

Brown Bears

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- 0001-001 I want to register my opinion about logging SNOW RIVER/PRIMROSE TIMBER HARVEST PROJECT. NO! to logging it
Brown bear habitat will be threatened
- 0143-003 protecting brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula. Thank you for your request for comments. Sincerely,
Constantina Economou
- 0157-002 The protection of brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and the designation of wilderness for the roadless areas
should be your top priority.
- 0160-003 I very strongly object to the salvage timber sales because of effects on roadless areas. This would also fragment
brown bear habitat.
- 0276-001 1. A. Wildlife diversity, esp. Brown Bears 2. A. Important to maintain forest health. Would feel personal loss if there
were no more brown bears in CNF. 3. A. Safety - bear/people contacts. habitat - roads. Tourism
- 0283-005 Roads on Kenai will impact Brown bears.
- 0294-005 Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered
an "indicator species", the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Please participate in
any Brown Bear Task Force that is created on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition, work with other land owners to
address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species, as well as watershed issues.
- 0321-002 Identify and protect brown bear habitat.
- 0323-003 provide sanctuary for species that may be dwindling on the Kenai, such as the brown bear.
- 0334-004 Conserve Brown Bear Habitat. Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat.
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its plan. Please participate in any Brown Bear Task Force that is created on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition, work
with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species, as well as watershed
- 0375-005 3. A. Close upper Russia completely Close all Russian River save the Bears
- 0377-002 Also, what impacts of increased motorized rec. on brown bears. Impact due to increased development.
- 0400-006 All alternatives in the draft plan must include provisions to ensure the survival of brown bear populations on the
Kenai Peninsula. The Forest Service should initiate an inter-agency task force to protect the brown bear on the
- 0404-010 Wildlife Viability Certain wildlife species, the brown bear in particular, depend on large tracts of untrammeled land.
Fragmented and isolated habitats are at risk of losing species by making them more vulnerable to catastrophic events,
reducing genetic mixing and increasing the negative effect of habitat edges.
- 0404-022 The USFS should also follow the recommendations offered in the interagency brown bear study.
- 0405-005 Sustain the habitat of the Kenai brown bear population and work with other agencies and land owners to address the
cumulative human impacts on all wildlife.
- 0409-004 4. Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula need the area to remain roadless. This is not forest which is viable
commercial timber forest. PLEASE LET THE CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST REMAIN ROADLESS FOR FISH AND
WILDLIFE HABITAT!
- 0410-003 When we toured the Kenai Peninsula we saw that the area was impacted by a road system. In Florida that means
road kill for bears. I am concerned about Brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula and that for the future viability of their
population the forest needs to remain as roadless as possible.
- 0411-002 I am concerned as well about Brown bears on the Kenai peninsula. For the future viability of their population the
forest needs to remain roadless.
- 0414-004 The brown bear need no designated habitat. The State Fish and Game department can handle species protection. -
- 0417-002 4) Attention needs to be paid to the viability of Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula and the impact on them of any
further roading;

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- 0418-003 There is special concern about the brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula, a population that FS biologists say "meets the criteria used to classify the grizzly bear in the lower 48 United States as threatened, although its isolation from other populations is uncertain." Again, roadbuilding and other development should not occur on the peninsula.
- 0424-001 Having lived on the Kenai Peninsula, I've been concerned about the cumulative impacts of the logging on private lands surrounding the Chugach National Forest. As you work on a new plan for the Chugach, please keep those thoughts in mind. One of the unique Kenai Peninsula experiences is the thought of seeing a grizzly bear, and I'd hate to think that nay new plan for the Chugach would further threaten their habitat.
- 0425-004 Conserve Brown Bear Habitat: Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an "indicator species", the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Please participate in any task force that is created and initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition, work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species, as well as watershed issues. -
- 0427-004 Conserve Brown Bear Habitat: Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an "indicator species", the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Please participate in any task force that is created and initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition, work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species, as well as watershed issues.
- 0438-004 Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an "Indicator species", the Forest Service should make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Please initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan an the Kenai Peninsula. In addition. work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bmrs and other species, as well as watershed issues.
- 0440-002 Research has indicated that Brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula have been suffering due to road-building and development, and since these wonderful creatures are endangered in the lower 48, it is crucial that they retain habitat in Alaska. Their future depends on their habitat remaining roadless. Chugach National Forest is much more valuable as wildlife habitat and a recreational area than as a commercial timber forest. Please don't sell it out!
- 0458-006 Brown bear protection on the Kenai Peninsula must become a priority. A few of the items I listed above will also help to protect brown bear habitat on the Kenai. -
- 0462-008 The grizzly bear population of the Kenai Peninsula needs space. Protection should be included in the plan to ensure critical corridors of travel and feeding areas are not eliminated by human encroachment.
- 0463-023 We are particularly concerned about the Kenai Peninsula brown bear population. Best information indicates that additional road development on the Forest will negatively impact the brown bear population on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0470-005 I am also concerned about the Brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula and for the future viability of their population, the forest needs to remain roadless.
- 0473-012 The Forest should remain roadless for the future viability of the brown bear population which is already in trouble on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0479-016 The long-term viability of brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula may be threatened due to habitat degradation from increased development and road-building on the Kenai Peninsula. Due to the primarily roadless character of the Chugach National Forest, we understand the Chugach to be critical bear habitat for the long term viability of the Kenai Peninsula brown bear. If the Chugach National Forest does not remain primarily roadless, the long term viability of the Kenai Peninsula brown bear population will be undermined.
- 0479-017 Thus the Forest Service must address a wildlife viability/habitat protection plan forest-wide for the Chugach National Forest, giving special consideration to the habitat needs of the brown bear on the Kenai Peninsula. We encourage the Forest Service to work with other agencies in southcentral Alaska to create a Brown Bear Task Force and develop a Brown Bear Conservation Plan, which includes a habitat protection component for the Chugach National Forest and other lands on the Kenai Peninsula. The recommendations of this Task Force should be included in the Chugach Planning process. The issues surrounding the long term viability of brown bears on the forest should direct the Forest Planning Process toward favoring long term protection of critical habitat areas on the forest, such as Wilderness designations on the Kenai Peninsula and in the Nellie Juan / College Fjord Wilderness Study area, and recommending Wilderness designation for other roadless areas on the forest.
- 0479-035 Of particular concern at this point is the Kenai Peninsula brown bear population. Additional road development on the Forest will negatively impact the brown bear population on the Kenai Peninsula (Schoen, 1991). We would like for the Forest Service to address the impacts of road development on brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula in every alternative, and especially any alternative which calls for or suggests additional roads in the revision process.

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- 0479-036 Finally, we encourage the Forest Service to participate in an inter-agency Brown Bear Task Force to identify and protect critical habitat for the long term viability of this population. We would like for information from the Task Force to be incorporated in the planning process for the forest.
- 0479-040 This is especially important on the Kenai Peninsula where there has already been a recognized 70% reduction in brown bear habitat capabilities. Singular actions taken by the Forest Service, which may not appear at face value to have significant impacts, may in fact tip the balance for the brown bear population on the Kenai because of ever-increasing developments and roadbuilding on other lands on the Kenai.
- 0482-004 4) Conserve Brown Bear habitat (initiate a B. Bear Protection Plan on the Kenai Peninsula)
- 0482-007 Conserve Brown Bear habitat
- 0489-009 The conservation of brown bear and black bear habitat is especially critical.
- 0490-005 Don't worry about the Brown Bears they can take care of themselves. I cite the obvious: They are encroaching into the suburban Anchorage Area now. I believe that we have too many Brown Bears now (just look at the numb. of Brown Bear attacks on Hikers & Fisherman) and do not need further protection for them.
- 0491-004 Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an indicator species, the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species, as well as watershed issues.
- 0493-006 I am extremely concerned about the brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula," Development and road-building on the Peninsula have significantly degraded their habitat. According to Forest Service biologists, "The KP [Kenai Peninsula] Brown bear population meets the criteria used to classify the grizzly bear in the lower 48 United States as threatened, although its isolation from other populations is uncertain." If the Chugach National Forest does not remain primarily roadless, the Kenai Brown bear population may no longer be viable.
- 0494-004 We are very concerned with the protection of the Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula, which needs to remain roadless for their protection.
- 0567-001 Brown Bear habitat is suffering Areas need to be roadless
- 0654-005 Please work with Kenai Peninsula borough officials, state Dept. of Fish & Game, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge personnel, and private landowners on the Kenai to make a Brown Bear Conservation Plan for the Kenai an official section of this forest plan. The CNF has GJS data and the best resources to make this happen.
- 0693-001 We need to pay attention to Brown Bear population - a good indicator of what is happening to animals overall.
- 0758-001 I am quite concerned about the Brown Bear Habitat or the Kenai Peninsula - their habitat is being destroyed please consider the waste of tax payers dollars & realize that the habitat needs must be protected!
- 0773-001 I am very concerned about the dramatic decline in the brown bear population on the Kenai Peninsula. Please pay careful attention to the needs of this animal, which, in my opinion, deserve as much consideration as the needs of loggers and developers. Thank you.
- 0781-022 Of special concern to ACE is the ongoing fragmentation of Kenai Peninsula wildlands, especially as they affect brown bear habitat. ACE would like to see the Forest Service participate (and perhaps play the lead agency due to the timing of this revision) in a Brown Bear Task Force that leads to the creation of a conservation/protection plan. Due to the particular concerns expressed by inter-agency biologists about these bears losing habitat on the western Peninsula, ACE believes that managing the forest with habitat viability as a priority is critical. We would like the Forest Service to consider potential impacts to brown bears in management alternatives, with particular attention paid to the negative impacts, associated with additional road building.
- 0781-003 urge the Forest Service to prioritize low-impact recreation and the, preservation of wildlife habitat, watersheds and ecosystems as its overall management direction. We believe this to be of critical importance, as well, to the sustainability of wildlife populations and fisheries, in particular to address high levels of road building, logging and development on the Kenai Peninsula which is jeopardizing viability of Peninsula brown bear populations.
- 0787-002 Especially take steps to protect the Kenai Peninsula's Brown Bear population which has had its' habitat drastically reduced in recent years.
- 0788-002 Please do not allow any more roads to be built in the Chugach. It is now viable habitat for brown bear. Road building and logging will certainly degrade this habitat. I urge you to use this planning process for the Chugach for the protection of the forest.

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- 0790-002 I am very concerned about Brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula and that for the future viability of their population the forest needs to remain roadless.
- 0792-002 I am concerned about Brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula. For the future viability of their population the forest should remain roadless.
- 0793-007 The conservation of brown bear and black bear habitat is especially critical.
- 0797-002 4) Attention needs to be paid to the viability of Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula and the impact on them of any further roading;
- 0802-006 Conserve Brown Bear Habitat: Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an "indicator species", the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Please participate in any task force that is created and initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan on the Kenai
- 0804-002 I am concerned for Brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula. For their future viability, the forest needs to remain roadless.
- 0805-003 Protect critical habitat for grizzlies. (Wildlife corridors in rapidly developing areas)
- 0807-002 Kenai Peninsula brown bears are high on everybody's list. While the brown bear population is now stable and healthy, future land use by ALL Kenai Peninsula land managers must consider fragmentation of bear habitat and impacts on feeding areas and travel corridors.
- 0817-002 Clearly, conservation of the Kenai Peninsula population of brown bears will require this kind of cooperation. A great opportunity currently exists to coordinate with the State Division of Forestry in their Kenai Area Planning and the Kenai Refuge with their refuge planning.
- 0817-030 Terrestrial Mammals Kenai Peninsula Brown Bears: The Kenai Peninsula is one of Alaska's most developed and fastest growing regions. Between 1977 and 1987, the human population of the Kenai increased from 24,600 to 43,600. Connected by road to the largest city in Alaska, the Kenai is the focal area for many of the state's outdoor recreationists and an important visitor destination for the state's growing tourism industry. Outdoor recreation, sport hunting and fishing, logging, mining, oil and gas development, land subdivision, and other developments are increasing throughout the Kenai Peninsula. These activities will increase opportunities for bear-human encounters and their cumulative impacts are of particular concern to bear managers in southcentral Alaska.
- 0817-031 The Kenai Peninsula brown bear population is a relatively small (estimated to be between 250-300 bears) and geographically isolated population. Although the Kenai is about 9,000 square miles in size, brown bears are distributed on only about 40 percent of this area. The Kenai Peninsula is connected to the Alaska mainland by a narrow 9 mile-wide isthmus between Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound. And it is likely that human activity in this narrow corridor may be sufficient to significantly restrict movements of bears between the Kenai and mainland. An interagency cumulative effects model developed for the Chugach National Forest portion of the Kenai Peninsula estimated that habitat effectiveness for brown bears has already been reduced by approximately 70% due to current human activities. The reproductive rates of bears (particularly brown bears) are among the lowest of terrestrial animals. As a result, significant population declines are a serious conservation concern and these are often long and difficult to reverse. The construction of roads into roadless brown bear habitat has been demonstrated by many investigators to have significant adverse impacts on bear populations by increasing human access which results in the direct mortality of bears through legal hunting, defense of life and property kills, and illegal killing, and fragmenting the habitat into smaller, more isolated parcels.
- 0817-032 The construction of new logging roads as a result of widespread salvage logging across the Peninsula poses a serious conservation problem for Kenai brown bears. Building roads and bringing human land-use developments into bear habitat will consistently drain bears from the population.

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- 0817-033 As more important population sources are roaded or developed and become "sinks," the brown bear population on the Kenai, as a whole, may begin a long-term irreversible decline. These are incremental steps toward a declining bear population. Since bears are wide-ranging species of landscapes (not just small habitat patches), the cumulative impacts of future development actions on the Peninsula may well influence the distribution and conservation of bears beyond the Chugach Forest to include other regions of the Peninsula including the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. We strongly recommend that the Chugach Plan Revision incorporate a major effort to address the long-term conservation of brown bears on the Peninsula. This effort should include: - establishment of a Kenai Brown Bear Task Force charged with developing a comprehensive conservation strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears. The Task Force should be composed of the Interagency Brown Bear Study Team plus representation from conservation, recreation, tourism, fishing, and timber interests; - GIS analysis of current brown bear distribution and movement data relative to topographic, watershed, vegetative, human developments (transportation, industrial, urban, residential), and land management jurisdictions and objectives; - interagency cooperation and a Peninsula-wide assessment across all land management jurisdictions; - a cumulative effects analysis; and - a time frame of 100 years. The opportunity to address this issue with a proactive, cost-effective conservation approach is now. If we wait until later, we may be forced into costly reactive management, the potential of ESA listing petitions, and a diminished chance of successful conservation. The brown bear conservation strategy will also help managers deal with other species that are sensitive to increased human access such as wolves, black bears, wolverines, lynx, and marten.
- 0820-006 We believe this to be of critical importance, as well, to the sustainability of wildlife populations and fisheries, in particular to address high levels of road building, logging and development on the Kenai Peninsula which is jeopardizing viability of Peninsula brown bear populations.
- 0820-009 In addition, ACE would like the Forest Service to take a lead role in coordinating a conservation plan for brown bear
- 0820-034 Of special concern to ACE is the ongoing fragmentation of Kenai Peninsula brown bear habitat. ACE would like to see the Forest Service participate (and perhaps play the lead agency due to the timing of this revision) in a Brown Bear Task Force that leads to the creation of a conservation/protection plan. Due to the particular concerns expressed by inter-agency biologists about these bears losing habitat on the western Peninsula, ACE believes that managing the forest with habitat viability as a priority is critical. We would like the Forest Service to consider potential impacts to brown bears in management alternatives, with particular attention paid to the negative impacts associated
- 0825-002 I also feel protection of brown bear habitat should be a high priority.
- 0827-004 Conserve Brown Bear Habitat: Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an "indicator species", the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Please participate in any task force that is created and initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition, work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species, as well as watershed issues.
- 0828-004 The Kenai Peninsula brown bears are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are an "indicator species," the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. We encourage the Service to participate in any Brown Bear Task Force that is created on the Kenai Peninsula and to work with land owners to address cumulative impacts for brown bears, and other species, as well as watershed issues.
- 0829-004 Conserve Brown Bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula. As the KP Browns are being threatened due to declining habitat the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. The FS also should take a participatory role in any task force that is created and should initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan. In addition the FS should work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species as well as
- 0832-009 Conserve Brown Bear Habitat: Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an "indicator species", the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in
- 0832-010 Please participate in any task force that is created and initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0832-011 In addition, work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other species, as well as watershed issues.
- 0836-002 Management of areas around the Kenai NWR will certainly affect populations of far-ranging large mammals (brown bears, wolves, etc.), that use the refuge. Aggregating impacts and limiting road construction into roadless areas is, most likely, a good management strategy for these species.
- 0839-003 The roadless feature of the Chugach is important to the viability of the Brown bear population on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0860-093 Endangered species listing for brown bear
- 0860-152 Wildlife (bears) displaced

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- 0880-023 ? Develop a brown bear prescription based on capability levels.
- 0890-001 I support managing the Chugach National Forest to protect its fish, wildlife, and wilderness values. During the Forest Planning process, I urge you to consider the cumulative impact of all forest-related actions. The draft Chugach Forest Plan must adhere to the following principles:
Preserve future management options by adopting a conservative approach to wildlife management. Initiate an inter-agency "Brown Bear Conservation Plan" for the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0891-004 4) protect the Kenai brown bears whose habitat has declined severely;
- 0892-005 Conserve Brown Bear Habitat: Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula are being threatened due to declining habitat. Because bears are considered an "indicator species", the Forest Service needs to make habitat protection a priority in its plan. Please participate in any task force that is created and initiate a Brown Bear Protection Plan on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition, work with other land owners to address cumulative impacts for Brown Bears and other