From: Willey, Seth
To: Annette Naylon; Michel Bagbonon; Jennifer Fortin-Noreus
Cc: Alexandra Kasdin
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Keep Protections for Yellowstone Grizzly Bears
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2016 12:18:25 PM

Hey Michel,

Another Grizz comment letter to upload.

Thanks,
Seth

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Seth L. Willey, *Acting* Chief of Staff
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ON DETAIL - May 31st through June 24th, I'll be on a detail as acting Chief of Staff for the Regional Director's Office. Sarah Backsen will be acting for me during this period (sarah_backsen@fws.gov, 303-236-4388).

On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 12:14 PM, Annette Naylon <annette_naylon@fws.gov> wrote:

> I believe this goes to you.
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> **From:** Stephanie Potter [mailto:stephanie_potter@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 12:11 PM
> **To:** Annette Naylon
> **Subject:** FW: FW: Keep Protections for Yellowstone Grizzly Bears
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> I was told by Nikki that this information should be forwarded to ES ARD.
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> Please let me know if that's incorrect.
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> Thank you,
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> Stephanie
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> **From:** nikki_randolph@fws.gov [mailto:nikki_randolph@fws.gov] **On Behalf Of** CCU, FWS
> **Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 12:04 PM
> **To:** Stephanie Potter
> **Subject:** Fwd: FW: Keep Protections for Yellowstone Grizzly Bears

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **EXSEC EXSEC** <exsec_exsec@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Mon, May 9, 2016 at 10:18 AM
Subject: FW: Keep Protections for Yellowstone Grizzly Bears
To: FWS CCU <fws_ccu@fws.gov>

-----Original Message-----
From: Gerald Blume [mailto:gblume1933@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 10:13 AM
To: exsec@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Keep Protections for Yellowstone Grizzly Bears

Dear Secretary Jewell,

I am writing to urge you to maintain federal protection for grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem -- a population our country has been invested in since 1975. Human-caused mortality of grizzly bears has been on the rise, and the Yellowstone population has been on the decline as a result. Allowing the surrounding states to manage these bears and permit trophy hunting will add significant pressure to this population. As you know, this population also remains severely isolated and states do not have regulations in place to protect bears that could connect with bears in other areas. Instead, those that wander outside an arbitrary boundary are likely to be killed.

Asking for comments on this proposal is premature because state regulations for bears aren't in place, so it's impossible to determine how bears will be managed once federal protections are removed. Please reconsider this delisting proposal and keep Yellowstone bears on the endangered species list.

Sincerely,

Gerald Blume
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