

that have been disturbed by people. There are a lot of people coming into the Park and there is more and more disturbances to wildlife. There were probably fewer people altogether this year but then last year in the park but there just many many more people who were back-packing than there have ever been before so the back country has taken a terrific beating.

The bears have always been pretty good about avoiding people unless somebody is <sup>being</sup> very blatant and bothering them. After the tourists leave there is not near so much trash at the dump for the bears to sift through so they spread out from the dump into a camp ground that is about five miles from the dump so right away around September 20 one can just about expect to hear about bears in this one certain campground.

It is just <sup>as much</sup> ~~about~~ probably <sup>way</sup> ~~as much~~ by chance as any <sup>else</sup> thing they are not like the bears in Yellowstone. They <sup>stay around the camp for a few days and then</sup> leave. They tend to be shy of people <sup>and avoid them</sup>. There is always a greater chance for an incident than anything else if you were to surprise them. It is a bad idea to walk towards a bear simply because for the bear there is not too many ways a bear can interpret the thing except as an aggressive act. and you don't want to run away from them either and that doesn't leave you with too many choices ~~than~~ to expect to become non-chelant. A lot of times you might pass by a willow thicket where a bear is resting without the bear reacting to you but on the tundra they watch you a way away and you watch them and most likely they will avoid you.

There are problems with the backpackers. Every time they build a fire on mineral soils they leave a ring of rocks and on the tundra they burn out the vegetation. It is encouraged that they use stoves. It will be the way of the future, a lot of the country is upland tundra and there are no trees to burn at all, so they do not have a choice except to use a stove if they want to stay on the tundra for any length of time. Backpacking is now by reservation, they know pretty well where people are and what areas and then there are some wildlife closures. which means that you can't hike there because you disturb the animals, but what it