Guidelines and Assignments

Habitat Sub-Group

Conservation Strategy Update Steering Committee

Purpose: The intent of this document is to provide the Population Management Sub-Group with guidance and direction regarding the charge and expectations of the team. This team was established by the Conservation Strategy Update Steering Committee to help in achieving its commitments and assignments by the YES committee.

Background: During the April 2016 YES meeting, the committee identified several major themes offered for consideration in their update of the 2016 Conservation Strategy. The YES committee decided to establish a steering committee to: `1) categorize the major themes 2) develop the conservation strategy approval process 3) develop the timeline 4) determine whether major themes could be addressed in the conservation strategy. The Steering Committee decided to establish three sub-groups to help them in evaluating the major themes. Those teams were identified as the population management, habitat and agency coordination/conflict management sub-groups. Each group is assigned a set of major themes with the goal of providing recommendations on each theme to the steering committee. Your group themes are contained in the table at the end of this document.

Guidance and Expectations:

1) Your state agency representative will plan and facilitate the first meeting until a chair person is selected.
2) Identify a chair person-this person will be responsible for planning and facilitating meetings and communicating with the steering committee.
3) Maintain focus on the Conservation Strategy. Do not get side tracked by other processes and documents currently being worked like the delisting rule.
4) Review each theme and report back to the steering committee by May 25th with a recommendation on whether each theme is appropriate for the conservation strategy and the approximate amount of time it may take to address the issue. Please have your chair person report by e-mail to the Steering Committee. Your evaluation criteria should focus on:
    a. Is this theme necessary to update the conservation strategy based on changes that have occurred in the science or delisting framework or to improve the strategy?
    b. Is this item relevant to the Conservation Strategy or should it be addressed somewhere else?
5) The steering committee will report back to your group with a modified list of themes that your group will be charged with addressing.

6) The deliverable will be recommended edits to the Conservation Strategy.. If the subgroup is unable to reach consensus on a recommendation, report this to the steering committee with appropriate background information.
7) There may be additional themes your group is asked to address as this process moves forward.

Timeline: The steering committee is working towards an ambitious goal of completing final YES approval of the document on or before the November meeting. As outlined above in item #4, your first due date is May 25th. Others will be established and disseminated as the steering committee continues its work.

Please contact any of the steering committee members if you have questions or concerns.

Habitat

Theme	Originator	Sub-group
Other methods to monitor foods (i.e. body condition)	NPS	H
Updated habitat layer (vs. 1998 layer)	USFS	H
A lot of commitments that sound like we are still managing a listed species. We cannot maintain that level of effort (e.g., monitoring number of hunters). Need to be able to trust each other and levels of commitment	USFS	H
Definitions of dispersed vs. developed sites and implications. As defined, some proactive measures would be precluded.	USFS	H
Lot of commitments to monitor outside the PCA – need to evaluate what really needs to be monitored and why	USFS	H
Conversation between USFS and States re: habitat protections outside the PCA	USFS	H
Use 2016 developments as the baseline	County Commissioners	H