

HELP BOBO!

THE LITTLE BEAR FROM BURGESS CREEK VALLEY

Once there was a little black bear named Bobo, who lived with his Grandfather, a wise and well respected old bear, at the end of the beautiful Burgess Creek Valley, whose aspens and pines were a wonderful playground for young bears. At the time when Bobo's Grandfather was a little bear, only very few human beings lived in this Valley so the animals from the forest and the people lived peacefully and treated each other with respect. As time went by, more and more people moved into Burgess Creek Valley and life became more and more stressful - even for little black bear Bobo.

Therefore, he loved to listen to the old stories that his grandfather told him every evening before they snuggled up in their little cave under the old dead tree right next to the Burgess Creek. One night, after Grandfather had finished his story, a big sigh escaped from Bobo's little, furry chest. "I am sorry, grandson, I didn't want to make you sad with my story," said Grandfather as he stroked Bobo's soft ears.

"It's not your story that makes me sad, Grandfather. It just makes me sad that our life in this Valley is so much more complicated now than it was then," Bobo answered. "If the people just wouldn't be so scared of me, I could tell them what they can do to protect our peaceful lives and the lovely Burgess Creek Valley" he said more to himself. But the Grandfather was listening attentively and said: "My grandson, why don't you write a letter to all people that live here? I am sure they will understand and do what they can to help."



The next morning, even before the sunlight came through the aspens, Bobo started to write lots of letters to all his neighbors in Burgess Creek Valley using a young green pine slip. We also found one of Bobo's green letters in our mailbox, so please read his words:

Dear friends,

Please help to save our beautiful nature surrounding. It doesn't take a lot of effort and you can be sure that a little step of yours can be a great move in the right direction for all of us:

- 🐾 Help us save water and turn off showers and taps if no water is needed.
- 🐾 Please make sure that you only start the washing machine or dishwasher if you have a full load.
- 🐾 Please switch off TVs, lights or other electrical devices before you leave the room.
- 🐾 Please turn down the heat in your room if it is too warm instead of leaving the window open for a long time.
- 🐾 Please don't forget to close the hot tub cover after using.
- 🐾 Please always close the garage doors - it saves energy (heated garages) and protects wildlife and little bears from eating trash.
- 🐾 Please recycle all recyclables.

Thank you very much for your support and enjoy your stay in our lovely Valley.

Bear regards,



BOBO