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IGBST,

I just received the email from Jennifer Fortin below. This is a very important task that we should help accommodate. My guess is there may be additional issues for us to discuss as a Study Team as well, particularly once peer reviews are completed and the content analysis of public comments becomes available.

We may be looking at a Study Team meeting sometime in July in Bozeman, to address these topics associated with monitoring of high-calorie foods and bear body condition. I realize not everyone will be able to participate because of field/management activities but I hope we can get at least one representative of each agency.

For starters, please let me know if you are able to participate and your **availability** between **July 6 and July 22**.

Thanks!

Frank

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Hi Frank,

Dan and I are on the YES Conservation Strategy sub-group to address habitat issues that have been raised. We have been tasked with proposing edits to the food monitoring section of Chapter 3 and would appreciate the input of the Study Team.

Two of the major issues that have been raised so far are: 1) the addition of other methods to monitor food intake (i.e., body condition and/or stable isotopes); and 2) the potential to phase out or reduce the commitment to the current monitoring of the 4 high-caloric foods. There may be additional issues that arise through public comment and peer-review, which we should have by the end of June.

Given the significance of this task, we would request that the study team hold a special 1 day meeting to edit this section as a group.

Thank you,

Jennifer

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