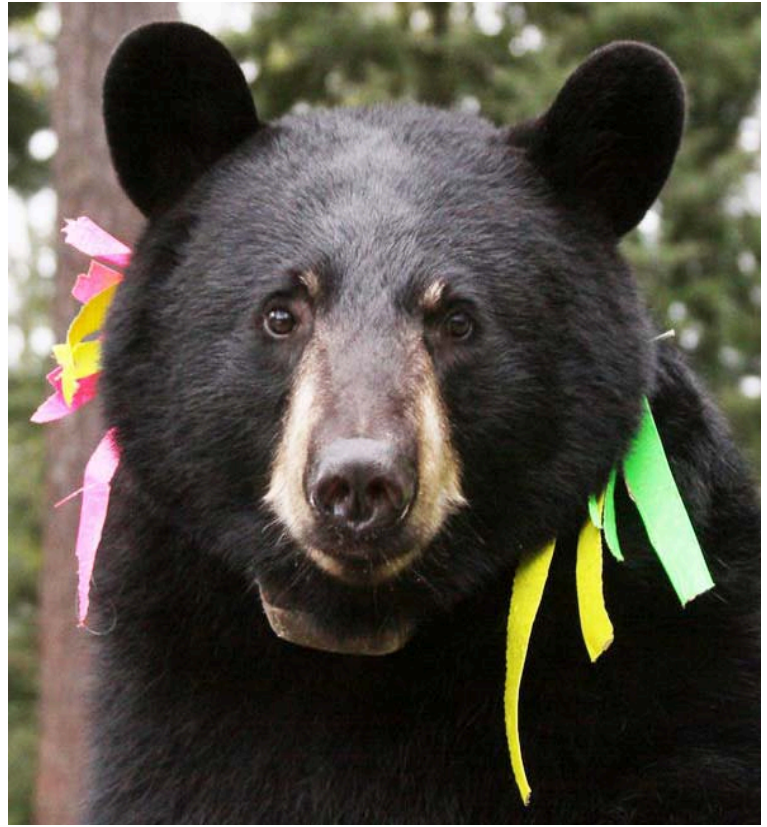


## Radio-collars with durable, visible ribbons during bear-hunting season near Ely



**Below:** In dense brush or low light, the ribbons are more visible than the bear itself (ribbons center right in the picture). The ribbons are more visible than a 3-inch antler on a deer. All hunters we have talked with said they easily saw the ribbons. Most shooting is in the open over bait in order to avoid poor, wounding shots.

Currently, the DNR asks hunters to spare radio-collared bears. This hasn't worked. Eleven (2 in our study near Ely and 9 of the DNR's elsewhere) were killed in 2010. Hunters say shooting radio-collared bears should be illegal because the present law is unfair to responsible hunters who pass up radio-collared trophies only to have them shot at the next bait site.

