

Wild neighbors

Understanding wildlife behavior and ecology and planning ahead to prevent conflicts



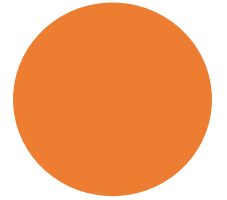
Why wildlife conflict prevention matters

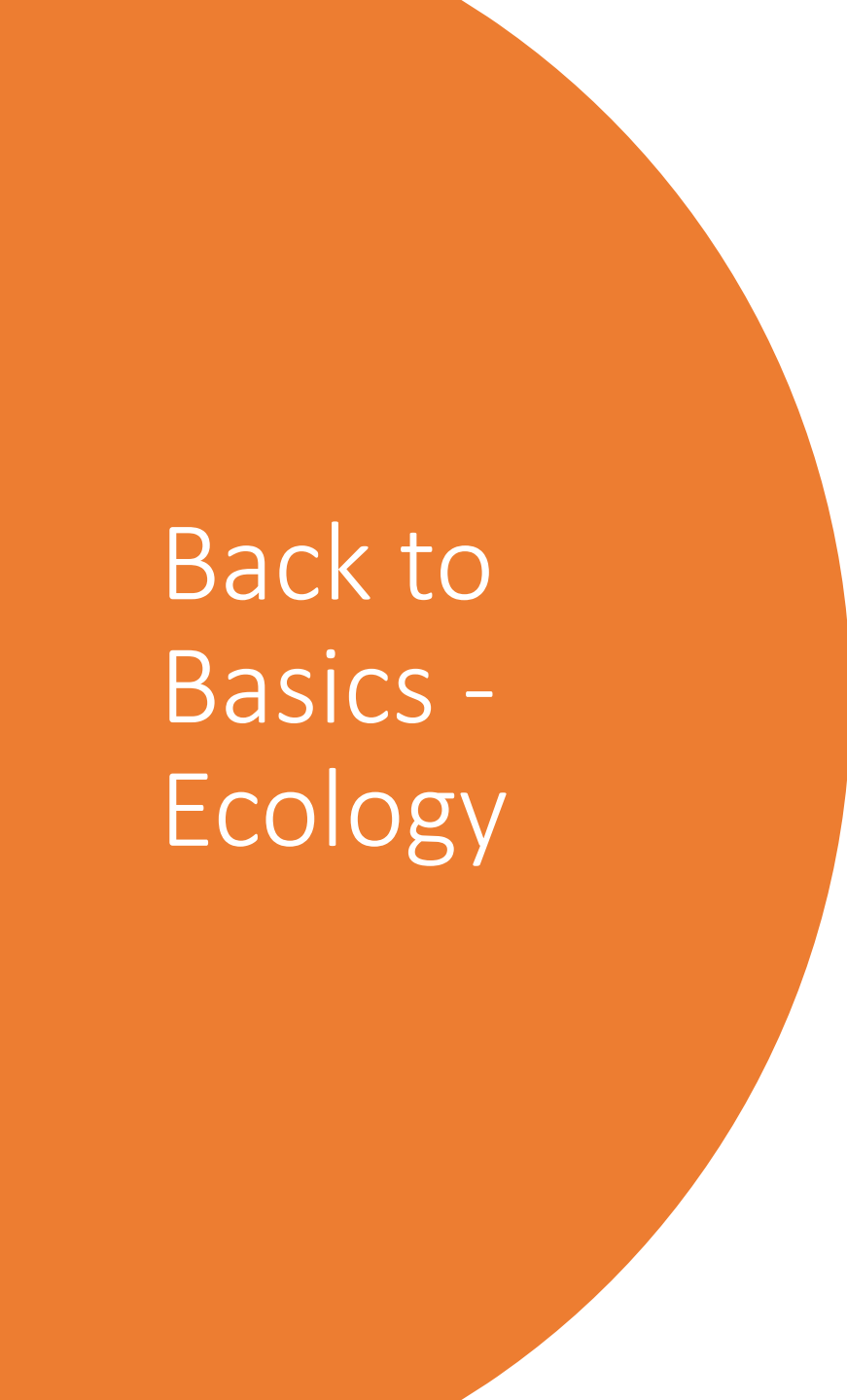
- Depends on the species and the situation but a combination of :
 - Human safety
 - Property protection
 - Helps us to meet wildlife conservation goals
 - Helps us to enjoy wildlife



From birds to bears...

- Variation in
 - Social tolerance
 - Legal sidebars
 - Downstream impacts





Back to Basics - Ecology

- Life cycle
- Seasonal foods & needs
- Movement patterns
- Behaviors as survival traits



Life cycle

- Breeding season
- Dispersal of young
- Home range size



Seasonal foods & needs

- Impact movement patterns & behavior
- Impact of droughts, natural food failures, etc.
- Hyperphagia in bears



Movement patterns

- Migratory species
- Seasonal movements
- Daily movements



Behaviors as survival traits

- Curiosity
- Adaptability
- Tolerance of risk



Human-Wildlife Interactions

- Abundant wildlife = more interactions with wildlife
- Mismatch between natural behaviors and (relatively) new situations
- What we teach wildlife and how well they learn

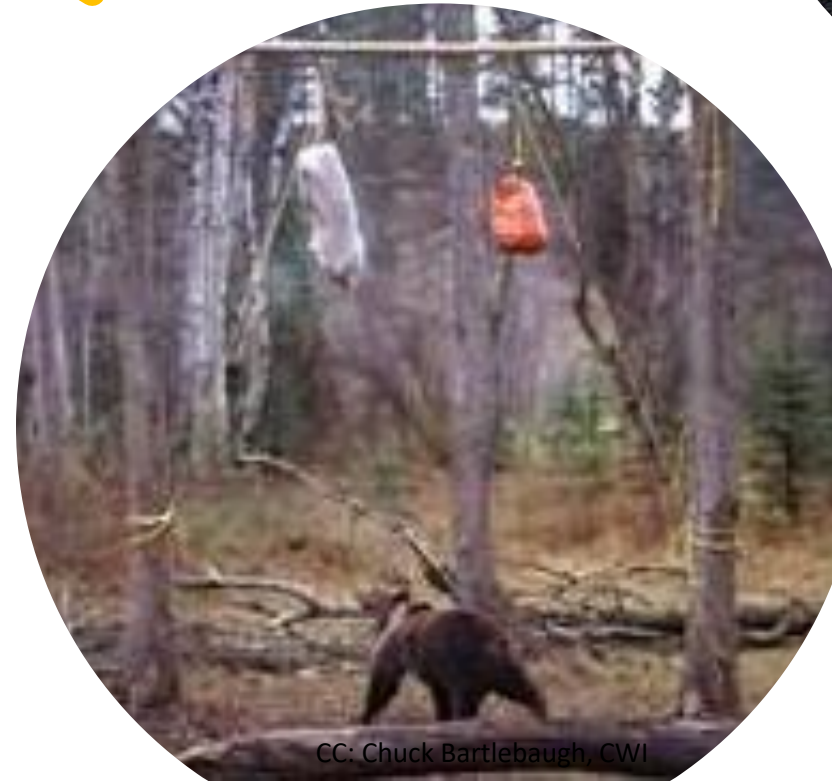


Planning ahead to prevent conflict

- At home
- In the woods
- In your community



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Preventing & addressing grizzly bear conflict in the Panhandle

- We're here to help!
 - Bear Spray training
 - Electric fencing, bear resistant bins, etc. for loan
 - Fruit gleaning equipment program
 - Boundary County carcass removal
 - Expired bear spray exchanges
 - Outreach events
 - Conflict response



Take aways

- Understand wildlife behavior
- Plan ahead
- Ask for help

Questions?

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