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Public Service Announcement **Fort Carson CLEO reminds community to be bear aware**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Following recent bear sightings around post, Fort Carson's Conservation Law Enforcement Office is reminding the Mountain Post community to remain vigilant.

According to CLEO, a combination of low snowpack and unseasonably dry weather, seasonal hyperphagia (a biological state where animals experience an insatiable urge to consume up to 20,000 calories per day, overriding their natural weariness of humans), and unsecured garbage have contributed to an uptick in bear sightings around post.

This year alone, Fort Carson dispatch has received 23 reported bear sightings, but CLEO believes the actual number of sightings is much higher.

Community members who spot a bear on post are asked to remain calm and call Fort Carson dispatch at 719-284-6370. Never run, scream, approach, or make direct eye contact with a bear. Residents are asked to secure all garbage bins, only putting them out the designated morning of pick up. Periodically washing trash bins with bleach or ammonia are also encouraged as they reduce residual food odors.

For more information on bear safety tips, visit: <https://www.army.mil/article/293320/>.



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