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Other Alerts

Safety Alert Type:
Other

Location: Barlow Lake FSR - Vanderhoof

Date of Incident: 2008-05-10
Company Name: Ponderosa Forestry

Details of Incident:

Timber Cruising crew was working in standing timber when a 2yr old Grizzly cub ran by on an adjacent trail. Two minutes later the sow walked by in the same direction. Both bears walked within 15m of the crew, noticed them but did not react.

There was an older moose that was heavily infested with ticks noticed earlier that day in the same area. It is thought that the bears may have been following the scent of the moose.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

When a close bear encounter occurs, remove yourself from the area immediately. Ensure personal bear protection is readied and walk away from the area perpendicular to any trails.

A bear cub encounter almost always means that a sow is close by. Do not hesitate in removing yourself from the area.

When 2 or more people are working in one location, all workers should group together immediately and walk out as a unit.

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