

Development of a Proposed Bigfoot Interaction Experience Scale

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We live in a world of quantitative labels and categories. In describing hurricanes, we have the Saffire-Simpson scale to tell us how dangerous a hurricane is, based on the strength of the wind. During late summer and fall seasons, we are bombarded with categories of Hurricanes as they can cause havoc based on their wind speed:

Category 1, winds between 74-95 mph producing some damage

Category 2, winds between 96-110 mph producing extensive damage

Category 3, winds between 111-129 mph producing devastating damage

Category 4, winds between 130-156 mph producing catastrophic damage will

Category 5, winds in excess of 157 mph producing additional catastrophic

In the "paranormal" world of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), we are reminded of J. Allen Hynek's famous categorization of UFO sightings (Hynek, 1998; Faletto, 2017) based on their appearance and interactions. Those categories get closer and closer as we progress through the six-level hierarchy:

1. Nocturnal lights: lights are visible at night as (usually) colored lights.
2. Daylight disks: objects are visible during the daylight.
3. Radar-visual cases: blips on the radar screen correspond with visual sightings.
4. Close Encounters of the First Kind (CE-I): the IFP os within 200 feet of the witness
5. Close Encounters of the Second Kind (CE-II): when a UFO actually interacts with the environment, usually leaving physical evidence.
6. Close Encounters of the Third Kind (CE-III): occupants of a UFO (humanoid or otherwise) are seen.

With the plethora of Bigfoot sightings, it makes sense to develop some sort of categorization of the interaction experience between the *witness* (human) and the *Bigfoot creature*, in order to provide some level of comparison with the type of interactions between the two. To this end, we recommend the following **Bigfoot Interaction Experience Scale**. This scale will be circulated to well-known Bigfoot explorers in 2019 for their comment and consideration. One certain advantage is the development of a color-coded map to show which locations have the highest levels of interaction (Abduction, perhaps in red), gradually moving the the lowest levels of interaction (sightings or evidence). Such an approach is commonly used by weather maps to show relative rainfall or snowfall. Such a scale of major interaction categories, and future subcategories, will make categorization of sightings easier for inclusion to databases and statistics.

The Draft V1.0 of the Bigfoot Interaction Scale (March 1, 2019), developed to provide a comparison of interaction experiences, is described as follows:

BIGFOOT INTERACTION EXPERIENCE SCALE

Arranged from least interaction experience to most interaction experience.

8. NO SIGHTING, INTERACTION OR EVIDENCE by witness.
7. EVIDENCE of Bigfoot: footprints, property damage, sounds from the creature, evidence of built structures.
6. WITNESS SIGHTING by of the creature by the witness, with no acknowledgment by Bigfoot creature (the creature apparently did not know the witness was around).
5. MUTUAL SIGHTING of each other by witness and Bigfoot creature; no interaction; both parties simply "left the scene."
4. WITNESS ACTION, where both the witness and the Bigfoot creature noticed each other. The witness performed an action such as making a sound or assuming self-defense posture (including pulling a gun) where the Bigfoot creature left the scene.
3. BIGFOOT ACTION, where both the witness and the Bigfoot creature noticed each other. The Bigfoot creature attempted to scare the witness away through making sounds, throwing twigs, stones, or other actions.
2. MUTUAL INTERACTION, where the witness and Bigfoot creature took action, either offensively, defensively, or to initiate communication. Both parties took action. Results could be positive, negative, or both. This category will need further subcategories for appropriate description.
1. ABDUCTION, such as in the famous report of Albert Ostman.
0. INJURY OR DEATH on the part of one or both parties.

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