

Tahoe bear, human interactions on the rise

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Officials from the California Department of Fish and Game and USDA Wildlife Services showed up at dawn at Lake Tahoe's Fallen Leaf Campground early this week, looking for a bear sow and cub with a reputation for nonchalant visits to the tents.

The same bear had been trapped, tagged and run out of the campground with dogs and rubber bullets four weeks earlier in hopes of teaching her to avoid humans.

She didn't learn.

In the middle of the night, as the busy Labor Day weekend approached, she swiped at a camper in his tent, injuring his arm. Officials decided they had to act before hundreds of people, and pets, showed up for the holiday.

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