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HUMAN-BEAR INTERACTIONS

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Florida black bear population have grown from a low of 300 in the mid-1970s to approximately 4,350 today. This accomplishment comes with the challenge of responsibly balancing the needs of people and bears. As bear populations grow, more bears come out of the forests and move into residential areas and as human populations grow, more conflicts occur. The above map shows the number and type of interactions that happened in 2015. This information highlights the challenges regarding conflict bears and the need to consider all effective measures for addressing this public safety concern.

