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Russ Talmo, manager of Defenders' Electric Fence Incentive Program in the Lower 48, works on a project in Montana.

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Electric Fence Incentive
Program comes to the
Kenai Peninsula and Southeast
Alaska with nearly a decade of
success behind it. Since 2010,
the program has supported over
500 electric fencing projects
in Alaska, Montana, Idaho,
Wyoming and Washington,
defusing conflict and protecting
people, property and bears.



Carefully designed and properly installed electric fencing is a simple and effective deterrent to bears drawn to your property by chickens and other attractants.

Defenders of Wildlife is a national, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the protection of all native wild animals and plants in their natural communities.

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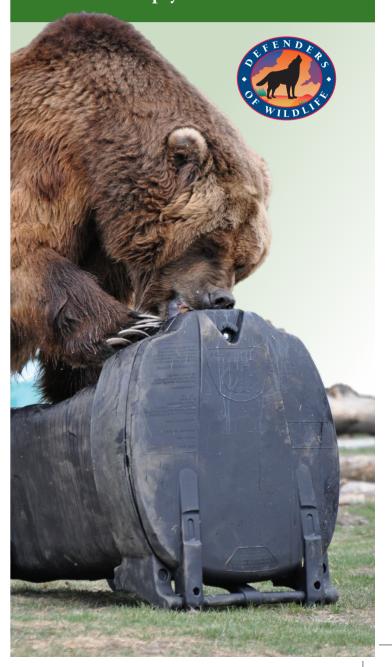
COVER: A GRIZZLY TEARS INTO A TRASH CONTAINER.

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# **Got Bears?**

Install a bear-resistant electric fence.

Defenders of Wildlife can help you pay for it.



## **Defenders' Electric Fence Incentive Program**

Chicken coops, beehives, fruit trees, garbage and other sources of enticing odors can regularly draw hungry and curious brown bears and black bears to your property. Properly installed bear-resistant electric fencing is a simple and effective way to deter them. If you live or own property on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula or in Southeast Alaska, Defenders of Wildlife's Electric Fence Incentive Program can help you obtain an electrified barrier to keep bears out of things they shouldn't get into and will reimburse you for 50 percent of the cost—up to \$500. (Additional funding may be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

Participating in the program is a simple, three-step process:

- 1. See the list of qualifying bear "attractants" (opposite). If you qualify and could benefit, you must contact us before purchasing materials and/or installing your fence to confirm your place on our list for reimbursement. Funding is limited and first-come, first-served.
- 2. Plan your project. Defenders works in partnership with state and federal agencies on electric fencing and can point you in the direction of technical advice and recommendations on design and materials specific to your project. Note that to effectively deter bears and qualify for reimbursement, your fence requires a 0.70 joule (or greater) energizer.
- **3.** Once your fence is completed, fill out and submit the form (opposite) and all required supporting documentation to obtain your reimbursement.



A black bear is about to find out that this chicken coop is protected by a newly installed electric fence.

#### **Eligible Participants**

Residents and property owners on the Kenai Peninsula and in Southeast Alaska

#### **Qualifying Bear Attractants\***

- Backcountry hunting camps
- Beehives
- Boneyards/carcass pits
- Chicken coops
- Fishing camps
- Fruit trees
- Garbage
- Gardens and composting
- Livestock and pet feed
- Restaurant grease containers
- Smokers and hanging game

\*Something not on this list attracting bears to your property? Call us to see if it qualifies for fencing reimbursement.

Questions?
Contact: AlaskaDefenders@defenders.org
or 907-276-9453

### $\stackrel{\mathcal{S}}{\mathcal{C}}$ Electric Fence Incentive Program Form

Complete this form (also available at www.defenders.org/got-bears) and gather the following required documentation:

- ☐ Signed W-9 form (strictly for Defenders' tax purposes)
- ☐ Copies of receipts for all fencing supplies purchased
- ☐ Photos of your completed fence Submit (mail or email) completed form and supporting documentation to:

Defenders of Wildlife 441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 302 Anchorage, AK 99501 or

AlaskaDefenders@defenders.org

DATE
NAME
MAILING ADDRESS (Must match W-9)
ADDRESS OF FENCE PROJECT
EMAIL
PHONE
AMOUNT SPENT
COMMENTS (Your feedback helps us adapt and improve the program)