

Do Bears Sit In The Woods?

The answer is no. Bears, particularly grizzly bears, roam a surprisingly large territory in search of food, shelter and potential mates. Their territories know no boundaries and their survival depends upon the secure habitat found in national and provincial parks, as well as in forest areas managed for broader industrial and human use. 🍃

The Foothills Model Forest organization and its partners are conducting important research into the habits and habitats of grizzlies and other species of indigenous wildlife. This will ensure that the varied needs of wildlife as well as people are met for present and future generations. 🍃 Why grizzlies? Grizzly bears represent an important umbrella species. Generally, if their population is doing well, other species are also

doing well. Researchers are using methods such as DNA sampling of collected grizzly hair and feces to establish population characteristics. Large-scale co-operative studies

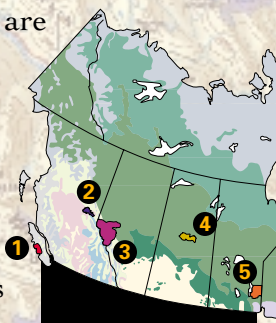
such as this will serve as the basis for determining how bears and humans can coexist in this region – today, and in the future. 🍃 If you would like more information on the

Foothills Model Forest or the grizzly bear study, please visit our

Website at www.fmf.ab.ca or call (780) 865-8329.



The boundary shown on this background map represents the home range of just one of the grizzly bears studied in Jasper National Park.



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THE FOOTHILLS MODEL FOREST

The Foothills Model Forest organization comprises a diverse group of over 40 partners, including principal sponsors Alberta Environmental Protection, the Canadian Forest Service, Jasper National Park, and Weldwood of Canada Limited (Hinton Division). With some 2.75 million hectares (27,500 square kilometres) under study, the Foothills Model Forest landbase is the largest such site in the world. This large-scale working model of sustainable forest management focuses on promoting ecologically sound forest practices and developing and applying new knowledge and technologies.

Jasper National Park is one of five national parks involved in the Canadian Model Forest Network. Through its involvement, Jasper National Park is able to promote and conduct ecosystem-based management with its partners in the Foothills Model Forest.

PART OF A GROWING NETWORK

The Government of Canada, through the Canadian Forest Service of Natural Resources Canada, has taken a leadership role in sustaining and enhancing our forests. The Foothills Model Forest is part of a network of 11 Canadian, and a growing number of international, partnerships generating new ideas and on-the-ground tools for the practice of sustainable forest management.



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