From:	Gunther, Kerry
To:	McDonald, Ken
Cc:	Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer; dharrell@blm.gov; Tyers, Daniel - FS; dsaville@blm.gov; Tom Rice, MACO
Subject:	Re: habitat sub-group conf call
Date:	Monday, June 20, 2016 8:26:13 AM

Friday, June 24 works for me.

Kerry

On Fri, Jun 17, 2016 at 11:50 AM, McDonald, Ken <kmcdonald@mt.gov> wrote:

> Doesn't look like Monday will work. How does next Friday work for you all?
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> Ken McDonald
> Wildlife Division Administrator
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> On Jun 14, 2016 4:11 PM, "McDonald, Ken" <kmcdonald@mt.gov> wrote:
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> > At least two folks are unavailable Friday, so just respond as to availability on Monday morning (8:30-10:30) please.
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> > Ken McDonald
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> > **From:** McDonald, Ken
> > **Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:13 PM
> > **To:** McDonald, Ken; Brian Nesvik; dharrell@blm.gov; dsaville@blm.gov; Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer; Kerry Gunther; Tom Rice, MACO; Tyers, Daniel - FS
> > **Subject:** RE: Notes from habitat sub-group meeting
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> > I would like to convene a quick meeting of our GYE Conservation Strategy Habitat Subcommittee and was wondering if you could reply whether any of the following times work:

___ Friday, June 17 between 10 am – 12 noon

___ Friday, June 17 between 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

___ Monday, June 20 between 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Please let me know – probably won't need 2 hours – just want to make sure we are on track towards the deadline to get this all to the main committee.

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From: McDonald, Ken
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2016 9:12 AM
To: McDonald, Ken; Brian Nesvik; dharrell@blm.gov; dsaville@blm.gov; Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer; Kerry Gunther; Tom Rice, MACO; Tyers, Daniel - FS
Subject: RE: Notes from habitat sub-group meeting

The GYE Griz Bear Conservation Strategy Steering Committee reviewed our notes and provided the following direction, with a deadline of July 15. Their direction is in red in the note below. I reviewed our notes and added our recommendations from the conf. call (and attached notes) in blue. I will try to get another conf. call set up for a couple weeks from now to check in. A couple of these identify FWS and FS as leads. Please make sure to include Park and BLM in relevant discussions. Thanks

The Steering Committee met on May 31st and reviewed your report and recommendations from your sub-group. Please proceed with planning future meetings to conduct the work needed by the Steering Committee as outlined below. We ask that you provide your group's recommended Conservation Strategy edits as soon as they are complete. The final

deadline for all Sub-group work is July 15 . You will receive additional information regarding a future phone meeting with the Steering Committee for those issues below that require additional understanding by the committee. Also, as you complete your work, please develop a full description of your theme as you understand it. This will help when this information is presented to YES to ensure consistency of understanding of the issues at hand. This isn't a request for a lengthy description, but rather a description to ensure understanding by the reader.

The Steering Committee's decision is provided below by theme.

Theme #1-Other methods to monitor foods—*Proceed as recommended. Attempt to complete your work in 6 weeks rather than 8 to meet July 15 deadline. Jennifer will work with Study team to address this*

Theme #2-Update habitat layer—*Combine with Theme #7. Prepare to discuss with Steering Committee to provide additional clarification. No action was recommended*

Theme #3-Commitments….level of effort for delisted species—*Proceed with your recommendation Forest Service (Dan Tyers) has lead on this. Dan was going to provide copy of power point previously provided to FWS*

Theme #4-Definitions of dispersed vs. developed sites and implications—*Proceed with your recommendation* USFS and FWS work to develop alternative language that works for both (FS and FWS).

Theme #5-Monitoring outside PCS-*Proceed with your recommendation (note: This is of significant interest to the Steering Committee and they will likely weigh in following your recommendation)* FS and FWS (Dan Tyers and Jennifer) need to review Chapter 3 and identify any existing examples of this theme, and suggest edits to address concerns

Theme #6-Conversation between USFS and States re: habitat protections outside the PCA-*Prepare to discuss with Steering Committee to provide additional clarification regarding this recommendation. No additional action required by the subcommittee*

Theme #7-Use 2016 developments as the baseline—*Combine with Theme #2 No additional actions needed by subcommittee*

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From: McDonald, Ken
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 1:11 PM
To: 'Brian Nesvik'; dharrell@blm.gov; dsaville@blm.gov; Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer; Kerry Gunther; Tom Rice, MACO; Tyers, Daniel - FS
Subject: Notes from habitat sub-group meeting

Hello,

Attached are notes from our conference call today. Please review and provide any appropriate edits, additions, etc. to reflect the discussion and improve the accuracy. I need to get these to the Committee by Tuesday, so the quicker the better.

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From: Brian Nesvik [mailto:brian.nesvik@wyo.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 7:08 AM
To: dharrell@blm.gov; dsaville@blm.gov; Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer; Kerry Gunther; Tom Rice, MACO; Tyers, Daniel - FS; McDonald, Ken
Cc: Delissa Minnick, BLM WY; Dan_Wenk@nps.gov; O'Connor, Patricia -FS; jodi_bush@fws.gov; Loren Grosskopf; Erickson, Mary C -FS
Subject: Selection to habitat sub-group of the CS Steering Committee

All,

You have been selected by the YES Conservation Strategy Oversight Committee to serve on the habitat sub-group. Attached is a short description of your charge and the major themes identified by YES that your group will be tasked with addressing. We ask that you address this quickly as the first **deadline** for a report back to the Steering Committee is **May 25th**.

I ask that Ken McDonald take the lead in coordinating the first meeting. One key task for the first meeting will be to decide on your sub-group chair person who will take over this role for future meetings.

Please contact any of the Steering Committee members or myself if you have questions or concerns.

Brian

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Brian R. Nesvik

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