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Hi Dana!

It’s been a minute. Happy Belated New Year.

I spoke to Mike DeSerio at Homeward Bound and he suggested I connect with you.

You likely saw a news report from 10 days ago about bears rummaging through a homeless encampment off Tunnel Road. Help Asheville Bears would like to help ensure the safety of campers and bears by placing trash receptacles in strategic areas at HAB’s expense.

We’re aware of APD’s new policy of dismantling camps within 24 hours, so it may not be practical to place receptacles but we would still like to discuss any solutions we can assist with. We know that public urination and defecation has also been problematic and we are open to placing porta-potties and hand-washing stations as well.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,
Diana