

RMS Knight (B28) responds and finds grizzly bear #F148 foraging naturally approximately 1-5m off the Minnewanka road (north side just over the steep bank) on the big bend east of Cascade Overflow camping.

Location not good for wildlife viewing with sharp downhill corner and bear foraging within 5m of road surface. B28 hazes bear northeast into forested cover using "hey bear" and approximately 6 rounds from the paintball marker (shots made in vicinity of bear with no contact).

Bear rears up on hind legs and huffs at B28 when approached but moves off at a run once paintballs impact ground nearby. Bear remains in forest for 5 minutes and then begins to traverse the large open slope to the east of the big bend. Bear is upslope foraging on berries and overturning rocks and stumps at a good viewing distance so B28 manages onlookers and traffic. Bear eventually moves southeast up the Minnewanka road towards bumpy meadows.

As traffic builds and cyclist appear coming up the road, B28 hazes bear into cover using "hey bear." 10-15 minutes later (at approx. 0900hrs) GB 148 crosses to the south side of Minnewanka road just east of bumpy meadows. B28 and passing RCMP manage visitors who are stopped in bumpy meadows as the 148 makes her way east through bumpy meadows towards Johnson Lake turnoff.

At approx. 1000hrs 148 found foraging naturally 1 m off Minnewanka road as the S-curve 200-300m west of Johnson lake turnoff and east of bumpy meadows. 2-3 vehicles stopped with people out of their vehicles. Poor viewing location with bear immediately roadside on a tight curve. B28 hazes bear with "hey bear" and truck siren. bear moves into cover quickly.

At 1015hrs bear crosses Johnson Lake road and starts heading up the west side of the 2-Jack canal, foraging naturally as she heads north. B28 monitors bears progress until she is lost in cover close to the 2-Jack canal crossing structure.

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While scanning for grizzly bear #F148, RMS Knight (B28) discovers a bear jam along Minnewanka Road, east of bumpy meadows and approximately 200-300m west of the Johnson Lake turnoff. One tour bus and 2-3 vehicles stopped with at least one person outside of vehicle. A medium sized grizzly bear yellow tag #148 (right ear) with GPS collar is foraging naturally in the ditch approx. 1m off the road surface.

Bear jam is located on a sharp S-curve and bear is immediately roadside making for poor location for wildlife viewing.