

Bear League accused of cyber-stalking

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A legal battle between bear advocates and a Lake Tahoe couple who says they were threatened and intimidated after reporting a problem bear to authorities will continue after a judge said evidence suggests “cyber-stalking” occurred.

Richard and Adrienne Evans failed to prove the Bear League intentionally interfered with the relationship between Adrienne and her professional mountain bike racing sponsors and that claim in the couple’s lawsuit is dismissed, Washoe District Judge Lidia Stiglich ruled May 27.

But the judge declined to dismiss two other claims in the Evans’ complaint as requested by the Bear League, including that the nonprofit organization engaged in civil conspiracy and attempted to defame the couple in an impassioned dispute over Nevada’s bear management practices.

Katherine Parks, attorney for the Bear League and its founder and executive director Ann Bryant, declined to comment Tuesday.

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