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The Grizzly Bears of Khutzymateehn

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My friend Gail would NOT have liked this trip. She gets the heeby jeeby's when bears are in close proximity . . . we left her at home. I set out with 2 buds to check out this grass eating spectacle – and there they were – moms and cubs – large boars – tussling jr's – not all at the same time but what a sight. Once the snow melts in the valley, the bears are looking to replenish their lost pounds and use this amazing pristine valley as home base. You will find them digging clams on the beach, chowing down on grass and just moseying along in good bear



fashion. This area is so remote and unpopulated, they have little fear of man, which allowed us to sit ever so quietly in our zodiac and observe them quite closely. What a privilege!

Hey Gail come and see elephants with me but this one think you should stay home.

Footnote: Gail will be seeing ele's in August 2007 - safari report with her reactions to shortly thereafter (should be interesting)....