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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] DTS
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Hey kate.

Great idea to look at what Alex did - yes, it's fine.

From: Smith, Kate <kate.smith@mso.umt.edu>
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Hey – I'm going to reach out to Alex in a minute for help. I'm not hearing back from Curt with my questions. And, this is going to take a while. It is not any easy process at all. One question for you – this is what Alex had in the last NTR. OK?

- Following our review of the best available science, as documented in a species status assessment (SSA) report, we recommend in this 5-year status review that the grizzly bear in the lower-48 States remain listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (Act).
- This 5-year status review fulfills our obligations under the Act and a court-ordered settlement agreement to review the status of the grizzly bear in the lower-48 States. **To meet the court-stipulated agreement, we must post this signed 5-year status review to our websites by March 31, 2021.**

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