with his family. The bear did not respond to efforts to chase it away. DLP. |

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| 7/17/1986 | Stampede Camp           | 1 BB | Adult/M             | Destroyed | The bear had been very close to a tent. Wyane Howell shot the bear when it approached to within 5'.                                                                                 |
| 8/26/1986 | Ponds near MP 80        | 1 GB | Adult/F             | Destroyed | Management bear #107 drown after being tranquilized to replace her radio collar. Accidental.                                                                                        |
| 10/1/1987 | Dan Ashbrook's Property | 2 GB | Subadult/F, No Data | Destroyed | Bears had obtained food at the Kantishna Roadhouse and broken into the Ashbrook's cache of winter food. Two bears were shot 15 feet from his doorway; one killed the other unknown. |
| 6/20/88   | Camp Denali             | 1 BB | 3yrs./M             | Relocated | Management bear #133 was relocated to Castle Rocks after obtaining garbage at the Kantishna Roadhouse. The bear returned 4 days later but left the area on his own.                 |

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| 9/14/1988 | Kantishna                    | 1 GB | 4yrs./M  | Relocated,<br>Died | Bear #115 was collared in 1987 after obtaining human food near Toklat RC. In fall of 1988 he obtained human food at the Kantishna roadhouse. He died in a relocation attempt. See <u>Grizzly Cub</u> by R. MacIntyre.                                    |
| 9/1990    | Kantishna                    | 1 GB | No Data  | Destroyed          | Grizzly had been frequenting the Kantishna Roadhouse obtained garbage, and was aggressive towards people. The bear disappeared, likely killed by Dan Ashbrook as reported by another Kantishna resident. CI-900324. High probability of an illegal kill. |
| 6/23/1991 | Denali Mountain Lodge        | 1 BB | 6yrs/M   | Destroyed          | Management bear #133 was shot while obtaining food from an employees wall tent. DLP.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4/1992    | Tokosha Mtns. South District | 1 GB | 23yrs./F | Poached            | Skinned carcass with gall bladder removed found inside Park boundary by South Dist. Rangers. Case was successfully prosecuted.                                                                                                                           |
| 6/15/1992 | Red Top Rd.                  | 1 GB | Adult/F  | Destroyed          | Michael and Robert Mark Anthony shot and killed a bear believed to have damaged their cabin. Necropsy results suggested the wrong bear was killed. DLP.                                                                                                  |

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| 8/28/1992  | Hornet Cr. Squatters Camp, 1 mi. N of Park boundary | 1 BB | No Data   | Destroyed?                     | Bear had been raiding campsites for a week before it was shot with a handgun. The bear was hit and fled into the woods.                                                                                                                          |
| 11/11/1992 | Slippery Cr.                                        | 1 GB | 18yrs./M  | Destroyed                      | Mickie Collins killed a research bear that was threatening her. DLP                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 6/23/1993  | Cantwell                                            | 1 GB | 4yrs./M   | Destroyed                      | Management bear #137 (collared May 1997) was shot in a residential area. State Troopers stated it was not a NLP. Charges filed.                                                                                                                  |
| 9/1993     | Kantishna                                           | 1 GB | 4-5yrs./M | Relocated                      | Management bear #744 first obtained human food in June. He returned to Kantishna after 2 relocation attempts and continued to be attracted to developed areas. The bear was relocated to the Grizzly Discovery Center in W. Yellowstone Montana. |
| 1996       | Highway Pass                                        | 1 GB | 4-5yrs./F | Radio Collared, Collar Removed | Bear obtained backpacker's food. It was radio collared and monitored. Radio collar was removed on 9/??/97.                                                                                                                                       |
| 1996       | West Fork Yentna Ri.                                | 1 BB | ?/M       | Destroyed                      | Shot and killed by Denali Rangers while bear was destroying patrol camp. DLP.                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 1996      | Wonder Lake             | 1 BB | 2-3yrs.<br>/M                  | Radio Collared,<br>Collar Removed | Bear obtained improperly stored backpacker food. It was radio collared and monitored. Radio fell off and was recovered on 9/??/97.                                                                                                                                               |
| 1998      | McKinley Gold Camp      | 1 BB | ?/M                            | Radio Collared                    | The bear was trapped following reports of a bear obtaining food and damaging property at the Gold Camp. The bear was radio collared and aversively conditioned.                                                                                                                  |
| 8/4/1998  | Teklanika River.        | 4 GB | 1 Adult/F,<br>3 Subadult/<br>M | Radio Collared                    | Bears obtained food on two occasions by entering backcountry camps. Closely approached people at road and in backcountry.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9/1/1999  | East side of Broad Pass | 1 GB | ?                              | Subsistence Harvest               | A subsistence hunter legally took a Grizzly Bear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9/11/2000 | Camp Denali             | 1 BB | Adult M                        | Radio Collared Relocated          | Management bear #2001 had obtained garbage at Camp Denali and was rewarded with food out of refrigerator at North Face Lodge. The bear was captured, radio collared and relocated by helicopter 25 miles west of Kantishna. The bear was aversively conditioned at release site. |

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| 5/31/2001 | Teklanika River     | 1 GB | adult/F | collar Removed      | Management bear#9805 was captured on the Teklanika river, east of Cathedral mtn. Her Collar was removed as Monitoring of her Activity is not currently a critical management Issue.                                                                                                                     |
| 9/10/2002 | Kantishna Roadhouse | 1 BB | 8yr/M   | Destroyed DLP       | Management bear #9801 Had been causing Problems in Kantishna Starting in June of this Year. On 9/7 it broke Into a freezer at the Roadhouse and obtained Human food. On 9/9 it Broke into the Roadhouse Garbage shed and on 9/10 It entered the kitchen. It was shot and killed by a Roadhouse employee |
| 9/2002    | Kantishna hills     | 1 GB | ?       | Subsistence Harvest | A subsistence hunter legally took a Grizzly Bear near Glen Creek in The Kantishna hills.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |