

Bear caught, tagged near Stateline to be released

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After capturing a black bear near Stateline the Nevada Department of Wildlife brought the bear to their Reno offices on Friday. After tranquilizing the bear, NDOW employees processed the bear for ear tags and an inner lip tattoo for future tracking purposes.

The male bear is estimated to be four or five years old and weighs between 400 and 450 pounds. His size is approximately 100 pounds heavier than a typical male black bear of his age. The bear was deemed a potential "conflict bear" after it had wandered into an urban area, meaning that it was a potential threat to humans.

With the warm weather, bears are starting to wake up from hibernation, and many are wandering too close to human populations.

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