NDOW denies relocating bears to hunting areas

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Lake Tahoe Basin bears are at the center of a unique controversy. Some animal advocates are claiming the Nevada Division of Wildlife is putting relocated nuisance bears into hunting areas. It is a claim NDOW flatly and firmly denies.

Bear advocate Carolyn Stark said, "A majority of the bears are relocated out of the Tahoe basin and into the high desert hunting areas." She added, "It is to stalk up the bear hunt. They hoping by moving these bears to hunting areas. some will stay in the area."

NDOW spokesman Chris Healy said, "We haven't done that. I can continue to say we don't do it, we don't do it, we don't do it. Then I could follow that up with a we don't do it. That is not how this works."

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