**GUIDE TO BEAR REPORTING FOR RIVER TRAVELERS**

The National Park Service (NPS) requires the completion of NPS Form 10-405, “Tatshenshini-Alsek River Bear Report” to record all bear sightings on your trip. Please refer to the back of this page for help in filling out the form. ***Mark the location of any bear sightings made by your group with an “X” and mark the locations of your campsites with a “C” on the attached maps. GPS locations are especially helpful. Please be sure to record the datum in which the points were collected.***

At the end of your trip please return your bear report forms along with your trip survey form to the Dry Bay Ranger, Glacier Bay National Park, or Kluane National Park, ***whether you saw a bear or not***. If you encounter dirty campsites left by previous users or observe unsafe or inappropriate behavior by other groups please report this information as well. ***If you have a serious conflict with a bear such as a bear causing injury to a person, obtaining food, or causing major property damage, call the appropriate phone number listed below on a satellite phone if possible or immediately after returning*.** The continued safety of future visitors and bears along the Tatshenshini Alsek River corridor is the responsibility of all users.

**CONTACTS:**

 **In Kluane National Park: In Glacier Bay National Park and**

 **Tatshenshini-Alsek Park:**

 **To report bear-human conflicts, call:** **To report bear-human conflicts, call:**

 1-867-634-7279 (8am to 5pm, leave message) 1-907-697-2627 (7am to 9pm, leave message)

 **24hrs Emergency: 24hrs Emergency:**

 1 -877-852-3100 (toll free) 1 -907-697- 2651

 **Park Mailing Address: Park Mailing Address:**

 Kluane National Park Glacier Bay National Park

 P.O. Box 5495 Attn: Bear Management

 Haines Junction, Yukon P.O. Box 140

 Y0B 1L0 Gustavus, AK. 99826

**Group Name** Please indicate your group name and/or trip leader’s name along with your start date.

**Sighting Number** Use the Sighting Number to identify the bear location on the map provided on the back of the sighting form.

**Date** Enter the date using Day/Month/Year format.

**Time** Enter the time using 24-hr clock format.

**Species** If you are **certain** of the species circle the appropriate option, otherwise circle unknown. Note: grizzly includes both interior grizzly and coastal brown bears.

**Total Number** Enter the total number of bears seen together.

**Bear Unit Type** If you can determine that the bear(s) were adult or subadults or family groups circle the appropriate option. If you are uncertain circle unknown, if the available options do not describe the bears that you saw also circle unknown and describe in Comments section.

**Distance to Bear** Estimate the minimum distance between you and the bear(s) in meter.

**Bear Aware of Group** Was the bear(s), at any point aware of you? Circle “Yes” or “No”

**Bear Reaction to Group** If the bear(s) was aware of you circle the appropriate option describing its reaction. If the bear(s) reaction does not fit any option circle other and describe in Comments section.

**Activity of Group** Circle the option describing your activity at time of sighting the bear(s). If you were involved in an activity other than the available options circle other and describe in Comments section.

**Number in Group** Enter the number of people in your group observing the bear(s).

**Comments** If you choose the option “other” describe here. Please describe location and if bear was observed from camp, please indicate which campsite. Please include additional comments that you feel are important in this section.

Your cooperation in reporting bear observations and interactions on the river will enhance the safety of future rafters as well as protection of bears. Bear sighting data helps us determine bear movements, habitat use, and species distribution, as well as gain valuable insight on population dynamics. First-hand accounts of how bears respond to people are important in understanding and detecting changes in bear behavior and identifying potential problem areas. We value any comments and insights you may have based on your experience on the Tatshenshini and Alsek River. Thank you for your participation!

If you would like this bear report mailed to you after the data is copied, please provide a return address here:

**GROUP NAME:** **TAKE-OUT DATE:**

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| Sight No. | Date (D/M/Y) | Time in 24 hr Clock | Species | Total No. Seen | Bear Unit Type | Dist. to Bear (m) | Bear Aware of Group? | Bear Reactionto Group | Activity of Group | No of Observers | Location Description/ Campsite Name /GPS position / Other Comments |
| 1 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 2 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 3 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 4 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 5 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 6 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 7 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 9 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| 10 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |
| **CODES** |
| **Species**GR = GrizzlyBL = BlackUN = Unknown | **Bear Unit Type**1 = Subadult(s)2 = Adult(s)3 = Female/cubs of year4 = Female/older cubs 5 = Other or Unknown | **Bear Reaction to Group**1 = No Reaction2 = Walked Towards3 = Ran Towards4 = Walked Away 5 = Ran Away6 = Other or Unknown | **Activity of Group**1 = In Raft on River2 = In Camp3 = Rest Break4 = Hiking5 = Other or Unknown  | **Note:** Please mark sighting location on map, and please note in comments if bear was on opposite side of the river. |

**NOTICES**

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement**

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) and 36 CFR 1-7, 12 and 13 which authorize the National Park Service to require applicants to fill out this form to monitor resources in the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. This information is being collected to allow the Park management to make value judgements necessary to enhance the safety and enjoyment of both the visitors and wildlife. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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**INSERT UPDATED MAPS STARTING HERE**