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Leanne,

I am reaching out to let you know that today the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing that it has completed the five-year status review of the grizzly bear in the lower-48 states. A recommendation of no change to the current Endangered Species Act listing of threatened has been made following a thorough review of the best available science, informed by a peer-reviewed species status assessment. Although there are indications that grizzly bear populations in the Northern Continental Divide and Greater Yellowstone ecosystems are biologically recovered, this five-year review is an analysis of grizzly bears in the lower-48 states as a single listed entity. Partnerships with local, state, Tribal and federal agencies have been vital to successful efforts to conserve grizzly bears to date, and they will continue to be important in addressing challenges to fully recovering the species.

We appreciate all the U.S. Forest Service has and continues to do to aid the recovery of grizzly bears.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at the contact information below, or Jodi Bush (Montana Ecological Services Field Supervisor) at jodi_bush@fws.gov or via phone at (406) 422-3163.

Cheers,
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