From: Servheen, Chris
To: Serena Baker
Cc: Michael Thabault; Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer; Matt Hogan; Anna Munoz; Justin Shoemaker; Kenneth Ostrand; Miel Corbett; Leith Edgar; Brent Lawrence
Subject: Re: Yellowstone Grizzly: Risch (ID) Follow up Qs
Date: Friday, March 04, 2016 9:34:04 AM

Answers to these questions:

- Does the proposed rule reference Idaho's MOU on grizzlies (Dan said maybe as a way to note the State's intentions on management). **The proposed Rule does reference the joint state MOA.**

- If the MOU changes, will the rule need to be changed (Dan said he doubted it, because the MOU is voluntary). **If the MOA changes significantly so that in the view of the Service it will increase the threat to the population, the Service may initiate a status review and possibly emergency relist the GYE grizzly bears.**

- Questions were asked regarding baseline numbers for recovery and fluctuations of the baseline and how they relate to states' discretionary mortality limits. (Dan said that we may have some tables with information that we could send.) **Tables 2 and 3 in the Proposed Rule detail the population objective of 674 bears and the mortality management system that will be in place to assure this population objective is maintained. State statues and regulations that will comply with and implement the details in these tables are necessary for a final rule delisting the GYE grizzly population to be implemented.**

Chris

On Fri, Mar 4, 2016 at 8:30 AM, Serena Baker <serena_baker@fws.gov> wrote:

> Good morning team,
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> First and foremost, thank you all for your great work to make yesterday's rollout a success! Nice teamwork. ☺
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> We had 27 participants on the congressional call. Below are some follow up questions from Idaho Senator James Risch's phone call with Director Ashe. If you can help us out with responses, that would be greatly appreciated.
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> Serena

From: Hausman, Alyssa [mailto:alyssa_hausman@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:24 AM
To: Serena Baker
Subject: Follow up Qs on Grizzlies

Hi Serena,

Happy Day-After-Grizzly-Announcement! Everything seems to have gone well on the Congressional side. Attached is my summary of congressional outreach.

Below are some questions resulting from Dan's Call with Sen. Risch on Wenesday. When you get a chance, can you please help me answer these or direct me to where I can find them? I'm sure that some are in the proposed rule, but if you have it easily on hand, I would greatly appreciate your help. Can you also share with me the number of participants on the congressional call if you have that info?

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Thank you!!

- Alyssa

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"Try to learn something about everything and everything about something." - Thomas Huxley.